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James 4:14, “*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*”

Today is July 1. As of today we are now in the second half of 2018. It’s hard to believe that over one half of the year is behind us. I often hear others talking about how fast time is moving. I’m sure it’s at the same speed as always, but it seems to go faster. Much of this is probably because we are so occupied from the time we get up until we go to bed. When each day is so full, one day quickly leads into another.

Regardless of how we perceive the passing of time, one thing is certain, our lives here are brief and we soon will be in eternity. It’s hard for young people to really think that the end of life is near because most of their lives are ahead of them if they live full lives.

Even if we live 100 years, our days are soon over. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 90:9-10, “*For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.*”¹⁰*The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be*

fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”

People do so much planning for life. We plan for retirement, our health, what we plan to do with our houses, vacations, etc. With many there is great planning, but no plans are made for after this life.

Each person reading this can pretty much be assured that in 100 years from this very moment, you will be in eternity. I know that I will be, and in much fewer years than that.

The LORD does expect us to plan. He addressed that in Luke 14:28, “*For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?*” We need to plan ahead, but we most of all need to plan for what is after this life.

In James 4 the ones traveling to do business had a good plan. We are told in James 4:13, “*Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain.*” They knew the time frame of their endeavors. They knew which city they planned to visit. They planned to stay a year, and knew what they would do when they arrived.

It was not their detailed planning that was being addressed by James. It was that they left the LORD out of their plans. In verse 15 James says, “*For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*”

Planning for the future is not wrong. We have to plan so we can be prepared if the LORD permits us to live to be quite old. Where most err is leaving the LORD out of their plans.

Let’s plan ahead for the day we will depart this life. It will come, and come sooner than we think.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis.**

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing. This coming Wednesday we will finish our study of Revelation. If you want to be reading ahead, on July 8 we will begin a study of I Chronicles.

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Revelation 22:1-2, “¹*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*”

This time of year one of the most enjoyable things to do in a rural area is to have fresh vegetables from a garden. There is no time that foods such as tomatoes, corn, beans, etc., taste as good as when first picked from the garden and brought right to the table.

With the nature of seasons and crops, we only get to enjoy that fresh garden taste for days and weeks at best and then it’s over until the next year. We cherish the fresh taste that can only be had for a little while. Vegetables canned or frozen and consumed later just are not the same. Wouldn’t it be nice if every tomato, anytime, always tasted as wonderful as when first picked right from the garden?

I can’t help but think of Revelation 22:2 where we are told that the tree of life yields it’s fruit every month. In Heaven, the saved will be able to partake of this fruit “every month.” Whatever this may entail, we can know that it will always be fresh and new and beyond anything we could ever possibly partake of in this life. It will never taste stale, old, or anything but the freshest of fresh.

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Sunday, June 24, 2018		
Classes	21	Titus 2:4-10
Preaching	26	Jude (Ungodly)
Contribution	\$806.46	
Evening	25	Zechariah 3:1-4:14
Wednesday, June 27, 2018		
Classes	19	Revelation 21:1-27

Visitors— June 24 (AM) Earl Bowles (Cub Run, KY)
June 24 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Those who enter into the holy city are written where?

Last Week’s Answer— Resurrection (Revelation 20:6)

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We wait with great anticipation for a garden to produce it’s fresh fruit. Let’s anticipate Heaven, and work and live in such a way that we can forever partake of that monthly fruit from the tree of life.

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—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)