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Probably every person who believes in the Bible would quickly say they want to go to Heaven. No one wants to lose his or her soul. People want to be rewarded after this life is over, but many are trying to do so with as little effort as possible. It's almost as if a time card is punched as services on Sunday, and then again at close of services. Many want to do just enough to miss losing their souls but still go to Heaven.

Hosea 6:4 addresses a similar situation. Regarding Ephraim and Judah, the Lord said, "*O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.*" How many of us are like Ephraim and Judah? We show some goodness, but it is quickly dissipated like the morning cloud and early dew.

The Lord expects us to live the Christian life 24 hours a day. It is a way of life. In our physical life, we cannot have it cease, and then resume functioning at will. Likewise, our Christian life cannot simply be turned on and off at our discretion. Our life for the Lord is not something we just simply do. It is our way of life.

—Marty Edwards ❖

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Purity of Heart

I read the other day about a woman who had some extra time at an airport. Buying a cup of coffee and a small package of cookies, she walk, laden with luggage, to an unoccupied table. She was reading the morning paper when she became aware of someone rustling at her table. From behind her paper, she was flabbergasted to see a neatly dressed young man helping himself to her cookies. She did not want to make a scene, so she leaned across and took a cookie herself.



A minute or so passed. More rustling. He was helping himself to another cookie. By the time they were down to the last cookie in the package, she was very angry but still could not bring herself to say anything. Then the young man broke the remaining cookie in two, pushed half across to her, ate the other half and left.

Some time later, when the public address system called for her to present her ticket, she was still fuming. Imagine her embarrassment when she opened her handbag, and was confronted by her package of cookies. She had been eating his.

What a generous young man. He was being wronged yet he shared what he had. He even shared his last cookie with her. We need to be careful what we think about others. Things are not always as they seem.

—adapted from the
Bellevue, Nebraska bulletin



Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

—Matthew 7:12



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

—During the last two weeks of the year our mid-week Bible study will be on Tuesday for those two weeks (December 23, and December 30)

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Call Unto the Lord

I remember watching a show about the Battle of the Bulge. This World War II battle took place in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium in December of 1944. The men thought all was fine. They were anticipating a quick end to the war. Germany amassed 250,000 men and “bulged” through the allied front, hence the name of the battle. Before the battle was finished, 10,000 allied troops had lost their lives.

One soldier, now an elderly man, commented that he could remember a comrade being injured to the point of death. As this young man was dying in a frozen foxhole thousands of miles from home, he called for his mother. Of course she was not there. No doubt she would have come if she could have, but the great separation between them kept her from even hearing his plea.

In Isaiah 59:2 we are told, “*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*” Many people will cry out to the Lord to save their souls as they are dying, but the Lord will not answer their pleas for mercy because they have let sins separate them and the Lord.

How pitiful and heart wrenching to think of a young man calling out for his mother as he was dying and receiving no response from her. How much more sad it is though to think of one crying out to the Lord, and the Lord not hearing because of sin.

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| Sunday, November 30, 2014 | | |
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| Classes | 21 | Romans 11:9-26 |
| Preaching | 24 | I Peter 2; Jude |
| Contribution | \$558.00 | |
| Evening | 19 | Psalms 36:1-37:40 |
| Wednesday, December 3, 2014 | | |
| Classes | 22 | I Kings 21:1-29 |

Visitors— Dec 1 (PM) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The psalmist was old but had never seen the LORD’s seed do what?

Last Week’s Answer—Hunger (Psalm 34:10)

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If we obey the Lord while there is time and opportunity, then we can truly say the words of Psalms 86:7, “*In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.*”

—Marty Edwards

—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)