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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Challenges of the New Life"
1 Peter 2: 1-11

PM: Brian Mitchell
"The Word (Part 3)"
John 1:10-11

Challenges of the New Life

1 Peter 2:1-11

Psychiatrist Scott Peck, began his novel entitled *The Road Less Traveled*, with the words "life is difficult". He goes on to say that learning this lesson, is learning one of life's greatest lessons, because if one expects difficulty he is more prepared to deal with it. Life is indeed sometimes hard and full of challenges that must be overcome. This is even more true of the life of a Christian, because when we become Christians we are to become new people.

Peter says, "22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:22-23). Paul says in Romans 6:4 "that we are to walk in newness of life." Jesus said, "Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (Jn.3:3). Again Paul teaches, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new" (2 Cor.5:17). And finally, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal.3:27).

When we take these verses together what we find is the fact that: through our obedience to the Word of God we have undergone the new birth, without which no man can enter the Kingdom of God. Thus, we are now new creatures, raised from the waters of baptism to walk in newness of life or to live a new life. It is this new life of Christians that I want us to consider this morning. Why? Because life is sometimes hard, especially for Christians who must live in the "midst of a crooked and perverse generation" (Ph.2:15).

Thus, we must learn to look beyond the fairy-tale version of Christianity so often presented on T.V., which often teaches people the Gospel of health and wealth. This is not the Christianity of the NT. Sure we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus. Through faith we shall overcome in the end. However, that does not mean that our lives here on this earth are promised to be full of laughter, joy, and ease. In fact the Bible promises just the opposite—"Yes and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Tim.3:12).

We have been called to live a new life, to be non-conformist's and it is a challenging life because of the temptations of the world around us, and because of what this new life requires of us. In today's lesson we are going to consider the second aspect of this challenging new life, that is from the viewpoint of what the New Life requires of us. I have 3 Reasons for doing so. To show non-Christians what Christianity will require of them. The show new Christians where they are and where they need to progress to. To remind older and more mature Christians of where they ought to be already.

What are some of the challenges of the Christians life? In our lesson today we will set out to discover what some of them are and how to overcome them.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 75
Sunday AM: 118
Sunday PM: 77
Wednesday PM: 79
Contribution: \$3799
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

And he has given us this command:
Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:21

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Crystal Jones: 06.07
Greg Dowdy: 06.09
Nora Cate Craft: 06.10

Anniversaries

Greg & Stephanie Dowdy: 06.06
Dean & Jane Newman: 06.10
Kenny & Sharon Simmons: 06.10

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: David & Inger Selvig

Ushers: Ron Fehr/Trenton Bryan

A/V: Mat Kee

Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland

Head Lord's Table: Eric Craft

Scripture: Lance Kluesner

Prayers:

AM: Randy Seabaugh/Nate Crowden

PM: Doug Lester/Mark Essner

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Brian Mitchell

Devo: James Chaisson

"Jesus Begins His Ministry"

Prayers: Gary Miller/Christopher Newman

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Randy Seabaugh

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Daily Bible Reading

June 5: Psalms 6-10

June 6: Psalms 11-15

June 7: Psalms 16-18

June 8: Psalms 19-21

June 9: Psalms 22-26

June 10: Psalms 27-31

June 11: Psalms 32-35

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Tony Boyd
Mark Blaylock
Thelma Brown
Donna Cox
Bill Dillman
Kelly & Trudy Garland
Newt & Kay Gilliland
Wayne Graham
Juanita Hedge
Tim Hosey
Diana Ivanovich
Betty Jones

Sid Naramore
Carolyn Neese
Wanda Raper
Lena Schweain
Susan Seabaugh
Steve Simmons
Sarah Singleton
Jerry Tesreau
Mike Turnbow
Lucky Vander
Chris Weaver
Betty Welshans

Remember in Prayer

- **Rick Fehr**, Ron's dad, was scheduled for back surgery on Thursday. He is expecting about 5 days of lying flat during recovery.
- **Lee Simpson** saw a heart specialist in Nashville on Wednesday and learned that he has 2 leaky valves, a partially blocked artery, and his aortic valve is not open enough. He is being referred to a heart failure specialist to determine a course of treatment to correct these issues.

Sympathy

- We offer our love and sympathy to the Spraggs family as Kim's sister, **Julie Kelso** passed away on Wednesday after a lengthy battle with cancer. Please keep the family in your prayers as they grieve. Arrangements were incomplete at time of printing but will be announced when available.

News & Notes

- We still need several helpers for our VBS on June 18. Helpers are needed to assist children in transitioning from one class to the next. Please sign up if you can assist with this need and see Eva with questions.
- There will be a meeting for all **VBS TEACHERS** this **Sunday, June 5** at 5pm. Please make plans to attend.
- VBS this year will be a one-day "**Saturday Extravaganza**" on **June 18** from **9am - 1pm**. The theme will be "*Passport Through the Parables*". Children ages 4-10 years old will rotate through classes to learn about the parables of Jesus. Lunch and a snack will be provided. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this great day!
- All ladies are invited to a "**Crafternoon**" on **Saturday, June 25** from **1-4pm**. We have invited the Thursday School moms as well! We ask that you bring a finger food to share. There will be a devotional time as well as 4 crafts. All supplies will be provided for the crafts, so please sign up on the bulletin board or RSVP to Jennifer Huskey if you plan to attend so there will be enough craft kits available. All ladies and teens are welcome to attend!
- There are still a few spots open for the **Branson Trip** scheduled for **June 24-26**. See Larry Dowdy for more information.
- Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 6** from 2:30-6:30pm. Please sign up to donate (sheet outside Brian's office) and watch for a sign-up to help provide snacks.

Upcoming Area Events...

- The annual **SEMO Children's Homes Fish Fry** will be hosted by the Dexter church of Christ on **Monday, June 6**. All are welcome to attend and meet some of the home's staff and children.

Youth Corner

- **June 12-17:** BYC Week 1
- **June 19-24:** BYC Week 2
- **July 10-15:** BYC Week 3
 - Cost for each session is \$150/camper if postmarked 2 weeks prior to beginning of session. (Will be \$175 for on-site registration). Cost includes crafts, snacks, and t-shirt.
- **July 18:** SYS at Green Forest
- **July 25:** SYS at Dexter
- **August 8:** SYS at Shady Acres
- **August 15:** SYS at Bernie

ANYONE WHO
LOVES GOD
MUST ALSO
LOVE THEIR
Brother & Sister.