

God is able ... if you are willing. Sin separates us from God. The body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26). Separation from God is death. *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins"* (Eph 2:1). He made us alive with Christ (Eph 3:5). *"By grace you have been saved through faith"* (Eph 2:8). God has done His part to save us. We must do our part. We must crucify the flesh with its passions and desires (Gal 5:24). We must allow Christ to live in us (Gal 2:20). *"If you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above"* (Col 3:1). *"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). *"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed"* (James 5:16).

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A thank you to brother Crews for these encouraging brief reminders of our need for God and His salvation. Steve Frazier

Notes and reminders:

Let us be praying for our Bible study classes and all efforts to learn more of God's word.

Also, continue prayers for those on our list, for those in authority, and for the free course of the gospel and obedient hearers.

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
1 John 5:14

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Meeting times of the church

Sunday:

09:00 am Bible classes

10:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible classes

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Hebrew 10:23—25 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some." But, exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

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Romans 10:15

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Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near (Isa 55:6).

Imagine a life without God. Total darkness. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Lost without God. No one to call upon when we are suffering. No one to vent all our frustration to. No one to ask for help. No one to love us like God loves us. We are strangers on this earth looking for a homeland (Heb 11:13-14). Jesus is the way (John 14:6). Once we die, it will be too late. Now is the time to call upon Him. Now is the time to ask for His help. Tomorrow's sun may never rise for you. Do not let His word depart, be saved today. *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved"* (Mark 16:16) ... *"if you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard"* (Col 1:23).

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“Seek ye the Saviour, walk in the light of His love. Seek ye His favor, shining from Heaven above. He will embrace you, and shelter you under His wing. Follow His leading, give Him your heart, let Him save you. Heed to His pleading, turn from the sins that enslave you. He will forgive you, your soul will give praises and sing. He’s your wonderful, wonderful, wonderful One...Christ, The King.”
(Excerpt from the hymn “Seek Ye The Saviour” by brother Arthur P. Samuel)



“He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him” (Isa 53:3).

Isaiah lived 750 years before Jesus. God through Isaiah speaks of a man who would be despised and rejected by men and wounded for our transgressions (Isa 53:5). He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many (Isa 53:12). The Jews spat in His face and beat Him (Matt 26:67). The soldiers spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head (Matt 27:30). Those who fall away crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame (Heb 6:6). If we sin willfully, we trample the Son of God underfoot and count the blood of the covenant by which we were sanctified, a common thing (Heb 10:26-29).

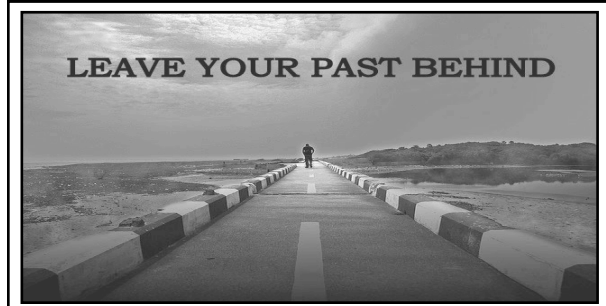
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“Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God” (2 Chron 19:3).

King Jehoshaphat prepared his heart to seek God. King Solomon and King Asa were told, "If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you" (1 Cron 28:9; 2 Chron 15:2). Rehoboam did not prepare his heart to seek God (2 Chron 12:14). Ezra prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord (Ezra 7:10). The proud do not seek God (Ps 10:4). Are you seeking God? Make it a new year's resolution to seek God in 2022. Seek to do God's will and not your own will. Do not be selfish or prideful. Be humble. God's word is truth (John 17:17). Love the truth (2 Thess. 2:9-12). Prepare your heart.

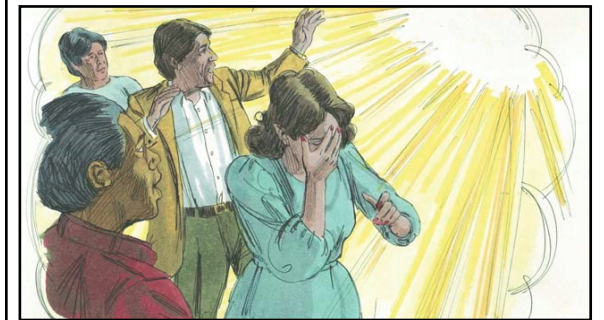
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LEAVE YOUR PAST BEHIND

“Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:13-14).

Forgetting 2021, let us reach forward to 2022 and press toward the goal of heaven (1 Pet 1:4) and the prize of a crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:7-8). “Gird up the loins of your mind” (1 Pet 1:13) and be holy (1 Pet 1:15-16). “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col 3:2). Christ is our life (Col 3:4).
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“Behold the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear” (Isa 59:2).
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