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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Proverbs 17:1-2
“Better is a dry morsel and
quietness with it than a house
full of feasting with strife. A
servant who acts wisely will
rule over a son who acts
shamefully.”

*“There is not one blade of grass, there is no
color in this world that is not intended to make
us rejoice.”*

John Calvin

*“Our fall was, has always been, and always will
be, that we aren’t satisfied in God and what
God gives.”*

Ann Voskamp

To Win The Prize

This week 7-time Tour De France winner Lance Armstrong admitted publically that he took performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) during all seven of his Tour De France cycling victories. For years Armstrong had challenged everyone who suggested that he cheated, even taking some people to court. Armstrong’s cancer research foundation, Livestrong, raised millions of dollars based on Armstrong’s performance and his own battle with cancer. Inspiration turned to disappointment for his fans as he detailed his deceptions in an interview with Oprah Winfrey.

In I Corinthians 9:24-25 Paul talked about competing in races: “Do you not know that those who run in a

race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”

Our spiritual journey is challenging on many fronts. We are tested daily. We are likely to accumulate false friends and true enemies as we follow Christ. Jesus always described the walk of faith as a difficult one. But we must press on regardless of how the world may treat us. Of the original 12 apostles, it is believed that only one (John) did not face martyrdom. The Hebrew writer states that many people who lived by

faith in the Old Testament era “were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated...” (Heb. 11:37). But they ran their race anyway, wherever the course took them.

Paul looked back on his life with Christ without regret. He was proud of his race because he never stopped serving Christ: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” (II Tim. 4:7).

James Hayes

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All Things To All People

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Man seems intent on ignoring his Maker and living for himself. God is not pleased with that defiance, so He expects Christians to point lost souls to Him. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Scripture often uses darkness and light to describe the difference between the world and the church (II Cor. 4:3-6).

The question then becomes, how do we shine light on the world? What is the best way to contact the world without losing our faith? Paul discussed his own methods in I Corin-

thians 9:20,22: "To the Jews I became a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law...so that I might win those who are under the Law...To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I might by all means save some."

These verses have been misused for generations. Some have taken these verses to mean that Christians should *participate* in the deeds of the world so that worldly people will be favor us. We should abandon all beliefs that the world might find offensive. If the world drinks, we drink. If the world curses, we curse. If the world mini-

mizes doctrine and tradition, we minimize doctrine and tradition. And so on. But no part of Paul's words endorses that lifestyle.

Paul's message was simple: I *accommodate* certain groups of people *without compromising* what I believe. For instance, to gain an audience among the Jews, Paul circumcised Timothy (Acts 16:3). That act was not immoral nor a violation of God's will. It was an accommodation to the Jews—an effective way of making contact. We should make every effort to build a bridge between sinners and Jesus without compromising our faith.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Remember the following people in your prayers: JW Head, Kim Waller (surgery), Kyla Myers, Jay Newell, Mildred Walker, and Car-syn Thornton.
- We've done well in raising over \$61,000 in just 14 months for our building fund. This is a long-range giving plan that will last until the new facility is paid off. Continued commitment to this effort is essential to its progress.

Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com
Happy Haven Children's Home Contribution Today

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: J.W. Head

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Garrett

Serve: Donkin, Trent, J. Walker

Pray: Billingsley