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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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 Worship..... 6:00 PM

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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2023
Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Gary Henry & Elbert Metcalf
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 32 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Debby Spears
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon
 Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
 Courage in Action: Physical Courage

Hebrews 11:32-38

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Luke 22:14-22

Scripture Reading
 AM: Col 1: 21-23
 PM: 1 Cor. 15: 56-58

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 2
 Invites last month: 4
 Visitors YTD: 10

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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Hope is Our Most Priceless Treasure in Christ

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, 1 Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



- Text: Col. 1:21-23**
- I. The Hope of Heaven
 - A. "The hope of the gospel"
 - B. Not the hope of material things
 - II. Eternal Life
 - A. The object of the Christian's hope
 - B. An unchanging hope based on the promises of God
 - III. Our Hope the Product of God's Grace
 - A. Through the sacrifice of His Son
 - B. Through no merit of our own
 - IV. Walking in Christ
 - A. Our core treasure
 - B. Our source of spiritual joy and strength
 - V. Conclusion
 - A. Action Items produced by our Hope

Gary Henry

What a Week

1 Corinthians 15: 56-58

- I. **Triumphal Entry**
- II. **Cleansing the temple for the second time**
- III. **Curses the fig tree**
- IV. **Judas betrays Jesus**
- V. **Preparing the Passover**
- VI. **Passover meal and Lord's Supper**
- VI. **Jesus in Garden Praying**
- VI. **Jesus Betrayed in Garden**
- VII. **Jesus taken to Annas**
- IX. **Jesus taken to Caiphas**
- XI. **Peter Denial**
- XII. **Jesus Before Pilate**
- XIII. **Jesus Sent to Herod**
- XIV. **Jesus Before Pilat Again**
- XV. **Jesus Crucifies**
- XVI. **Jesus' Death**
- XVII. **Jesus' Resurrection**

Elbert Metcalf

Hope Is Our Most Priceless Treasure in Christ

". . . if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister" (Colossians 1:23).

Among our many blessings in Christ, the hope of heaven is the center around which all the others orbit. Eternal life is "the hope of the gospel," as Paul calls it, the one thing promised by the gospel to every faithful Christian and only to them. Things like physical health, financial security, and even emotional health may be found outside of Christ; indeed, they are sometimes enjoyed by worldly people to a greater extent than Christians. But "the hope of the gospel" is a gift that is absolutely unique: it is promised to everyone in Christ and only those in Christ.

When I speak of our "hope" in Christ, I don't mean (at least primarily) the subjective feeling of hope. I mean the fact of eternal life, the object of the Christian's hope. From time to time, the Christian may have a buoyant feeling of hope when he ponders heaven, and sometimes he may not. But the objective reality of "the hope of the gospel" does not change as long as we are faithful to Christ.

This hope can be ours only because of God's grace. If it were not for the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, there would be no hope of heaven for us. To say that we didn't deserve this gift is to say the painfully obvious, but the very fact that we are so undeserving is what makes us treasure our hope all the more gratefully.

This most priceless of our treasures is the central core of "walking in Christ." It's the spring from which our joy and strength flow, and our enjoyment of other blessings must never draw our hearts away or distract us from keeping the main thing.

But if that is the What? of our hope, what is the So What? Here are five things. (1) We should cherish our hope with profound humility. (2) We should guard our hope for all it's worth, being steadfast and faithful. (3) We should purify ourselves, as John said in 1 John 3:3. (4) We should long passionately for its arrival, fixing our meditations on it daily. (5) We should be evangelistic and talk of our hope in Christ to everyone who'll listen. For in the end, to lose eternity with God will be to lose the one thing that ever truly mattered.

"Life with Christ is an endless hope, without him a hopeless end" (Anonymous).

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