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Matthew 1:1, “*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*”

Revelation 22:21, “*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.*”

The two above verses are the first and last verses of the New Testament. Both verses have one thing in common. They both contain the name of Jesus, as well as the title of Jesus— Christ.

It’s interesting that the very opening of the New Testament and the final words written to us both mention Jesus. Jesus is central to the New Testament. Jesus is mentioned all throughout the New Testament. From His birth, ministry, and finally His death upon the cross and resurrection, Jesus is at the very core of the New Testament.

We cannot preach the gospel and tell others of salvation without talking about Jesus. When Philip was teaching the eunuch, we are told in Acts 8:35, “*Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*”

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When Paul was at Athens, he preached unto them Jesus. Acts 17:18, “. . . *because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.*” At Corinth Paul preached Jesus along with his companions. II Corinthians 1:19, “*For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, [even] by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.*” To preach Jesus is to tell about Him, His life, and what He offers us.

When we open up the New Testament, it would be difficult to even find an opening of the pages where Jesus is not mentioned. Jesus is mentioned in every book of the New Testament.

Often I’ve had people ask me what I preached about last Sunday, etc. I could truthfully say, “I preached Jesus.” Certainly we preach from passages that don’t mention the name of Jesus, but even in the Old Testament, Jesus is always there. He is not mentioned by name, but beginning in Genesis 3 throughout the Old Testament, Jesus is foreshadowed.

I feel we often don’t think enough about just how much Jesus did for us in giving up His glory in Heaven, living as a man, and dying for us. He did all this because of His love for us and wanting us to be with Him eternally in Heaven.

In Revelation 1:17 Jesus said, “. . . *I am the first and the last.*” Jesus means there is no one before Him or after Him. He is eternal, and the only one who offers salvation. No one is before Him and no one is after Him. He is eternal.

Jesus said He was the first and the last. He truthfully is, but it’s interesting that Jesus is mentioned in the first and last verses of the New Testament. —Marty Edwards❖

I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen. —Revelation 1:18

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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II Chronicles 8:16, “*Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. [So] the house of the LORD was perfected.*”

When the house of the LORD (the temple) that Solomon built was finished, the above verse tells us that it was perfected. That means it was done and complete.

We likewise are always working to perfect our houses we live in. With time we make home improvements. We make additions later on. It is a constant process to keep perfecting our houses. It’s something we do as long as we live in them.

We are the temple of God. We are told in I Corinthians 3:16, “*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*” God dwells within us. We need to constantly work to perfect our spiritual houses—the temple of God. A few chapters later Paul wrote in I Corinthians 6:19, “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*”

Our bodies are the temple of God as well as the temple of the Holy Spirit. We need to make Their dwelling as near perfection as we can. We will never be sinless, but we all have things we can improve upon. As long as we are in this life we need to constantly make our temples better.

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| Sunday, June 2, 2019 | | |
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| Classes | 20 | James 2:1-9 |
| Preaching | 27 | Matthew 25:14-29 |
| Contribution | \$763.00 | |
| Evening | 18 | Singing (Psalm 61:1-8) |
| Wednesday, June 5, 2019 | | |
| Classes | 15 | II Chronicles 17:1-19 |

Visitors— June 2 (AM) Micah & Shelby Chowning (Louisville, KY)
June 5 (Wed) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Who brought Jehoshaphat 7,700 rams and 7,700 he goats?

Last Week’s Answer— The eyes of the LORD (II Chronicles 16:9)

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We rid ourselves of sinfulness and add to ourselves things that are righteous and pure. If we keep our temples of God righteous and pure, and are saved in Heaven, we then become pillars in His temple. Revelation 3:12, “*Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God.*” Let’s perfect our temples here, and we will eternally become a pillar in the temple of God.

—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)