

THIS IS THE DAY

I made reference yesterday to the fact that I have several verses marked in the book of Psalms that relate to positive thinking for each day. Since we studied Lamentations 3:22-25 yesterday, I wanted to share some of these verses from Psalms with you. We should be reminded every day that the Lord's mercies and compassion do not fail, they are new every morning.

Psalms 116:1,2, *"I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live."*

Psalms 116:14,15, *"I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."*

Psalms 118:6, *"The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"*

Psalms 118:14, *"The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation"*

Psalms 118:21, *"I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation."*

Psalms 118:24, *"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:28, *"Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee."*

We choose whether we will rejoice each day or grumble and complain. What choice will you make? —L. Cole

WE CANNOT WATER DOWN BAPTISM

You, like me, have friends and loved ones who are wonderfully sincere individuals, but who have never been baptized to put on Christ. We love them, but, at times, our love for them leads us to be unwilling to speak clearly and boldly about the essentiality of baptism for salvation.

Our Lord Jesus Himself stated that it is essential. He told Nicodemus, "...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The Great Commission, given by Jesus, makes it crystal clear that one must be baptized to be saved from sin. He stated, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16; see also Matthew 28:19-20).

Peter, the apostle to whom the "keys of the kingdom" were given (cf. Matthew 16:19), made it clear that baptism is necessary. On Pentecost, he declared, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Later in his life, he would clearly state, "Baptism...now saves you" (1 Peter 3:21).

Paul, another apostle and the man who penned a large percentage of the New Testament, made it clear that baptism is essential. Of course, this came after he himself had been taught that baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), which Paul immediately heeded. So, as he exhorted churches, he wrote of the essential nature of baptism. Romans 6:1-11 connects baptism with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. He wrote, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27) and that "in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

We love our friends and neighbors; of that, there can be no doubt. But are we showing that love by teaching them—from the Scriptures—that it is only through baptism that one is truly in Christ? Or, do we sidestep the issue because it might be contentious or might strain the relationship? We have no excuse to water down baptism. The eternal destiny of our loved ones is at stake.

"And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

—Adam Faughn, *A Legacy of Fatih*, 09/06/17

GOOD AND EVIL

Romans 16:19 contains both a commendation of and a desire for the Christians at Rome. Paul wrote, "For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil."

Paul rejoiced that their obedience had "become known to all." This made him "glad." He commended them! As they continued to live for the Lord, he expressed the desire that they build upon their faithfulness. He said, "I want you to be wise in what is good and simple concerning evil."

We want to be "wise in what is good." The word "wise" (*sophos*) means to be skilled or expert. The word "good" (*agathos*) refers to that which is truly good in character, but also useful and beneficial. In this verse the word "good" (*agathos*) is preceded by a particle (*men*) that suggests that our efforts are to be intense and that we are to excel in it.

Conversely, we are to be "simple concerning evil" Are you "simple?" We usually do not like to think of ourselves being "simple," but this is an area where we need to be! Here the word "simple" is translated from a Greek word (*akakos*) that literally means "without evil" (*a*, negative, *kakos*, evil). We are to be "without any admixture of evil" (Thayer). What is "evil?" The word Paul used (*kakos*) is just the opposite of "good" (see definition above). "Evil" refers to that which is wicked in character, but also to that which is useless and hurtful.

Are you obeying the Lord? Wonderful! Those who serve the Lord join in commending you! What now? You need to "be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil." "Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good" (Romans 12:9).

—Dwight Fuqua, *Focus on Findlay*, 10/29/17

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM Nov 05, 2017

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks
Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading. Rev. 3:17,18 John Leonard
Song Leader Glen Reece
Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
 Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
 Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer. Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
 Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— The Need of The Church
PM Sermon— Great Throne Room

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader. Glen Reece
Scripture Reading, .Rev. 4:11. John Leonard
Opening Prayer George Clay
Lord’s Supper Mitchell Brooks
 Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer. Roger Draper
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **NOV**
Linda Hackett

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

10/29/17

Wednesday.	37
Worship Sunday AM	75
Bible Study Sunday AM	64
Daily Bible Readers	34
Worship Sunday PM	60

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 5th. Remember to change your clocks. Set back one hour.

Nov. 5th. Elders, Deacons, Preacher meet

Nov. 19th. Riley Hendrix will be here to speak of his mission work in south Florida.

READING SCHEDULE FOR NOV

	12 Acts 18-20	21 I Cor. 3-5
01 John 2-4	13 Acts 21-23	22 I Cor. 6-8
02 John 5-7	14 Acts 24-26	23 I Cor. 9-11
03 John 8-10	15 Acts 27-28	24 I Cor. 12-14
04 John 11-15	Rom. 1	25 I Cor. 15-16
05 John 16-18	16 Rom. 2-4	II Cor. 1-2
06 John 19-21	17 Rom. 5-7	26 II Cor. 3-6
07 Acts 1-3	18 Rom. 8-12	27 II Cor. 7-9
08 Acts 4-6	19 Rom.13-15	28 II Cor. 10-12
09 Acts 7-9	20 Rom. 16;	29 II Cor. 13;
10 Acts 10-12	I Cor. 1-2	Gal. 1-2
11 Acts 13-17		30 Gal. 3-5