

Message of Truth Radio Program

Each Sunday at 8:45 am
WACB 860 AM

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His faith is precious to me. 2 Peter 1:1 reads, "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." This is faith that comes from the one true faith, the gospel (Col.1:23). This is the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). This is the faith that comes by hearing the word of God (Rom.10:17). The faith of Jesus ought to be precious in the sight of every Christian.

Jesus is precious to me because His people are precious. 1 Peter 2:9 reads, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a pecu-

liar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." Does this not say that God considers those who are born again, who believe in His Son, and who hold Jesus as precious, are precious people themselves? The people of God are certainly precious to God. They are precious because they are His children (Gal.4:6,7). They are precious because they are His friends (John 15:15). They are precious because they are Jesus' bride (Eph.5:25). Jesus considers his people precious and because of that every Christian ought to praise God day and night for His great love.

Is Jesus your precious?

—Berryville church of Christ, Berryville, Arkansas.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes – 10:00 am
AM Worship – 11:00 am
PM Worship – 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes – 7:30 pm

Elders

Fred Watkins
632-5542
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Give Me this Mountain!

by David Shannon

He (Caleb) Wholly Followed the Lord God of Israel! Caleb had set his heart on Mt. Hebron and after waiting 45 years, at the age of 85, he was as strong and willing to fight the giants as to claim the inheritance God had promised when he was 40! His is a story of preparation, planning, passion, and persistence. Let each of us dream of spiritual successes. Let us passionately move toward them. Let us never quit! Let us (God and us) slay giants and claim mountains!



Do you have some spiritual mountains in mind? Are you determined to go to Heaven (Col 3:1)? Are you willing to conquer GIANT temptations in order to sit with your Lord on the right hand of God?

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News and Notes

To Our Visitors

It is always a joy to welcome visitors to our services. We are thankful for each one who has chosen to be present. A number of tracts and other materials are available in the lobby of the building. There is no charge for any of this material. If you would like to enroll in a free Bible Correspondence Course or an in home Bible study please mark that on your visitors card. We hope you will return and be with us at your every opportunity.



Remember In Prayer

 Alvin Bullington, Ethel Watson, Kris Koko, Donna Bowles, Sandra Dixon, and Alex White Ken Koko is recovering from back surgery. Faye Fox underwent eye surgery on Wednesday and is

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Are you determined to follow Sound Doctrine? (2 Tim 4:3) Are you willing to conquer the GIANT volumes of false teaching that penetrate our religious society? It is truth that sets us free!

Are you determined to love as Christ loved us? It doesn't matter what temptations we overcome or that our teaching is correct if we omit love (I Corinthians 13:1-3). Christ esteemed others resulting in humble service toward them. Generally we do not think of bowing down to

recovering.

Upcoming Events

Gospel Meeting at the West Jefferson church of Christ, May 16-21, 2004 with Ed Floyd. Monday-Friday services are at 7:00 pm.

Gospel Meeting at the Marion church of Christ with Dennis Curd preaching, May 16-19, 2004. Monday—Thursday services begin at 7:30 PM.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting has been scheduled for June 6-11, 2004 with Nelson Brockenborough preaching.

See the bulletin board for details concerning these events.

Work Day

We are planning a work day on Saturday May 22nd. We need cleaners and painters. The windows of the building need scraping and painting. We will begin about 9:00 am.

climb mountains, but it is a high accession when we bow down to serve others. Serving our Savior by serving others is a mountain worth scaling! Regardless of age or background, now is the time to cry out as Caleb, Lord, give me this mountain!

Passionately seek the Lord by properly preparing to serve Him – and don't, don't, don't quit!

—The above article appeared in the Mt. Juliet Messenger on January 27, 2002

Who Is Precious To You?

by Kevin Cauley

In ladies Bible class, we have been studying the epistle of First Peter. Peter writes in this epistle to those who have been scattered abroad by persecution, particularly, those who have been born again through the redemption of the blood of Christ and struggling to be faithful to the Christ. He encourages them to stand steadfast and remain faithful even in adverse situations.

In chapter two of this great book, Peter calls attention to the fact that these Christians, through their new birth, have left behind the things of the world, malice, guile, hypocrisy, envying, and evil speaking. He then encourages these Christians to drink the honest milk of the word so that they can grow in their faith. If they continue to grow, they will be part of the spiritual house of God as living stones. Their edification, however, is based upon the foundation of Christ, and their acknowledgement of His preciousness.

When we think of the word "precious" we think of something which has inherent value, worth, is highly prized and rarely obtained. In the movie and book series, "Lord of the Rings," those who are taken with the "one ring" often refer to it as "precious." The devotion that these characters display to the

ring reflects their servitude and misguided zeal toward it. When speaking the word "precious" (in regard to the ring) they reveal love, devotion, zeal, and jealousy in their desire for it. While the ring represents something which is evil, do we have the same love, devotion, and zeal toward that which we know is good? The Bible says that Jesus is indeed precious to us who are born again to righteousness, edification, and sanctification.

In 1 Peter 2:7 we have this statement, "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious." Is Jesus precious to you? Do you value Him like you would value your most prized possession?

Jesus is precious to me because His blood is precious. 1 Peter 1:19 says that we were not redeemed with corruptible things "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." This is the blood that paid the price for my sins and bought me back from perdition (1 Cor.6:20). This is the blood that purchased the church (Acts 20:28). This is the blood that speaks greater things than that of Abel (Heb.12:24). The blood of Jesus ought to be precious in the sight of every Christian.

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