

An Honorable Discharge

In order to receive an honorable discharge, a service member must meet or exceed high standards, both in his duty requirements and in his conduct. He must also finish his tour of duty unless he is physically or mentally disabled because of his service.

Christians might say that we seek an honorable discharge from this life. Our stay on earth is a time of testing. Will we stay true to our leader, Jesus Christ, or will we desert Him and go AWOL? Do we read God's commandments in the Bible and obey them? Does our conduct give glory to God and a good name to His church? If we fall, can we fix our eyes back on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and follow Him?

A bad conduct discharge is the most severe type of military discharge. Usually a person who gets a bad conduct discharge serves time in prison. He is not eligible for any service benefits such as health insurance. God, too, has a bad conduct discharge. Those who do not obey Him get no benefits. They are unprofitable servants, and are cast out into the outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:30).

Jesus has promised a rich reward to those who faithfully serve Him. May we, like Paul, be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them that have loved his appearing" (II Timothy 4: 7, 8). Only then will we have an honorable discharge.

- Donna Richmond Wittlif, the founder and first editor of BulletinGold



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Responsibility

"Little Emily ran into the house, crying as though her heart would break.

'What's wrong, dear?' asked her father.

'My doll! Billy broke it!' she sobbed.

'How did he break it, Emily?'

'I hit him over the head with it.'

That's about the way many people today try to get away from accepting responsibility for their actions. It doesn't matter what happens to them, it's always someone else's fault.

We may get away with those excuses and blame here on earth but when we stand before God in judgment, we will have to accept responsibility for our actions.

God is all-seeing and all-knowing and we will not be able to fool Him in blaming someone else for our actions.

Each of us will answer for our own sins when we stand before God in judgment.

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

As Christians the good we have done in the past will not protect us if we turn back to a life of sin.

Ezekiel 18:24 "But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

God promises that if we turn from our sins, He will forgive us.

Ezekiel 18:21-23 "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 22 None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. 23 Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

If you have not repented of sin in your life, it is my prayer that you will do so, before it is too late.

- Larry Pasley preaches for the Jackson Street Church of Christ in Alexandria, LA.

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Is It Wrong to Use “Man” to Refer to the Human Race?

Eric Welch

Many people claim that the use of the word “man” is insensitive to women and even offensive. Should the church in its preaching and writing, quit referring to the human race as “man,” or should we replace it with politically correct and gender neutral terms like “humanity,” “humankind,” “human beings,” or simply “persons?”

As Christians our purpose is not to be politically correct people pleasers but Biblically correct God pleasers. If Biblical correctness offends people, then who must change? Being Biblically correct will always bring honor to man and woman. How so?

God Himself used this language when referring to the male and female He created. He says in Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Then note specifically Genesis 5:1-2, “This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.”

The term for man is “adam” and is given to the first man as a proper name, Adam. The Hebrew term includes the woman as well. God also used the term to set him apart from woman (Genesis 2:22, 25; 3:12 and Ecclesiastes 7:28). This word is used for male human beings and for the human race in general. The practice of using the terms “man” or “mankind” to refer to both men and women comes from God. If God uses the term this way, it is not wrong and inappropriate for us too.

I Am Well Pleased

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt 3:16-17 (NKJV)

Jesus began His public ministry at age 30. Up until that time we have little information about His life. This acknowledgement tells us how He lived. It was in a manner that pleased the Father. He lived righteously without sin. Even though tempted in all points as we, He remained holy.

Some day we all hope to hear, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant enter now into the joy of the Lord (Matt. 25:24 edited). In order for that to happen, we must live righteously, repent of our sins and follow the holy way of Jesus. We must be pleasing to the Father.

- Charlie Gamble preaches for the Brunswick Church of Christ in Southport, NC.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Attention Teens: The E-Town church of Christ will host a Youth Rally on Friday August 26th and Saturday August 27th. Please let Michael Hawkins know if you plan to attend.

Attention all youth and families: The canoe trip has been re-scheduled for August 13th. The cost is \$23 per person; see Michael for details.

Quotes & Sayings

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- "If you would master temptation, let Christ master you"
- Spencer Johnson said, "Happiness is not having what you want, it is wanting what you have."
- Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip. -- Will Rogers
- "If there is anything better than being loved, it is loving."
- A slip of the foot you'll soon recover, but a slip of the tongue may last forever (Old Union Reminder)