

Seeking Out The Old Paths

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CROSSROADS OF CALVARY

Luke:32-46, "And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this

man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

In this passage of scripture we read of the events which took place in the life of Christ during His crucifixion on Mt. Calvary. Crucifixion was considered to be one of the most horrible forms of death. It was used by the Romans, generally for the punishment of slaves.

Death by crucifixion seems to include all that pain and death can have. A person will experience dizziness, cramps, thirst, starvation, sleepiness, traumatic fever, publicity of shame, a long continuance

of torment, horror of anticipation, and the mortification of unattended wounds. Plain and simple, the cross was looked upon with profound horror.

With hindsight we look back at all the horror the crucifixion contained and understand that Christ purposely bore the cross of redemption.

We must realize salvation was the plan of God. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave... Isaiah prophesied, 53:10,11, "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; for he shall bear their iniquities." Christ Himself spoke of it in John 10:18, "No man taketh it from me, (life) but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

At this time in history Mt. Calvary did not hold much significance, it was of no importance. Hebrews 13 tells us that Christ suffered without

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"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Numbers 10:29

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School - 10 A.M.

Morning Worship - 11 A.M.

Evangelistic Service - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

Youth Service - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 10 A.M.

THURSDAY

Family Service - 7:30 P.M.

“Where A Warm
Welcome Awaits You...
In This Church We
Teach Holiness Too...”

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Around Home

Prayer List

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Please remember the following people in our church who need a touch from the Lord.

Patsy Roberts, Verna Williams, Edna Pelfrey, Demia Abner, Ruby Carpenter, Sharon Whitley, Jennifer Hale, Stephanie Joseph, Vee McElhaney, Martha Combs, Betty Roberts, Bessie Richmond, Evelyn Houston, Brenda Houston, Donna Maggard, Richard Curtis, Opal Houston, Odie Boggs, Holly Ward, Rachel Thompson, Steve Phillips, Carl Henson, Taylor Hill, and Ray Driscoll.

Congratulations to Daniel & Hannah Kroger on the birth of their little girl, Maddelyn Grace Kroger. Maddelyn was born February 14. Happy diaper changing! Kim & Laura Meyers are the grandparents.

If there is no hell, a good many preachers are obtaining money under false pretenses.

Billy Sunday

Looking Ahead

The ladies will be having a dinner on Sunday April 30th following the morning service. Price for adults is \$6, ages 6 and under \$3, and 70 and above free (members only). On the menu will be roast turkey, dressing, green beans, corn, cole slaw, macaroni & cheese, rolls, desert, and drinks.

Please invite your friends and family.

50th

Anniversary Cookbook

Just a reminder, we need your recipes turned in by April 1st. We would like a 100% participation with everyones name in the cookbook. We are very excited, so please help us with your best recipes. If you have any questions please see Sister Loretta Carter, or Sister Nona Rains.

Thanks to all the ladies that helped with the baking and candy making for the fund raising. Our thanks especially to all those who participated in buying. It was a great success.

Satan trembles when he sees
the weakest saint upon his knees.

Who's Going To Fill Their Shoes?

When Brother Ralph Cox,
And Sister Doreen,
Have departed this earth,
For that Heavenly scene,
And when Brother L.D.,
And Sister Beatrice Moore,
Joyfully step off,
On that beautiful shore,
Heaven will gain,
And we shall lose.
Lord, who will be able,
To fill their shoes?

When the Sutherlands,
Brother Bennie and Sister Jane,
Have left this world of toil and pain,
And when the Gabbards,
Brother John and Sister Ann,
Have done all they humanly can,
Will our hearts be warmed,
With the comforting news,
That God has prepared someone,
To fill their shoes?

When our elders who have toiled,
Through the heat of the day,
Have one by one passed away,
Who will carry on their Godly views?
Surely someone can fill their shoes.
When our mighty warriors,
Who have "fought a good fight,"
Pass through this "veil of tears,"
To that City of Light,
Shall we just sit down,
And "sing the blues?"
No, Step forward young soldiers,
And fill their shoes!

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From the Kitchen of Tish Rice

Peanut Butter Pie

2 cans of white icing.
1 8oz. container of sour cream.
1 8oz. Cool Whip.
Mix these three ingredients together.

1 18oz. jar of peanut butter.
Combine this with the other ingredients.

Pour into ready made gram cracker pie crust. Freeze. Top with cool whip when serving.

Waiting. . . For What?

The clock of life is wound bit once,
And no man has the power
To say just when the hands
will stop;
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time we own
To do his precious will.
Do not wait until tomorrow;
For the clock may then be still.

If you want a revival, get on fire.
People will come to see you burn.

John Wesley

There are no crown bearers in Heaven who were not cross bearers here below.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Crossroads of Calvary from page 1 the gate. Gates were an important part of the ancient city. It was the only means of entering or leaving the city. Much of the legal business was conducted there. Mt. Calvary was not in the spotlight. It was just a place for the low-life. That is, until Christ came there. Many men walked this road before, and it was forgotten. But when Christ climbed Mt. Calvary He marked a place in history to be heard around the world.

Mt. Everest was just another place until men climbed it and conquered it. Christ climbed Mt. Calvary, laid down His life for you and conquered death, hell, and the grave. There is no other way to salvation but through Him. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Calvary will make you face the question, "What will you do with this Jesus?" You may try to avoid the question completely. You may put it off until tomorrow, but you will pass Calvary and have to decide, "What will I do with this Jesus."

Pilate had to deal with the question. Matthew 27:15-24, "Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment

seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it." Although Pilate washed his hands, he was not innocent. He himself had to answer the question for his own personal life, "What will you do with Jesus." Will you reject Him as Pilate did or will you proclaim Him as your Saviour?

The two thieves had to answer this question. The first one bore his cross of rebellion. He was not sorry for his sins. He did not see Christ as his Saviour. He just wanted out of the pain, and if so would have walked away. The second thief bore a cross of repentance. Heaven opened his eyes to see the Saviour, and he became Calvary's first convert. Luke 23:43, "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Many passed by Calvary that day as Jesus hung there on the cross. Matthew 27:39, "And they that

passed by reviled him, wagging their heads." They made insulting remarks, they lied on Him, and they slandered His name.

And 2000 years later people still pass by and revile Him. You will never by-pass the crossroads to Calvary. Christ gives you opportunities time and time again as you pass by. Today I ask you this question, "What will you do with Jesus." Will you accept Him or reject Him?

Brother Kevin Allen

Forbidden fruits
cause serious jams.

When you think no one
is watching, God is.

Prayer

Prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers and poisons, marshaled the stars against the wicked, stopped the course of the moon, arrested the rapid sun in its great race, burst open iron gates, conquered the strongest devils, and commanded legions of angels down from Heaven. Prayer has bridled and changed the raking passions of man and destroyed vast armies of proud, daring blustering atheists. Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a chariot of fire to Heaven. What has not prayer done!

The Anchor

S E N I O R C I T I Z E N S

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others.

HOWEVER, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizens who took:

The **melody** out of music,
The **pride** out of appearance,
The **courtesy** out of driving,
The **romance** out of love,
The **commitment** out of marriage,
The **responsibility** out of parenthood,
The **togetherness** out of the family,
The **learning** out of education,
The **service** out of patriotism,
The **Golden Rule** from rulers,
The **nativity** scene out of cities,
The **civility** out of behavior,
The **refinement** out of language,
The **dedication** out of employment,
The **prudence** out of spending,
The **ambition** out of achievement, or,
God out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!!

And, we do understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

Does anyone under the age of 50 know the lyrics to the Star Spangled Banner?

Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts as they stand at attention, on veterans day and our great country's birthday .

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party.....even if it lasts until 8 p.m.
I'm very good at opening childproof caps... with a hammer.
I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I am going.
I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.
I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.
I'm very good at telling stories; over and over and over and over...
I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not nearly as cute as mine.
I'm so cared for --- long term care, eye care, private care, dental care.

I'm not really grouchy,

I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids, Jenny Craig, barking dogs, politicians and a few other things I can't seem to remember right now.

Seniors are the biggest carriers of aids; hearing aids walking aids, sleeping aids, seeing aids...

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place...somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm having trouble remembering simple words like.....

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days, and when did they let kids become policemen?

I'm wondering, if you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150?

And, how can my kids be older than I feel sometimes?

I'm a walking storeroom of facts..... I've just lost the key to the storeroom door.

**YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN AND I THINK
I AM HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!**

A Western rancher had asked the district superintendent to have a pastor assigned to his community.

“How big a man do you want?” asked the superintendent.

“Well, Elder,” the wiry, tanned man replied, “we’re not overly particular, but when he’s on his knees we’d like to have him reach heaven.”

A jeweler gives the underwater test as one of the surest test for diamonds. He says, “An imitation diamond is never so brilliant as a genuine stone. If your eye is not experienced enough to tell the difference, a simple test is to place the stone under water. The imitation diamond is virtually extinguished, whereas a genuine diamond sparkles even under water, and is distinctly

visible. If a genuine stone is placed beside an imitation under water, the contrast will be apparent to the least experienced eye.”

There are some who seem confident of their faith so long as they have no trials, but when the waters of sorrow overflow them, their faith loses all its brilliancy. It is then that the true servants of God, like Job, shine forth as genuine jewels for the King.

Sunday at Home Magazine

A lot of people will be unhappy in Heaven when they discover that it is not the exclusive property of the Holiness denomination.

John R. W. Stott once admitted the truth that many of us have felt but failed to confess: “The thing I know will give me the deepest joy -- namely, to be alone and unhurried in the presence of God, aware of His presence, my heart open to worship Him -- is often the thing I least want to do.”

A Rabbi and a New England minister were getting to know one another. Proudly, the minister exclaimed, “One of my ancestors signed the Declaration of Independence.”

“I understand your pride,” responded the rabbi. “One of my ancestors signed the Ten Commandments.”

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