

### Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza

(FV) Jack Wall

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Judd Wall

1st prayer Mike Mallett

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Judd Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

**November 1st**

*Mission Sunday*

**November 3rd**

*ELECTION DAY*

**November 11th**

*Veterans Day*

**November 26th**

*Thanksgiving Day*

**December 1st**

*Mission Sunday*

**Happy Birthday**

Valerie Garza Nov 1st

Tammy Burks Nov 3rd

Jorge Garza Nov 12th

Theresa Pruett Nov 14th

Calvin Burks Nov 26th

Linda Houts Nov 28th

### Prayer List:

David Jones

Virginia Lovell

Janell Houts Hall

Odell Mallett

Dora Martinez

Mona Lancaster

Willis Hughes

Letha Sheldon

Ruby Jones

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

### 1 John 2:22-23 NKJV

<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

### Quotes & Sayings

- *If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability. Henry Ford*
- *When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on Theodore Roosevelt*

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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## **Good, But Not Good Enough!**

According to Pew Research Center's 2014 Religious Landscape Study, 72% of Americans say they believe in heaven – defined as a place “where people who have led good lives are eternally rewarded.” In an earlier poll conducted by Barna Research Group (2003), nearly two-thirds of Americans said that they believe they will go to heaven, and less than 1% said they will end up in hell, because hell is a denial of goodness. If this truly reflects what people in America are thinking, most people will go to heaven because most people lead good lives.

Of course, this naturally raises the questions of how one defines what is good, and then, how much good is needed to go to heaven. If Americans were polled, no clear conclusions could be drawn. Everybody is good in their own way. Most have a standard of goodness by which they measure themselves ... and others. Things such as working hard, helping the homeless, giving to charities, going to church, loving your family, paying taxes, etc. But, how much good is needed to get you into heaven? The answer Jesus gives will shock most Americans.

On one occasion a man approached Jesus with this very question: “What good thing must I do to get eternal life?” (Matt. 19.16). I don't know the man's heart, but it seems like he felt pretty good about himself when he asked that question. He had kept the law's commands all his life. That was good, but not good enough. Jesus told him sell his possessions, give them away, and then follow him (Matt. 19.21). That made him sad, but eternal life wasn't worth that much to him, so he went away.

By the standards most Americans use today, Cornelius was a very good man who would definitely deserve heaven. He was in the military; he and his family were devoted, God-fearing believers; he gave generously to those in need; and he prayed to God regularly (Acts 10.1-2). These were unusually good qualities, especially for Roman soldiers. However, by God's standards, even Cornelius with all his goodness was not good enough to be saved. So, God spoke to him in a vision to send for Peter who would “bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved” (Acts 11.14).

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Before Paul became a Christian, he was confident in his own religious goodness (Phil. 3.4-6). He was a “Hebrew of Hebrews ... a Pharisee ... faultless.” But by God's grace he learned that even he would never be good enough on his own to go to heaven (1 Tim. 1.14). What he learned was that all that he had previously considered good was really garbage compared with faith in Christ (Phil. 3.8).

Regardless of what Americans believe, or anyone else for that matter, no one is good enough based on their own merits to go to heaven. To be saved, we must be in Jesus and follow him (John 14.6; Luke 9.23). There is no other way. In Christ we are covered with his saving blood (1 John 1.7). Then, and only then, does God see us as good (Eph. 5.25-27). **By Joe Chesser**

## **Qualified and Disqualified**

I am familiar with a man who worshipped in a congregation where several believed having “children that believe” (Titus 1:6) meant two or more, not one or more. Several wanted him appointed as an elder. Because of that qualification which some believed he lacked, some objected. Because there were already elders in place, as well as some valid arguments on both sides of the issue, and seeing that a division would ensue if he allowed his appointment, he removed his name from consideration.

I am also familiar with one whose name was considered for the eldership, and reasonable people objected due to some family considerations. He blew up, called those people some uncomplimentary names, and left the church. Both were seemingly good men in many ways. However, their true motives were not known until tested. In my estimate, one behaved as Jesus commanded; the other did not.

While we should be eager to develop whatever abilities we have to use in the Lord's service (anything else the Lord calls “slothful” — Matthew 25:26), and be eager to help whether in spiritually public or private work, let us also have the mind of humility. How true the statement is, “True humility is the usual companion of true greatness.”

**- by Phillip A. Owens**