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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

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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 your 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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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sherry Crabtree, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.** The Crabtrees have been quite sick

this past week, but are mostly over it now.

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If you are worshipping according to commandments of men, you are worshipping 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 worshipping 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.*”

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.

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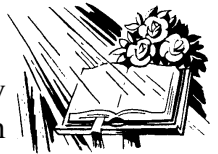
Sunday, January 1, 2023		
Classes	10	Mark 1:1-11
Preaching	18	“New” in Revelation
Contribution	\$1600.00	
Evening	12	Singing (Psalm 1)
Wednesday, January 4, 2023		
Classes	9	Ephesians 5:1-20

Bible Quiz

What descended upon Jesus like a dove?

Last Week’s Answer— I am strong (Joel 3:10)

—Just a reminder of what books we are studying in the auditorium classes—Sunday morning is Mark, Sunday evening is Amos, and Wednesday evening is Ephesians. You can check the bulletin online to see where we are in book and then can listen online to that chapter being read before we study it.



—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)