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Mark Davis

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Clay Morris

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### Invitation

Bryan Garlock

## ABOUT US

### Elders

Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

### Deacons

Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis      Clay Morris

### Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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Issue 1

## Growing In the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus

Bryan Garlock

Peter wrote, "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". (2 Peter 3.18) In the beginning of his letter Peter had already told his readers how to grow strong in the Lord (read 2 Peter 1.3-11). Thus, the command in 2 Peter 3.18 can only be fulfilled by diligent application of 2 Peter 1.3-11.

Contextually, Peter taught his readers to grow for specific reasons: "to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace" (3.14), to recognize false prophets, and to resist their influence (17). Everything he wrote was so that they would know these things beforehand (17a), remember the holy prophets' and apostles' commands and predications (3.2), and call these things to memory when necessary (1.12-15). Note, too, that it is not enough to just know these things. The Holy Spirit demanded that they grow (mature) in these areas.

We find, then, that growing up in Christ involves first, practicing self-control,

steadfastness, and brotherly affection, among other godly qualities, and secondly, knowing Jesus — His character, His nature, His will and promises so that we are not carried away by error (2 Peter 3.1-13; cf. Eph. 4.1-16).

If we do not grow it is extremely easy to be led astray, whether by false teachers or temptations to gratify the desires of the flesh. Interestingly, those who do not grow will become like the false teachers. Read 2 Peter 2.1-22. While Peter described false teachers, notice that they have the same character and qualities as disciples of Jesus who refuse to grow up in Christ. Even more striking is the fact that the false prophets are labeled as "blots and blemishes" (13) whereas growing saints are to "be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish" (3.14). What a contrast!

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, W.H. McFerrin, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

**Ladies Bible Class:** The next class is Tuesday, **Jan. 14, 2020;** 12:00 at Jean Crone's and 6:00 at the Calvert's.

Remember **Maxine Burnham** at the Waterton Plaza, Room 103.

**Wendell Mobley** got good results from his heart cath.

**Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.**

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Besides all these things, one of the main themes that runs through Peter's letter is patience. First, he instructed them to supplement their faith with steadfastness (2 Peter 1.6). This was one quality that the false teachers lacked. No wonder they scoffed and said, "Where is the promise of his coming?" (3.4) — they did not have patience! Secondly, Peter taught about God's patience, that is, that He is patient to judge because He desires all to come to repentance (3.9).

This is why the apostle ends his letter, "beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation..."

(3.14-15). If we do not grow we will be immature. Immature disciples do not wait; rather, they give in to the pleasures of this life. Mature disciples can and will wait, no matter the amount of time and no matter the amount of difficulty they must endure. It is only when we wait on the Lord that we can enjoy the "precious and very great promises" (1.4) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. BG

## A Great Evangelistic Tool

Scott Smelser

I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-Bible-Reading, better than debates, better than cable TV.

What is it? It is brethren not being conformed to the world.

If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable outlet to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world, talk like the world, and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around.

When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane.

If our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.

But if people learn self-denial (Lk. 9:23), learn submission to God and care for our neighbor (Matt. 22), learn to be servants (Jn. 13), learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:8), learn to invest in family (Titus 2:5; Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (Matt. 23), then bright lights will shine.

"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light... having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that...they may glorify God" (1 Pet. 2:9-12).

"Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God...and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:1,2).

We are not called simply to know some things different from the world — we are called to rise above the world, and to "be holy" (1 Pet. 1:15). And when people become that kind of light in the world, they become great evangelistic tools in God's service.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, TV, and mail outs.

## God Belongs in the Center

Rusty Miller

In the early chapters of Numbers, we are treated to a layout of the camp of Israel. Three tribes camped on the east side (2:1-9), three on the south (2:10-16), three on the west (2:18-24), and three on the north (2:25-30). In the center of the

camp, the Levites were to set up the tabernacle (2:17). Why is this important? It means that God was at the center of the camp, and God was to be their focus, at the heart of everything Israel did.

Dads, what about your camp? Is God set up at the center? Is He the focus of all that you are trying to accomplish with your family? Do your children understand that He comes first in all that you do?

## 10 Lessons to Instill in Children

(Unknown)

If you're thankful, show it

**Luke 17:11-18**

If you love someone, tell them

**John 15:12**

If you're wrong, fess up

**James 5:12**

If you're confused, ask questions

**James 1:5**

If you learn something, teach others

**Colossians 3:16**

If you're stuck, ask for help

**Matthew 7:7**

If you make a mistake, apologize

**Matthew 5:23-24**

If you trip, get back up

**Psalms 37: 23-24**

If someone needs help, help them

**Galatians 6:2**

If you see wrong, take a stance

**Ephesians 6:14**

**1 Pet. 4:11** *Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*