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One of the last acts most of us do before leaving the house each morning is to take one final look in the mirror. We usually look and see if we need to make any last-minute adjustments to our hair, clothing, etc. If we are displeased with the reflection that comes back, we then proceed to make the necessary changes. Even though we may not always like what we see in the mirror, the mirror will not lie for us. It would be an injustice if it did. We need to see what we really look like so proper changes can be made.



Likewise, the Bible is our spiritual mirror. Upon examining its teachings, we may see something amiss in our lives. The Bible will not lie. It may cause us to see things in our lives we don't particularly want to see, but if they are there, we need to see them and make the necessary adjustments.

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What keeps a sick person going when they do not feel like continuing?

—The **hope** of recovery

What keeps an impoverished family from despair?

—The **hope** of better times

What keeps an athlete performing with great pain?

—The **hope** of victory

What keeps a student going year after year?

—The **hope** of graduation

What keeps us from despair during a storm?

—The **hope** of calm

What keeps us going when we are exhausted?

—The **hope** of rest

What keeps our fears at bay during darkness?

—The **hope** of light

What keeps gloom from overwhelming a lonesome shut-in?

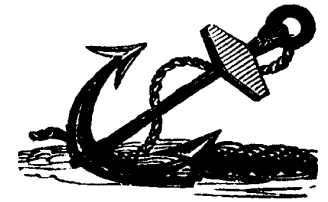
—The **hope** of a visitor

What keeps us going after the death of a loved one?

—The **hope** of the resurrection

What keeps and sustains our entire being all our lives?

—The **hope** of Heaven and everlasting life



The writer of Hebrews states in Hebrews 6:18-19, “*That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast. . .*” We probably never realize how much we utilize hope. Every day we are using hope as we go about our daily lives. Without it, there would be no reason to continue in our endeavors. It is the anchor of the soul.

Unlike the world, our hope is not based upon silver and gold, fame, or any other temporal pleasures. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in I Timothy 1:1, “*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

News

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

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When a child is young, he or she may want to do many things that look enjoyable such as playing in the street, eating candy and junk food instead of the healthy food needed, etc. The child may not want to attend school, take a bath, or any number of things.

The parents constrain the child to do the activities anyway, because the parents know they are for the good of the child.

The commandments of the Lord are like this. Many people may question and ask “why,” but in Deuteronomy 6:24, the Lord told the Israelites, “*And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as [it is] at this day.*”

Let’s always obey the Lord wholly. It is to our benefit.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Use the spiritual mirror, the Bible, every day to examine your spiritual appearance. Only you can make the changes if you are displeased with the reflection.

—Marty Edwards❖

James 1:23-24, “²³*For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass : ²⁴For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.*”

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Sunday, January 11, 2015		
Classes	17	Romans 13:8-14
Preaching	27	Hebrews 10
Contribution	\$578.00	
Evening	17	Psalms 46:1-48:14
Wednesday, January 14, 2015		
Classes	20	II Kings 5:1-27

Visitors— Jan 11 (AM) Kaylee Bunnell (Munfordville)
Jan 14 (Wed) John Lay (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Naaman was told to dip how many times
in the Jordan River?

Last Week’s Answer— Sneezed (II Kings 4:35)



“Follow me, and I will
make you fishers of
men.”

—Matthew 4:19—

—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)