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Paul declares in 2 Corinthians 6:2 “now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” Putting off the Lord’s work to some future day may temporarily resolve whatever problem we think we have, but it will not resolve that problem eternally, it will only create greater, insurmountable problems.

When business of the Lord comes 'round, yes, needing to be done,
And eager souls around desire the work to have begun,
Some say just for the present time that we procrastinate,
And put that business off until some more “convenient” date.
How sad that such an attitude prevents the work of God,
Discouraging those eager hands to hang their heads and nod.
For time will come when work is done and no clock can be turned,
To days when opportunity and willing hands were spurned.
To judgment such will go in grief; the past won't be interred,
For in that day no longer will decisions be deferred.
Oh let us not deceive ourselves and this day's deeds erase,
And so dismiss the Lord's business to other time or place.
The accepted time is now, my friend, to do the Lord's good work.
So let us do so cheerfully, our charge no longer shirk.

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Bible Procrastination

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring” (Proverbs 27:1).

Procrastination is the act of putting something off until a later time. There is an old proverb, “Never put off 'til tomorrow what you can do today.” The procrastinator turns that saying on its head in a weak effort to be amusing and says, “Never do today what you can put off 'til tomorrow.” People in our society procrastinate often. We may put off appointments with our physician. We may put off meetings at work to a later day or time. We may opt for exercising a day later or put off going to the store until tomorrow. Certainly we’ve all done such things at one time or another in our life, and so much as such things have no eternal significance on the state of our souls, it is more or less unimportant. Let us be clear, however, that while it is one thing to procrastinate with the business of this world which may be eternally inconsequential, it is quite another thing to procrastinate with the business of the Lord where there are eternal consequences.

It is funny (in a sad way), however, how many will get priorities confused. Many understand the importance of not procrastinating when it comes to matters of money. They will get their bills paid on time and in the mail. They will not be negligent to transfer money out of stocks and into bonds before the market changes. They will go to the gas station at midnight if it will save a few cents on the gallon before the price increases the next day. Funny (!?) how we see the importance of not procrastinating when it affects our pocketbooks! How much more important are our souls and the souls of those around us? Such actions expose our true priorities and will leave us without excuse in the judgment.

In the scriptures we find several procrastinators. There was a young man who told Jesus he would follow Him, only he first needed to tend to family matters (Matthew 8:21, Luke 9:59-62). There are those who will procrastinate doing good because of their lack of faith in the second coming (Matthew 24:48-51). Perhaps the quintessential example, however, is that of Felix, who said in response to Paul’s preaching, “Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me” (Acts 24:25). J.W. McGarvey, in his Original Commentary on Acts said regarding Felix indecision, “It is a sad warning to all who thus procrastinate, that to neither Felix nor Drusilla did the season ever come which they thought convenient to listen to such preaching. Felix was soon dismissed in disgrace from his office; and Drusilla, with a son by Felix, perished in that eruption of Mount Vesuvius which engulfed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.”

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
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Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Attendant Brandon Montgomery
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

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Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton
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Count Offering Art Patrick
Assist Count Harold Tincer

Last Sunday

Contribution \$3366
Attendance 115

Can The Saved Be Lost?

Many believe and teach that once an individual is saved he cannot be lost. However, the Scriptures clearly teach that a child of God can forfeit his salvation and be eternally lost. Many passages speak of the conditional nature of our future salvation. The apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth of the gospel by which they were saved "if" they held fast to the word which was preached to them (1Cor. 15:2). The word "if" places a condition on salvation for the child of God. To the children of God in Galatia Paul wrote, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). The word "if" here implies if we as children of God do lose heart we will not reap the reward. The writer of Hebrews declared we are of Christ's household "if we hold fast our confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" (Heb. 3:6). Why do the Scriptures make these conditional statements about salvation if once we are saved we cannot be lost?

The Scriptures point out the conditional nature of our future salvation by giving solemn warnings against apostasy (falling away as to be lost). The apostle Paul in warning the Corinthians against apostasy realized he too could fall away and be lost. He said "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." (1Cor. 9:27).

Certainly, if there was a possibility for the apostle Paul to be rejected, then we too could be. Right after that statement he used the example of the Israelites who fell from God's favor by their disobedience and were not permitted to enter the promised land. Paul's conclusion was, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1Cor. 10:12). The Hebrew writer declared, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Heb. 4:1). These are solemn warnings against falling away and being lost. Why give the warnings if once one is saved he is always saved?

The Scriptures also speak of examples of those who did fall away. Among some who became Christians at the preaching of Philip was a man by the name of Simon. When he later became covetous of the apostles' power, Peter told him, "Thy money perish with thee...for thy heart is not right in the sight of God...I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8:12-24). Paul wrote to some who had at one time been faithful, but now had turned back to Judaism. He said "You have become estranged from Christ...you have fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4)

These are but a few of the many passages where the Scriptures plainly teach that salvation is conditional based upon our faithful obedience. Only if we are faithful unto death will we receive a crown of life (Rev. 2:10). Paul Smithson

Sermon

Acts 26:27-32

"God Can Use Your Everything" (am)

Singing Emphasis (pm)

Prayer Requests

Paula Casey had cataract surgery on Tuesday April 15th and will have surgery for the other eye on Thursday April 24th. Please pray that all goes well.

Marian Stephens requests prayer for two of her friends. Carolyn Esters, a part time employee at River Bend Assisted Living is scheduled for colon cancer surgery and Jean Montgomery, a resident at River Bend fell and suffered multiple broken bones.

Prayer List: MARTIN BONNEY, Larry Coulter (Lou Ann), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK HARRIS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SARA MONROE, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Lynn Tinchler (Fern), Kedza Turner (Jean), Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 28th at 6 pm. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please come join us.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

Hamburg Pike is holding a Gospel meeting April 25-27. The guest speaker is to be Doug Burleson. Flyers are available in the foyer.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the communion trays. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you can serve in this way.

A baby shower for Cassie Tinchler will be on Sunday May 18th after the morning worship at the building. Cassie is registered at Target.

Attention Bible Bowl Team: The team practice sessions have been rescheduled. The team will meet weekly on Sundays at 4:30 pm at the building. The practice sessions will last 1 hour.

A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening April 27th. Men and young men, who would like to lead a song or read scripture, please sign the sheet on the table.

Remember This...

By being patient and quiet in one moment of anger you may escape many days of sorrow and regret.

Those who love the church, the gospel, and the Lord try to build them up.

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20).