

## "Thanksgiving Street."

By Sister Susannah Spurgeon

Sister Spurgeon was the wife of Charles Spurgeon

This was taken from her writing "A Basket of Summer Fruit"

As this is a "personal note", I may be allowed to tell you that, in my deep and increasing loneliness, I still find sweetest comfort in praising God for His will concerning my beloved and myself, and have even been able to thank Him for taking His dear servant from this sorrowful land of sin and darkness—to the bliss and glory of His eternal presence. Fixing my heart on the blessed fact that what the Lord does is right and best, simply because He does it, I feel the anchor hold in the depths of His love—and no tempest is powerful enough to drive faith's barque from these moorings. It can outride any storm with anchorage in such a haven. Many a time, when the weight of my dreadful loss seemed as if it must crush me, it has been lifted by the remembrance that, in Heaven, my dear one is now perfectly praising his Lord; and that, if I can sing, too, I shall even here on earth be joining him in holy service and acceptable worship.

How many of you, dear readers, will be "chief singers" unto our God, and resolve that, henceforth, His praise shall be continually in your mouth? Let us, each one, say to the Lord, with good Isaac Watts—

"Long as I live, I'll bless Your Name,  
My King, my God of love;  
My work and joy shall be the same,  
In the bright world above."

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"Words of Cheer and Comfort for Sick and Sorrowful Souls!"

It seems to me, that very many of the Lord's people are like timid sheep that stand trembling outside the fold, lingering by the fences, hungry and thirsty for the green pastures and still waters within the enclosure — but not daring to venture in. They are in the King's meadow, He has given His life for them, and called them by name; but something hinders their full enjoyment of His love, and of the dainties which that love has provided for them. They "cannot enter in because of unbelief," they are afraid to draw any nearer because they do not possess the "full assurance of faith."

Poor, distressed, faint-hearted ones! This is not the will of God concerning you, nor is it the mind of your loving Shepherd, for He says, "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me;" and following Christ always means getting closer to God, and learning to delight in Him.

Today is December 31, 2023

## Sovereign Grace

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## ••Our Prayer List••

*"Pray without ceasing."* 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Kathy Johnson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Shane and Brook Sims.

## ••Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works••

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:  
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,  
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

## **"A Message from Pastor Johnson"**

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,  
taking the oversight thereof..."*

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2

### **What must I do to be saved?**

Acts 16:30 - 31 *"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (31) And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."*

This is the single most important question a human soul will ever ask, "what must I do to be saved?" The problem is, depending on who you ask if you get a correct answer. Salvation of the human soul is the most misunderstood question in humanity, because so few know the true answer. Here Paul and Silas answered the question asked by the Philippian jailer, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"*. The salvation of the human soul is not difficult because Jesus did all the work to save us. And God told us right here through this account how a person is saved. So how do so many get salvation so wrong? People get salvation wrong because they do not believe God's word, they do not believe that Jesus Christ can save a lost sinner, they believe that they somehow have enough power within themselves to complete their own salvation. No matter what God said some people just cannot comprehend the truth of the scriptures. God calls them *"spiritually discerned"* meaning they are lost and have no human ability to piece together the scriptures to reach the truth. Therefore, they belittle the birth, life, suffering, crucifixion, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and create their own salvation thru their own works and power. God said many times in the bible that works are not a part of our salvation, but for some reason many believe it is. *"Not of works, lest any man should boast."* Ephesians 2:9 So here in this passage we see God cause a great earthquake, open the bands of all the prisoners, and not one prisoner escaped. All of this to bring this one jailer to the point of conviction to ask this all-important question, what must I do to be saved? The question is, did Paul and Silas lie to him, did they not completely answer the convicted mans question, why do so many people tell it differently? Some will tell you that Paul and Silas only partially answered the question here and there was so much we must do to be saved. But why, why must we be required to labor in our works to be saved? And how is it that we can labor for our salvation when Jesus said, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28

## **A Message from Pastor Johnson, Continued**

Why didn't Paul and Silas explain this impossible labor to this jailer? And where in the bible does God even tell us by our works we will be saved? And how can God tell us that we cannot be saved by works and them demand that we must have works to be saved? How can we have rest in Jesus if we must labor an impossible labor to complete our salvation? The truth is that God went thru a great detailed event just to save this one single lost soul. Those that believe man instead of God must understand they will never be saved believing a lie. God said, *"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Matthew 15:14 People who believe that works are part of our salvation are spiritually blind they cannot spiritually discern what the bible says therefore they make-up lies to lead people into the ditch that is so deep it ends in the fires of hell.

## **"Church Announcements and Upcoming Events"**

- Happy Birthday to Sister Sarah Henderson Wednesday Jan. 03
- Happy Birthday to Brother Ronnie Henderson Thursday Jan. 04

