

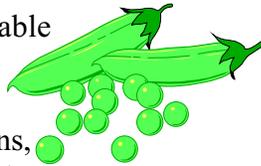
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Garden Fresh

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 simply 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, and even then, due to drought, disease, pest, etc., the vegetables might not be as good as the previous 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" and whatever this may all 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

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never taste stale, old or anything but the freshest of fresh.

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 partake of that monthly fruit from the tree of life— eternally.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Mark of the Beast

Just last Sunday evening we studied Revelation 13. In verse 17, we are told, "*And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*" I feel that the beast is the Roman Empire and the false church that developed therefrom.

The beast is certainly not Satan. We are told in Revelation 13:4 that the beast was given his power by the dragon, and Revelation 12:9 tells us that the dragon is Satan.

This beast would not buy or sell with anyone that did not have the mark of the beast. This mark most likely is referring to being a citizen of the Roman empire and supporting and worshipping the beast. It's a figurative mark that showed one's support.

I can't help but feel how we saw a very similar situation unfold in our nation just this past week. The restaurant chain Chick-fil-A has come out saying they support marriage as being between a man and a woman. Multiple cities now are asking that Chick-fil-A not come to their city because of this Biblical stance.

It's hard to believe, but even here, in the United States, and just this past week, people are not wanting to buy, sell, or trade, or have in their city a business that does not support and back such sinful and abominable actions as same-gender marriages.

This is truly a modern day type of "the mark of the beast." Unless they support this sin, and openly show their "mark of the beast" they are not wanted. Expect much more like this as the years unfold and even more oppression of the word of God.

—Marty Edwards❖

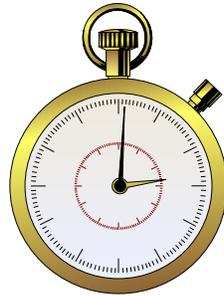
News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards. Jimmy Terry** has been hospitalized in Elizabethtown due to weakness from cancer. **Lillian Riffle** has been able to gain some weight and does not need surgery now.

—Our sympathies are extended to the family of **Rhonda Shively** who passed away this past week with cancer. She was the 48 year old sister-in-law of Melissa Quigley Shively.

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The Value of Time



—To realize the value of one *year*— ask a student who has failed a final exam.

—To realize the value of one *month*— ask a monthly magazine who has been scooped on a major story.

—To realize the value of one *week*— ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

—To realize the value of one *hour*— ask the student who is waiting for a class to end or a mother waiting anxiously for a child to arrive home late at night.

—To realize the value of one *minute*— ask the person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

—To realize the value of one *second*— ask a person who has survived an accident.

—To realize the value of one *millisecond*— Ask the person who has come in second in the Olympics. **Fitting for the current games.

Time— it waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.

—adapted from Rod Hover
via University Hills Church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Sunday, July 22, 2012		
Classes	16	John 4:43-5:15
Preaching	22	Lessons from Jonah
Contribution	\$533.00	
Evening	14	Revelation 13:1-18
Wednesday, July 25, 2012		
Classes	23	Joshua 6:1-27

Visitors—
 Jul 22 (AM) Lurline Mires (Rex, KY); Cressy Jones (Bonnieville, KY)
 Jul 25 (PM) Aiden Harrington (Scotts Hill, TN); Kyle Cline (Upton, KY)

Bible Quiz

Where was John standing when he saw the seven-headed beast rise out of the sea?

Last Week's Answer— Two wings of a great eagle to fly into the wilderness (Revelation 12:14)



August 1 — Mark & Kim Quigley ❖ August 12 — Kim Quigley
 August 27 — Elaine Reynolds ❖ August 28 — Jerry 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)