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Galatians 2:20, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*

Hebrews 6:6, *“If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.”*

I’m sure we all have felt like we wish we could have been there at the crucifixion of Jesus to offer Him comfort and support. We could have been there with His family and closest friends. Just being with someone who is suffering offers them great support.

When we are about to undergo something serious that requires a hospital stay, it really helps to have someone with us. It helps even more so to have someone with us who has undergone the same thing. They can offer us comfort and hope.

We certainly cannot go back and be with Jesus at the foot of the

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cross, but we can do even better. When we obey the LORD we are not only with Him at the crucifixion, but we are crucified with Him. Though we are not actually crucified, our obedience to the LORD makes us as though we are crucified with Him. We are partakers of His sufferings. I Peter 4:13, *“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”*

No, we are not feeling the physical pain that Christ did upon the cross. Most likely none of us have ever felt such intense suffering as those long hours upon the cross, and I pray we never do. But, by our obedience and submission to the LORD, we are crucified with Him and we are partakers of His sufferings. This makes us empathize with Him and no doubt even now brings joy to the LORD to know we are willing to suffer with Him.

In contrast, when we sin and fall away from the LORD, we are not crucified with the LORD. We are actually on the other side and crucifying Him. The writer of Hebrews says when we fall away we crucify Him afresh, and put Him to an open shame.

I cannot imagine someone more guilty of sin than those who mocked and crucified the sinless Jesus upon the cross. John in Revelation 1:7 even wrote about this group of people and how they would see Jesus when He returns. *“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”*

We choose which side we are on by the way we live our lives. If we are living for the LORD, we are crucified with Him, but yet we live, and will be alive forevermore like He is. If we fall away from the LORD, we are actually with those who crucified Him. We are making that choice even now, and it will forever determine our eternal destiny.

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher**, **Steve Seaton**, **Shirley Parson**, **Brad Terry**, and **Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin). **Clay & Wanda Bozarth** (the parents of Ruby Edwards) are both having some health issues.

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Jeremiah 21:8, “*And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.*”

We are in the midst of warm weather and this is the time that most traveling is done. People go on vacations and enjoy touring about while the weather is warm and pleasant. When you plan for such a trip, there is a major choice that needs to be made. You have to choose where you are going. Even while traveling you make decisions about which road you will take.

Jeremiah was told by the LORD that they had two ways. They had the way of death and the way of life. It would seem obvious to take the way of life. But many of the people chose the way of death as do so many today.

If you were driving and saw a sign that warned of very serious dangers ahead such as bridge out, you would obviously choose the other direction that leads to safety. Yet, on the road of life, people are choosing the path of destruction.

Just as when traveling we need a map and guidance, we need guidance in life— the word of God. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 119:105, “*Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” There is no way we could drive after dark without headlights. We cannot navigate the spiritual darkness of this world without the spiritual light of God’s word.

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| Sunday, June 9, 2019 | | |
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| Classes | 17 | James 2:10-17 |
| Preaching | 25 | Joshua 24:14-27; John 4:17-29 |
| Contribution | \$1035.00 | |
| Evening | 14 | Matthew 16:5-28 |
| Wednesday, June 12, 2019 | | |
| Classes | 26 | Ruth 1:1-22 |

Visitors— Jun 9 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What time of year did Naomi and Ruth come to Bethlehem?

Last Week’s Answer— The Arabians (II Chronicles 17:11)

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We have set before us the way of life and the way of death. It is totally up to us to choose the path we take. We soon will come to the end of our journey in this life. One path leads to eternal death, while the other leads to everlasting life. Choose now. Choose the path of life.

—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)