

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Happy Anniversary

Connie & Mike Mallett July 19th
Valerie Jorge Garza July 25th

How Is Your Vision?

How is your vision? Jesus observed that . . .

Some have envious eyes, longing for the material advantages they see others have (Matthew 20:15). Some have sensual eyes, looking to lust, thereby committing adultery in their hearts (Matthew 5:28-29).

Some have critical eyes, looking for specks in others while ignoring obvious problems in themselves (Matthew 7:3-5).

Some have closed eyes, not wanting to see the truth (Matthew 13:15).

How important is all this? The Lord put it this way:

“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” (Matthew 5:22-23).

by Frank Himmel

Those to Serve

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

July 14th

Men's Business Meeting

July 28th

Noon Fellowship

August 4th

Mission Sunday

August 11th

Mens Business Meeting

August 12th

First Day of School

August 25th

Noon Fellowship

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Jorge Garza
Joyce Windham
Dora Martinez
David Jones
Tammy Parker
Anita Adams
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Justice Prevails!

By Joe Slater

The Lone Ranger – Perry Mason – Superman. When you watched those old black-and-white TV shows, you knew all along that by the time the credits rolled the bad guys would be defeated, the good guys would be vindicated, and justice would prevail. No matter how hopeless it looked, the Lone Ranger and Tonto would arrest the bandits, Perry Mason would prove his client innocent, and Superman would confound the crooks.

Real life doesn't quite match a thirty-minute drama, or even a sixty-minute one, does it? Innocent people get railroaded! Criminals remain free! Might makes right! Whatever shall we do about life's inequities?

First, make certain you aren't the perpetrator of evil. "Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters" (1 Peter 4:15).

Second, when you suffer despite being innocent, take it patiently as a way to glorify God. That goes double if being a Christian is the cause of the abuse (1 Peter 4:16). Jesus suffered infinitely more than you ever will, and He was 100% innocent. You shouldn't expect to be treated better than He was.

Finally, rest assured that justice really will prevail in the final analysis. It will take longer than thirty or sixty minutes. In fact, it may not happen in your lifetime! But, as the old song says, "There's a great day coming by and by." We might prefer to see all the accounts settled now. Since God's wisdom eclipses ours, however, we will do well to "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:10).

Your Worst Sin

In no way would I ever claim to be a prophet, psychic, or prognosticator. But I can tell you what your worst sin is. Now, I know you're wondering how I know. Has someone told me that they saw you doing it? No. Have I been looking in your windows at night or following you with notebook in hand recording all that you do? Of course not. And yet I still know the very worst sin you have in your life at this very moment.

Your worst sin is the one you will not repent of. Our worst sins can become our worst enemy in that they will keep us out of heaven (cf. Luke 13:3). John mentions that there is a sin that leads to death (1 John 5:16). This is any sin that one is living in that one is not willing to give up for Christ. By living unrepentantly in known sin, we crucify Christ all over again and, in that state, it is impossible for us to be saved (Heb. 6:6; 10:26-27).

But God wants us to come to repentance and be saved (2 Pet 3:9). He wants us to be sorrowful over our sins and to truly repent (have a change of heart) concerning them (2 Cor. 7:10). For in repenting and being baptized, all past sins are washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then, in faithfully walking the Christian life, and continually living a repentant lifestyle, Jesus' blood continues to cleanse us (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9).

Even though washed in the blood of the Lamb and even though having some noble qualities as followers of Christ, the Christians at the church at Ephesus still needed to repent. Jesus sent word to them "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works..." (Rev. 2:5). The message rings true for us today: repent and do the first works.

Here's another important thing to note: Your best friend can take care of your worst sin. Jesus is your best friend (cf. Pro. 18:24; John 15:13), and He is the only one who can remove all your sins (Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:9). Take a turn for the better by turning away from sin and turning your life over to Him, and He will turn your worst sin into something that is harmless and unreachably (1 John 3:5; Micah 7:19).

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

By Edd Sterchi