

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 5, 2011



Does Jesus Even Care?

by Robert Notgrass

Does Jesus Care when your heart is hurt or upset to the point that you have no joyful song left in you to sing? Does He care when you are loaded down with burdens and your fears become overwhelming? Does He care when you look down the road in your life only for you to discover that you are no longer on the strait and narrow to Him and we find it difficult to find that path again when you are standing on the destructive footpath of life? Does He care enough to be near you at the close of the day when you are standing there alone with your faith weakened from the world? Does he care when your friends die and when those you hold so dear in your life fade back into the ground and is now only a memory of what use to be? Does he care when you think about all these things as your hearts break with sadness over what you have endured in life?

Yes, He cares! We can be assured that he cares and that his heart is touched and concerned with our grief. When we read the book of Luke, we notice that it says, "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it" (Lk. 19:41). Jesus shows his compassion as he looked upon the city of Jerusalem and sobbed because he knew that the city was doomed and that there was no hope of a suspension or reprieve of this sentence.

Yes, He cares! The Hebrew writer said, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;" (Heb. 5:7, 8). Jesus cared enough to suffer. He cares enough for mankind that he was willing to experience the physical pain and torture of the cross. Jesus did this because He cares. Thus He said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." (Jn. 10:18)

Our Master is compassionate! He cares when you are hurt, when you are burdened, overwhelmed, when you have fallen, and when you are alone. He knows these things because He knows you and when your days make you worn-out and they are filled with depressing thoughts, remember that your Saviors cares!

Help with VBS Supplies!

Drinks *Snacks* *Chips*

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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Don't Give Up!

by Robert Notgrass

There is not a single person that has not endured human suffering. It seems that some people go through more than their share of suffering, but such is the normalcy of life. Many of us have witnessed someone cry out, "Why me, God!" And because of inadequate answers to their cry, human suffering wrecked their faith. These are real people needing real answers to real problems!

God does not exempt us from the problems of human suffering simply because we are his children. How ironic it is to hear Christians express the opinion that we should be immune to pain or suffering. Yet, God does promise a way to endure and bear-up under troubles that drive us to the edge. During troubled hours, we can have hope. (2 Corinthians 3:12).

The world does not understand the meaning or the purpose of life. The world thinks that hedonism, which is, "The pursuit that pleasure or happiness is the sole or chief good in life" is the only way to live. Yet, Christians can be comforted and depend on God, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" (1 John 2:15). However, too often we hear the phrases, "Whatever makes me happy" or "whatever makes the majority happy" is the single pursuit of humanity. This and the world's meaning of life brings a shallow definition of life and human suffering.

However, the Bible, the inspired word of God, teaches the true meaning of life. God said, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his command- ments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). The Bible affirms that as long as we follow Him, we will never, never be alone. First, we are not alone because Christians are to "Bear ye one another's burdens, (Galatians 6:2). Secondly, we cannot be alone because the Great God in Heaven is the "Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble" (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4).

How glorious it is to have great support from Christians & God and such comfort in the holy scriptures when our faith is tried! We know that when our faith is tested by the world, we can be comforted that our triumphant victory over such things will be found as praise and honor and glory to Christ (1 Pet. 1:7). Also, prayer to God is a comforting time for Christians. It allows us all to know that someone is listening and cares for us. God has always been here for us and even though we may be tried or suffer in life, one glorious day "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4)

Join us at the Coldwater VBS

JUNE 12-16----6:30 - 8:00 PM

A Different Adult Class Teacher Each Night:

Sunday: **Chance Steen** (MSOP, Pickwick Church of Christ)
Monday: **Dan Cates** (Independence Church of Christ)
Tuesday: **Jason Hilburn** (Nesbit Church of Christ)
Wednesday: **Will Anderson** (MSOP, Courtland Church of Christ)
Thursday: **Lee Otis Smith** (Central Avenue Church of Christ)

**Believe It
or Not...
IT'S IN THE BIBLE**

WHO?
All Ages!

WHAT?
Vacation Bible School

WHERE?
Coldwater Church of Christ
2008 HWY 306 . Coldwater

WHEN?
June 12-16 • 6:30pm

For More Info, Call 662-622-7951

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Sermon Review

"HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?"

- I. About the One that became the **SON**.
- II. About the One that became the **SACRIFICE**.
- III. About the One that became our **SAVIOR**.

THE PLEASURES OF VISITING

- I. VISITING PLEASURES the **DIVINE**.
- II. VISITING PLEASURES the **VISITED**.
- III. VISITING PLEASURES the **VISITOR**.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Carson Kinney has the flu.

Nora Boling is in room 132 of the B-Wing of the Senatobia Convalescent Center.

Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Chris Holmes.

Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes with full time mission work.

Family & Friends

Janie Brister--Ruth's sister-in-law, has requested our prayers. She has multiple health problems.

Wiley's Cousins--suffered a house fire, and have some injuries as a result. They are out of the hospital.

Victims of recent storms.

Margaret Row--Rebecca Brown's aunt, is in the hospital in Springfield, MO, in critical condition.

Ray Maples--undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

James Angel--Clifton's uncle; his cancer is back, and he is receiving radiation and chemo therapy again.

Carla Carlson--member at Nesbit, has requested prayers.

Scott McNeer--friend of Ginger's friend, he has cancer and may only have a few months to live.

Trey Hanks; Waid Wilkes; Jimmy Young

Gloria Angel--Clifton's grandmother, seems to be doing better.

Family of Rob Dinklewalker; Richard & Pat Allen; Margie Verrell; Wilton Wooten; Clay Collums; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Brianna Edwards; Steve Angel; Dave Leonard, Sr.;

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.

June Anniversaries

Andy & Molly Ratliff	6/5
Caleb & Elizabeth Baker	6/8
Adam & Claire Sowell	6/25
Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell	6/26
Jim & Mischel Jackson	6/28

June Birthdays

Amanda Ferrell	6/3	Shane Staten	6/17
Melaney Ferrell	6/13	Emily Staten	6/20
Claire Sowell	6/15	Tammy Johnson	6/22
Henry Sowell	6/27		

Get Involved!

Sunday Night for the Savior TONIGHT!
June 5--Bring Finger Foods & Contacts!

Independence Gospel Meeting
June 5-9--Darrin Stapleton
Jesus Is The Answer

Coldwater Trade Days
June 11--Signup Sheet on back table!

Coldwater VBS--June 12-16
6:30 PM Each Night--**ALL AGES!**

SLCC--June 19-25--Session 2

Independence VBS--June 27-29
7:00-8:30PM Each Night.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 5

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Johnny Bayless
	Andy Ratliff
Assist	Shane Staten
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Evening

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Andy Ratliff
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Caleb Baker

Wednesday, June 8

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Adam Sowell