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A mule fell into a dry well. The farmer directed his sons to bury the mule, but the mule was still alive and relatively unharmed. As the boys threw dirt down on the mule, he simply shrugged it off and tramped on it. After some time, he had tramped so much dirt under him that he simply walked out of the well. That which was intended to cover the mule was the very means by which he arose.

All throughout our lives we will have obstacles and setbacks that will beset us. There may be family, money, marriage, school, and any number of problems. If we let them pile upon us without ever trying to dig out, we will become buried.

How can we overcome and climb out of such difficulties? So many people turn to drugs, alcohol, extravagant purchases, and riotous living, all in a effort to displace the problems, but the problems are only amplified. When the newness of these pseudo cures is gone, the original problems are still there, looming larger than ever. I'm reminded of Asa in II Chronicles 16:12. We are told that he had an exceedingly great disease in his feet. Instead of turning to the Lord, he turned to the physicians. The next verse tells us he died.

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We need to turn to the Lord. We are told in I Peter 5:7 regarding the Lord, “*Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you.*” Living in this mortal realm, we will have problems, but as Christians, we can take them to the Lord and cast them upon Him. Approach the Lord in prayer. Even if the Lord’s will is not to rid us of our burden, the grace of the Lord will be sufficient for us as it was regarding Paul’s thorn in the flesh. Read carefully the words of Paul in II Corinthians 12:7-10 ⁷*And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.* ⁸*For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.* ⁹*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* ¹⁰*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

—Marty Edwards❖

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What Caused Rome to Fall?

The fall of the great Roman Empire was attributed by Gibbon, the famous historian, to five failures upon the part of both citizens and government of that empire. As you ponder these, measure them alongside our own nation’s conduct.

1. The rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public money in a frivolous and reckless way.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher.**

—**Larry Compton** was injured last Wednesday while splitting wood. A piece flew up and hit him in the face breaking his nose and shifting to the side and causing the bones to protrude. One eye is nearly swollen shut. He is recovering and it's very sore but he is not in a lot of pain.

—Thanks to **Mitch & Sandy Duncan** for hosting the chili supper last Sunday evening. It was very well attended. All enjoyed the worship service around the bonfire and a wonderful meal following.

—**Allen & Breanna Riffle** were omitted from the October anniversary list. They celebrated their 6th wedding yesterday, October 25.

—Keep in mind that our Sunday evening service times have returned to 4:00 p.m. until the time change next Spring.

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3. The mad craze for pleasure— sports becoming every year more brutal, hence, more and more exciting.

4. The building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was within— the decadence of the people.

5. The decay of religion— faith fading into mere form. Losing touch with life, and becoming indifferent to guidance.

Think carefully about these five causes for the fall of a great nation. Perhaps it is much later than we think. Solomon said in Proverbs 14:34, *“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”*

—Tommy Exum
Wingate bulletin, Nashville, TN

Sunday, October 19, 2014		
Classes	20	Romans 8:17-30
Preaching	24	Ezekiel 8 & 37
Contribution	\$455.86	
Evening	26	Acts 28:1-5
Wednesday, October 22, 2014		
Classes	22	I Kings 15:1-34

Visitors—
 Oct 19 (AM) Jose, Sharon, & Hannah Gonzales (Munfordville)
 Oct 19 (PM) Jose, Sharon, & Hannah Gonzales (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

What did Paul gather and lay on a fire?

Last Week's Answer— The LORD (Psalm 24:8, 10)

Standard time returns next Sunday, November 2. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.



—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)