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Ezekiel 46:9, “*But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.*”

When the people came together for the solemn feasts and came to worship, they were commanded concerning which gate they were to exit. When one would enter by the north gate, they had to leave by the south gate. If they came in by the south, they were to go by the way of the north.

During times of large crowds during the solemn feasts this no doubt made for much more orderly flow of the people as they entered and exited. Although this helped with crowd control, I don't feel this is the reason the LORD had them do this.

I feel this was possibly a lesson showing people how their worship

and service to the LORD was to be one way. There was to be no turning around. Many people will enter into service of the LORD when they obey Him, but with time they begin to slow down, turn around, and go the way from whence they came.

We need to go in the same direction for the LORD always. There are times of discouragement and even falling, but we do not need to reverse our course. The people to whom Ezekiel said this were not told what to do if they walked slower or even fell. They were simply told not to turn around and leave by the opposite gate.

The LORD doesn't want us to slow up or fall in His work. He certainly doesn't want us to turn around and go back to the way we were before turning to Him. We are told in Luke 9:62, “*And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*”

Don't let false doctrine deceive you. Many teach that you cannot be lost once you are saved. The Bible is very clear that you can be. We are warned of the severity of turning from the LORD after we have escaped from the world. It's worse to leave the LORD than to have never come to the LORD. Peter wrote in II Peter 2:20-21, “²⁰*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.* ²¹*For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*”

Many that Paul had written were trying to be justified by the old law. They were leaving the law of Christ and turning back. Paul told them in Galatians 5:4, “*Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry** and **Shirley Parson**. Remember **Erin Davis** who has some issues that are causing her continuous and chronic pain. Erin attended here many years ago but now lives in Maryland and views our services via YouTube.

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After Simon had obeyed the LORD by baptism in Acts 8, he sinned by trying to purchase the power of the Holy Ghost with money. Peter told him in Acts 8:20-21, “²¹*Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*” ²²*Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*” He had gone back into sin. He was told what to do. He was to repent and pray.

John told the church at Ephesus in 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.*” They had been serving the LORD. What they had been doing at the first, John told them to do once again. They had fallen. They were told to repent.

If any of these who had been in the LORD and were told to repent, had died with their sins unforgiven, there is no way they (or we) could be saved with unforgiven sins. No sin can enter Heaven. We are told in Revelation 21:27, “*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*”

We must follow the LORD all the days of our lives. Let’s never turn around and go the opposite direction. Always follow the same path that will lead us to eternal life.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, June 3, 2018		
Classes	17	Titus 1:12-13
Preaching	25	Hebrews 11:1-6
Contribution	\$758.75	
Evening	21	Singing (Psalm 121:1-8)
Wednesday, June 6, 2018		
Classes	21	Revelation 19:1-10

Visitors— June 3 (PM) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was written upon the thigh of The Word of God?

Last Week’s Answer— The sea (Revelation 18:21)

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Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. —Psalm 119:35

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. —Psalm 119:105

—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)