

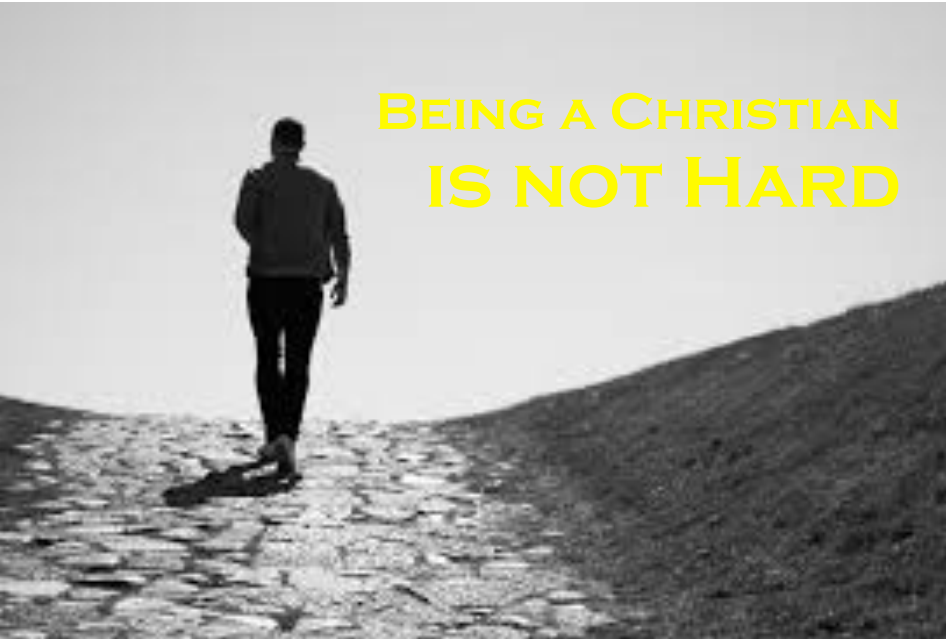
The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 2, 2015



BEING A CHRISTIAN IS NOT HARD



That's right. I said it. It is not hard being a Christian. Do Christians suffer? Yes. Do they die physically? Yes. Do they sometimes die sooner than expected? Yes. Do Christians lose loved ones sooner than expected? Yes. Are Christians persecuted? Yes. Are they persecuted when doing what is right? Yes. Do Christians have to labor and toil to provide for their families just as the rest of the world? Yes. So, how is it that I can say being a Christian is not hard?

This statement of truth is derived from the words of Proverbs 13:15—"Good understanding giveth favor: but the

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

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

P.O. Box 321

2008 Hwy. 306

(1.2 miles east of I-55)

Coldwater, MS 38618

(662) 622-7951

emailus@coldwatercofc.com

www.coldwatercofc.com

ELDERS

Billy Bland

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

way of transgressors is **hard.**" The truth is, being a Christian is not hard, but being a transgressor is. The truth of this proverb is focused on the whole and the end of the transgressor's path. What is the difference between a Christian and a transgressor? Do Christians not still transgress? Oh, they do (1 John 1:8). The difference is the Christian has access to the sin-cleansing blood of Christ as long as he is striving to walk in the light (1 John 1:7). The transgressor does not have such access because he continuously walks in darkness (1 John 1:6), not seeking to repent of his sinful ways. Sadly, some Christians choose the life of transgression again (2 Peter 2:20-22). However, it is God's desire that every transgressor turn to Christ before the end (2 Peter 3:9).

Let's consider three primary reasons "the way of transgressors is hard," but the way of Christians is not. **(1) The transgressor's pleasure is temporal;** the Christian's pleasure is eternal. It is said of Moses that he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25). **(2) The transgressor's hope is empty;** the Christian's hope is full and alive. Peter says that Christians born again "unto a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3) **(3) The transgressor's end is punishment;** the Christian's end is reward. Of continual transgressors, Jesus said, "these shall go away into everlasting punishment" (Matthew 25:46), but concerning faithful Christians He said, "But the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46).

The way of Christians is not easy. However, it is also not "hard" like the way of transgressors. Because in the life of a Christian, pleasure is eternal, hope is full and alive, and the end result is reward. If you truly want the good life, choose Christ while there is still time.

–written by Clifton Angel

Beginning
Aug. 2nd
@ 1 p.m.



Sermon Review

IN TIMES OF NEED, READ THE PSALMS

(Sermon not original with Clifton Angel; All references to Psalms)

- | | |
|--|--|
| I. Afraid (56:1–6; 91:9–13). | VII. Grateful (40:5; et al.). |
| II. Angry (37:7–8; 58:9–11). | VIII. Happy (66:1–4). |
| III. Burdened with Sin (32:1–2; 51:1–4, 10–13; 40:11–12). | IX. Lonely (62:5–7; 71:7–10). |
| IV. Discouraged (42:5–6, 8–10). | X. Resentful (77:4–6). |
| V. Doubtful (119:81–88). | XI. Worried/Anxious (73:21–24; 42). |
| VI. Forsaken/Abandoned (88:13–18). | |

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Rachel & Lily Wilkes, nearing baby's arrival, Rachel is on moderate bedrest; **Joe Owen**, scheduled to have surgery Aug 17 at Methodist Germantown; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

NetCasters

Fishers of Men

Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Jillian Angel, fractured foot & moving 4 hours away in next 2 weeks; **Choya & Janie Harris**, neighbors of Jason who are having serious complications after motorcycle accident; **Corinne Elkins**; **Tammy Powell**, Janie Brister's daughter, very sick; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister battling major nerve & mental problems; **Claire Webster**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Elise Iglinsky**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Walter Huffman**; **Coleen**, friend of Inez; **Rye family**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **John & Anita Simpson and family**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Billie Kid**; **Andrew Jones**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**; **Janie Brister**; **Ray Hendrix**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

8/15	Carolyn Davis	8/19	Will Brooks
8/16	Clifton Angel	8/25	Addi Bayless
8/16	Whitney Wadsworth	8/26	Jim Jackson
8/19	Ron Johnson	8/28	Jerry Davis

Anniversaries

8/2	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/6	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/18	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

DVD Series — The Truth About Moral Issues
Beginning TODAY @ 1 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — TODAY
Between services

Coldwater Youth Lock-In — Aug 7 — 7 PM
Sign up for head count for pizza & bring \$5
Need adult volunteers, also!

Providence Place Devo — Aug 9 — 2 PM

Redbirds Game — Aug TBD

Polishing the Pulpit — Aug 21 – 27
www.polishingthepulpit.com

Have a Bible Question? Submit it in the ? Box!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 2

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Joe Owen
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Chris Martin
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Will Brooks
	Dylan Moore
Opening Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	DVD, Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Dylan Moore
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Wednesday, August 5

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Chris Martin
Prayer	Jerry Davis