

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett
(FV) Mike Mallett
(O) Mike Lovell
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Judd Wall
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th
Cindi Wall August 26th
Vernon Houts Sept. 24th
Judy Grant Sept. 28th
Autumn Vann Sept. 29th
Judd Wall October 10th

Cowboys Don't Walk Home!

A bulletin article that caught my attention was entitled, "Cowboys Don't Walk Home!" It went on to say, "They get thrown off, stomped on, bruised, and get broken and dirty; but they get up, climb back on, and ride home!" In other words, they don't quit when they encounter the knocks and bruises of life.

Christians also should not quit when they meet with trials and tribulations. The apostle Paul certainly didn't quit. He wrote, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8,9).

He also instructs us to, "stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Christians should not quit under adversity. They should continue by the help of the Lord. He will give the strength to endure all things (Philippians 4:13). By George Pledger

Prayer List:

Lynn Parker
Kadence Payne
Anita Adams
Virginia Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

August 13th

Men's Business Meeting

August 27th

Noon Fellowship

September 3rd

Mission Sunday

September 4th

Labor Day

September 10th

Grandparent Day

Edifier

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August 13, 2023



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Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

The Necessity of Hearing the Gospel Message of Jesus

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans, emphasizes the importance of hearing the gospel message of Jesus Christ. In **Romans 10:13-17**, he outlines the necessity of proclaiming the good news and the profound impact it has on individuals' lives. This passage sheds light on the transformative power of the gospel message and highlights the vital role of hearing it.

1. The Call to Salvation:

Romans 10:13 declares, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." This verse underscores the inclusivity of God's salvation. It demonstrates that salvation is available to all who genuinely seek and call upon the name of Jesus Christ. However, Paul clarifies that one can only call on the name of the Lord if they have heard of Him.

2. The Role of Preachers:

Paul goes on to ask a series of rhetorical questions in **Romans 10:14-15**: "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?" These questions highlight the essential role of preachers and messengers who proclaim the gospel. Through their preaching, they make it possible for others to hear and believe in Jesus.

3. The Power of Faith:

Paul emphasizes that hearing the gospel message is crucial for people to believe in Jesus. **Romans 10:17** states, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." The gospel contains the life-transforming power that ignites faith within individuals. It is through the hearing of the message that faith takes root in hearts and lives are changed. Without hearing the gospel, faith cannot be kindled.

4. The Global Mission:

Paul's words in Romans 10 highlight the universal reach of the gospel message. He emphasizes the importance of taking the good news to all nations and peoples. In a world of diverse cultures and languages, proclaiming the gospel allows people from every background to have the opportunity to hear, believe, and be saved. This underscores the urgency of global missions and evangelism.

Romans 10:13-17 serves as a powerful reminder of the necessity of hearing the gospel message of Jesus. The call to salvation is open to all, but it requires individuals to hear and respond to the good news. The role of preachers and messengers becomes paramount in ensuring that the message reaches those who have not yet heard. Faith, the catalyst for transformation, comes through hearing the word of Christ. Therefore, sharing the gospel is not just an option but a global mission of utmost importance.

As believers, we are called to be active participants in spreading the good news, whether through personal conversations, evangelistic efforts, or supporting missionaries. Let us heed the words of the apostle Paul and embrace our role in making the gospel known to all, so that through hearing, faith may arise, lives may be transformed, and salvation may be experienced by people from every corner of the earth. **By Jeff Arnette**

The Necessity of Believing in Jesus

One of the key teachings of the Bible is that faith is essential to pleasing God. In **Hebrews 11:6**, we read: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." This verse shows us two important aspects of faith: belief and action.

Belief means trusting that God is who he says he is and that he will do what he promises. It is not enough to have a vague or general idea of God; we need to know him personally and intimately through his word and his Spirit. We need to believe that he is the creator, the sustainer, the redeemer, and the judge of all things. We need to believe that he loves us, cares for us, and has a plan for us. As **Romans 10:9** says: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Action means living in obedience and submission to God's will and commands. It is not enough to have a mental assent to God's existence; we need to demonstrate our faith by our deeds. We need to seek him earnestly, meaning with sincerity, diligence, and perseverance. We need to follow his guidance, obey his instructions, and fulfill his purposes. We need to worship him, serve him, and honor him. As **James 2:17** says: "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Faith is essential to pleasing God because it shows that we love him, trust him, and depend on him. Faith is the foundation of our relationship with God and the source of our spiritual growth and fruitfulness. Faith is not something we have once and for all; it is something we need to cultivate and nurture every day. Faith is the key to unlocking God's blessings and promises in our lives. As **Hebrews 11:1** says: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

By Jeff Arnette