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Revelation 15:2 *“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”*

This weekend is a big weekend in sports. Tomorrow night the national championship in men’s college basketball is played. Today begins the baseball season for the major leagues. One sport is ending and another is beginning. Whether the sport is ending or beginning, at the end of the season there can only be one victor.

It’s sad in that so often the entire season comes down to just one play or even a fraction of a second on the clock or one swing of the bat. When all is over, there is only one champion even though the other team might be better.

For us though, each can be victorious in the LORD. Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:8, *“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his*

*appearing.”*

Unlike a worldly sport, each of us can receive the crown. No one who is worthy will be left out. The only way we can be eliminated from receiving this victory, is if we eliminate ourselves by failing to obey the LORD or remaining faithful to Him.

John saw those who had been victorious over the beast. They had overcome and were now victorious. John had written earlier about victory in I John 5:4, *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

As I write this, I don’t know who will be crowned champion of men’s basketball on the first Monday night in April. I don’t know who will be the champion of baseball in six months. I do know who will be crowned victorious at the end of time. The victors will be those who have overcome the world. God gives us this victory as Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:57, *“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

Luke 12:15, *“And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”*

We live in a very blessed time and place. We have so much abundance that most of us in the United States have to pay for a service that most in other places and times could not imagine. We actually pay a monthly fee to have our abundance carried away.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

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## Birthdays

April 15 — Shirley Parson

April 29 — Ben Edwards

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We throw away enough that it takes regularly scheduled pickups to take care of our excess. We truly have been blessed beyond so many of other places and times.

Let's always give thanks to the LORD for our abundance and use it wisely. How many people have hoarded and failed to use what they have for the good of others. Then it all ends up in an estate sale passing to someone else. Maybe they were simply saving it to use at a later time and that time never came.

Within a few short years, all our material things will be gone. So much of what we have will be hauled away by a garbage truck or passed to someone else and eventually will be destroyed at the end of time.

People spend their lives striving for these worldly things that will not last. Paul warned in I Timothy 6:17, "*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain*  
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| Sunday, March 26, 2017    |          |                      |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Classes                   | 20       | Colossians 1:11-17   |
| Preaching                 | 21       | I Kings 19:1-21      |
| Contribution              | \$567.00 |                      |
| Evening                   | 18       | Revelation 2:18-3:13 |
| Wednesday, March 29, 2017 |          |                      |
| Classes                   | 20       | Daniel 9:1-27        |

Visitors—  
Mar 26 (AM) Herbert & Betty Franklin (Edmonton, KY); Rhonda Powell (Adrian, Michigan)  
Mar 26 (PM) Kristen Gaugler (Priceville, KY)

### *Bible Quiz*

Who was caused to fly swiftly?

Last Week's Answer— a crown of life (Revelation 2:10)

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*riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."*  
The LORD has given us richly all things to enjoy. Let's enjoy and use them for good and not let the riches control us.

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Matthew 6:21, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*"

### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)