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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

August 28, 2022

Temptation and Us

James 1:12–15 (NKJV) — 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

The word blessed is very beautiful because it means, not only happy but one who is blessed or has received blessings from God. The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament states:

“It denotes the transcendent happiness of a life beyond care, labour and death, ...used of men to denote the state of godlike blessedness hereafter in the isles of the blessed...extols human happiness; possession and happiness are inseparably connected here.”

In other words, it is the state of being happy and blessed inwardly BECAUSE there is a connection of receiving something hereafter. We can be happy because there is something that is beyond just trying to get through a situation or circumstances where we find ourselves. In this situation of context, we are talking about temptation. We can be blessed in that we are set on receiving a crown of life when this life is over BECAUSE we chose to stand against temptation rather than give in to it. This has been promised to us and we can rest assured that the promise will be fulfilled if we only choose to follow the instructions that lead to that result.

James then focuses on the nature of God. He states that God cannot be tempted by evil nor does He tempt anyone. The reason behind this is that God is the definition of GOOD and cannot lead anyone to do that which is against His will. God’s nature is light and in Him is NO

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DARKNESS AT ALL (1 Jn. 1:5). He is LONGSUFFERING and not willing that ANY SHOULD PERISH (2 Pet. 3:9). He is everlasting in GRACIOUSNESS (Ps. 86:15). God CAN NOT lead someone to sin or to turn from His will because it is absolutely against His nature.

So where does temptation come from? It comes within OUR evil desires. We all have our own devices and lusts that are particular to us. We each have something that draws us that doesn't draw others because of our past lives and our attractions. Notice how James describes this:

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

This language is that of a fishing analogy. Just as a fish is lured to a particular bait that he desires, he then soon comes to it and takes the bite. He then has to suffer the consequences of his desire - death. The same thing goes for us. Since we all are drawn away by our particular desires, when we finally pursue them and partake in them, we die (Rom. 6:23). The way that we prevent this from happening is to constantly be on guard and fill our hearts with the Word of God (Ps. 119:11).

This passage teaches us that overcoming and enduring temptation IS POSSIBLE! We just have to decide to overcome it knowing that hereafter we have something GREATER than the fulfillment of our desires that will only satisfy until the next time. What will we choose?

- Wes Garland



ATHEISM, THE DARKNESS OF

I read a story one time of an Atheist who was wishing for something in the past that he had lost, because of Atheism...(This came from the writings of JW McGarvey...)

I would gladly give away all I am, and all I ever may become, all the years, every one of them which may be given to me to live, but for one week of my old childhood's faith, to go back to calm and peace again, and then to die in hope?? Oh for one look of blue sky, as it looked then when we called it heaven! The old family prayers, which taught us to reverence prayer, however little we understood its meaning, the far dearer private prayers at our own bedside, the dear friends for whom we prayed, the still calm Sunday with its best clothes and tiresome services, which we little thought were going so deep into our hearts when we thought them so long and tedious; yes, it is among these so trifling seeming scenes, these, and a thousand more, that our faith has wound among our heartstrings; and it is the thought of these scenes now which threatens me with madness as I call them up again.

... Selected

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

August 28 - 1 Cor. 10:1-18
August 29 - 1 Cor. 10:19-33
August 30 - 1 Cor. 11:1-16
August 31 - 1 Cor. 11:17-34



September - 1 Cor. 12
September - 1 Cor. 13
September - 1 Cor. 14:1-20

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Cheryl Culler, Susan Huey, Nicole Roy, Mike Ford, Nicole Roy, Sharon York, Abbie Little, Sherrill Stewart, Chris Dezern, Patricia Wood, Val Giff's father, Lauren Krell, Roger Allen's mother, D.J. Harrison, Curt Sams, *Cleave Binkley, D.J. Harrison, Trooper Josh Church, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

Chris Dezern got his vent out, it was touch and go for a minute, his oxygen went down to 69 but the fighter that he is, picked it back up to 100. Now we sit and wait and see how he does. He is not very responsive, he is moving his right side arm but nothing really on command, this is really just between Chris and God at this point. Please keep on praying for him. - Doris Cooper.

Mary Seal has recovered from the Covid and has been able to return to church last week. Mary wanted to thank you all for the cards and prayers.

Please continue to pray for Will's mother, **Toni Lucas**. She has been having problems with Lyme's Disease.

Jim Harrison recently called from the hospital this past week to request prayers for D.J. Please pray for her.

Erica Stewart's father has Colon Cancer and is taking treatments at this time. Please put them on our prayer list and send cards. Thank you. - Sherrill Stewart

Please remember **Micky Parsons**, he had a stroke this past week.

Rick's brother, **Randy Clemmons** has Osteomyelitis, and is in a nursing home receiving treatment. Also, Rick's sister, **Rosemary Clemmons**, has Alzheimer Disease and has been placed in an Assisted Care.

B.J. Clarke's wife, **Tish**, had a brain tumor and has had surgery this past Thursday. Please pray for her and B.J. that all will go well with her surgery and recovery. The Clarke's address is 7355 Crowther Cv, Memphis, TN 38119.

Also, **Nicole Roy's** address is 6202 Lismore Circle, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our Sympathy goes out to Charles and Carmen Parker and families of **Charlotte Hale**, who passed away recently. Charles was Charlotte's brother. Her Memorial was held this past Friday at the Gracewood Church in Lebanon, Virginia at 6:30 p.m.*

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

EVENTS AT WARNERS CHAPEL:

September 4th - New Converts Class - John Allen.

September 8th - the Zoom Class will begin on Sept. 8th at 7 p.m. in the Annex. You will need to register on line for the Zoom Class. Also, you will need 2-3 days to order books.

September 17th - There will be a baby shower for Ashlyn Henderson on Saturday, September 17th from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. Ashlyn is registered at Target and Amazon. The shower will be hosted by Zone 1. If you have any questions, just see Dana.

(If you would like to help, please call Dana at 336-414-9696 or e-mail her at hinsondh@aol.com. Thank you! Dana)

November 5 - Warners Chapel will have the yearly Chicken Stew in the Annex.

November 27-30 - Gospel Meeting at Warners Chapel. The speaker will be Eric Owens.

WARNERS CHAPEL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Meredith Everett

Allya Landry

Robby Landry

Allison Little

Justin Little

Alyssa Southern

Auston Workman

***Congratulations on starting college and
To those who are continuing on!***

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

August, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR AUGUST: BRAD HOOTS

DEVOTIONS FOR: AUGUST

SCRIPTURE

August 7 - Bill Carothers
August 14 - Randy Warner
August 21 - Shawn Thomason
August 28 - Brad Hoots

SONG LEADER

Charley Belch
Clayton Workman
Wayne Allen
Bradley Byrd

PRAYER

Tim Allen
Andy Santiago
Carl Cooper
D.C. Mock

OPENING PRAYERS FOR: AUGUST

SUNDAY A.M.

August 7 - Todd Hinson
August 14 - Bob Tesh
August 21 - Bradley Byrd
August 28 - Mark Minor

SUNDAY P.M.

Wayne Allen
Johnny Spillman
Allen Knight
Adam Warner

WEDNESDAY

August 3 - Gene Southern
August 10 - Jim Harrison
August 17 - Mike Glenn
August 21 - Andy Santiago
August 31 - Mark Clemmons

SECURITY AND GREETING: GENE RUARK - RJ LANDRY

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR AUGUST:

SUNDAY A.M.

August 7 - Clayton Workman
August 14 - Charley Belch
August 21 - Steve Tesh
August 28 - Justin Little

SUNDAY P.M.

Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
Clayton Workman
Youth Service

WEDNESDAY

August 3 - Roger Allen
August 10 - David Shoaf
August 17 - Wayne Allen
August 24 - Gene Southern
August 31 - Clayton Workman

COORDINATOR: GENE SOUTHERN

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

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DEACONS

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Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
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Mark Roy
Adam Warner