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Revelation 2:5, “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

We are one week into January. Have we been able to keep the resolutions we made at the beginning of the year? It’s only been a week, but it’s very possible we have fallen from the new path we were taking. Perhaps within yourself you said you would be at every service, and yet have already missed one or more. Maybe you planned to read the Bible every day, but missed some days.

It’s not too late to start over and get back on the path. Too often, people let falling away from some endeavor keep them from even trying again. I’m so very thankful the LORD let’s us get up from whence we have fallen, repent, and continue on.

As John wrote in the above verse to the church at Ephesus, when we fall, repent, and do the first works. We can start again and begin anew. Maybe you have fallen away from the LORD totally. It’s not too late to repent and return unto the LORD. As long as you have life

and the mental ability to repent, you can. Peter told Simon in Acts 8:21-22, “²¹Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. ²²Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

When we fall by sinning, we need to repent and pray for forgiveness. The LORD is faithful and just to forgive us. John wrote in I John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

We are only one week into the new year. Maybe you have failed on some or all of resolutions. Whatever you wanted to accomplish, and especially those things for the LORD, repent, pray for forgiveness if sin is involved and start anew. Today might not be New Years Day, but it can be in the sense that we can start over today just like it’s January 1.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Matthew 15:9, “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

We live in an area where people are generally religious. There is no shortage of religious groups. Even today, on the LORD’s day, they are meeting and worshiping. Is it possible they might be doing this and still be lost? Surely, as long as you are sincere, the LORD is pleased.

This is NOT the case. We can be very sincere and be wrong. The LORD wants us to worship Him according to his commandments. Jesus warned of this in the above verse and repeated it in Mark 7:7, “Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.”

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—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Owen Harrington**, grandson of Shari Edwards, has been quite sick.

—As of January 1 we are now broadcasting the audio of our services to our FaceBook church group. If you would like to be in group, let us know. You can hear the services live there as well as listen back later. Each week you can also read and download the bulletin and Bible lessons from the group. We are still broadcasting to YouTube and TuneIn Radio as well posting the bulletin and Bible lessons to the church’s website.

—We have had some icy weather the past few days. If we decide not meet and cancel an evening service, we will have a service broadcast online. Sunday morning services are never canceled.

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If you are worshiping according to commandments of men, you are worshiping the LORD in a way that will keep you from Heaven. You must worship according to the Bible. Maybe people are members of groups where tradition, a council, creed, or other commandments of men change what the Bible teaches. You cannot go to Heaven and do this.

Cast aside these teachings of men. Get back to the Bible and the Bible only. Many people claim to “know” the LORD. They attend services, pray, study and do all the things that would seem to make one close to the LORD and certainly know Him. They are worshiping regularly and fervently. Surely such a one as this might seem saved, but as we have seen from the above verses they are not if they are following the commandments of men. How can we know that we know the LORD? John answered this in John 2:3, “*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*”

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Sunday, January 1, 2017		
Classes	26	Philippians 1:1-11
Preaching	27	II Corinthians 5:17; “New” in Revelation
Contribution	\$1,033.00	
Evening	15	Singing - Psalm 121:1-8
Wednesday, January 4, 2017		
Classes	16	Esther 6:1-14

Visitors— Jan 1 (AM) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

When the king (Ahasuerus) could not sleep,
what was done for him?

Last Week’s Answer— Because it is good (Proverbs 24:13)

We are warned in Proverbs 14:12, “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*” Two chapters later in Proverbs 16:25 almost the exact same words are repeated, “*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*” The LORD’s way is the only way that leads to life eternal.

—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)