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One of the last acts most of us do before leaving the house each morning is to take one final look in the mirror. We usually look and see if we need to make any last-minute adjustments to our hair, clothing, etc. If we are displeased with the reflection that comes back, we then proceed to make the necessary changes. Even though we may not always like what we see in the mirror, the mirror will not lie for us. It would be an injustice if it did.



We need to see what we really look like so proper changes can be made.

Likewise, the Bible is our spiritual mirror. Upon examining its teachings, we may see something amiss in our lives. The Bible will not lie. It may cause us to see things in our lives we don't particularly want to see, but if they are there, we need to see them and make the necessary adjustments.

Use the spiritual mirror, the Bible, every day to examine your spiritual appearance. Only you can make the changes if you are displeased with the reflection.

—Marty Edwards

James 1:23-24, “²³For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass : ²⁴For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

What keeps a sick person going when they do not feel like continuing?

—The **hope** of recovery

What keeps an impoverished family from despair?

—The **hope** of better times

What keeps an athlete performing with great pain?

—The **hope** of victory

What keeps a student going year after year?

—The **hope** of graduation

What keeps us from despair during a storm?

—The **hope** of calm

What keeps us going when we are exhausted?

—The **hope** of rest

What keeps our fears at bay during darkness?

—The **hope** of light

What keeps gloom from overwhelming a lonesome shut-in?

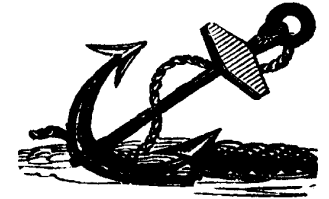
—The **hope** of a visitor

What keeps us going after the death of a loved one?

—The **hope** of the resurrection

What keeps and sustains our entire being all our lives?

—The **hope** of Heaven and everlasting life



The writer of Hebrews states in Hebrews 6:18-19, “*That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast. . .*” We probably never realize how much we utilize hope. Every day we are using hope as we go about our daily lives. Without it, there would be no reason to continue in our endeavors. It is the anchor of the soul.

Unlike the world, our hope is not based upon silver and gold, fame, or any other temporal pleasures. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in I Timothy 1:1, “*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Lillian Riffle** and **Shirley Edwards. Allen Terry** is being moved to Jewish Hospital in Louisville for open heart surgery. **Allen Riffle** had surgery in New Mexico this past Thursday on his foot. His wife, **Breanna**, is having a lot of issues with allergies on her skin.

—Don't forget that you can find the current Wednesday night lesson posted on the Church's web site as well as the current bulletin and all the bulletins for the past few years. There is also an archive of the audio of services as well as recordings of the Bible.

—Tonight we will continue our look at Revelation with chapter 7.



Six P's of Bible Study

Bible study is vitally important. Man's usefulness in life as well as his happiness in eternity demands an understanding and an obedience to the Word of God. As we consider our study of the Scriptures, we must do it in the following ways:



1. *Periodically* — Read on a regular schedule. (Acts 17:11)
2. *Purposefully* — Study with a definite plan in mind. (II Timothy 2:15)
3. *Pensively* — Read reflectively and thoughtfully. (Psalm 119:97)
4. *Persistently* — Keep at it. Don't grow discouraged. (I Peter 2:2)
5. *Prayerfully* — If any lacks wisdom, let him ask of God. (James 1:5)
6. *Properly* — God's word must be rightly divided, or handled accurately. (II Timothy 2:15)

—Curry St. Church of Christ
West Plains, MO

Sunday, May 13, 2012		
Classes	13	Luke 24:33-49
Preaching	27	Mothers of the Bible
Contribution	\$726.00	
Evening	16	Revelation 6:1-17
Wednesday, May 16, 2012		
Classes	17	Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Visitors—
 May 13 (AM) Cressy Jones (Bonnieville, KY); Anthony Candella (Glasgow, KY); Tony, Veronica and Logan Terry (Berea, KY)
 May 13 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY); April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)
 May 16 (Wed) Madison Gaddy (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

What noise did John hear when the Lamb opened the first seal?

Last Week's Answer— The Word (Deuteronomy 30:14)

—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)