
Pleasant View church of Christ
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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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Matthew 18:8

“If your hand or your foot
causes you to stumble, cut it
off and throw it from you; it
is better for you to enter life
crippled or lame, than to
have two hands or two feet
and be cast into the eternal
fire.”

“The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”

Karl Marx

*“Hell is not pleasant, appealing, or encouraging.
But hell is morally good because a good God
must punish evil.”*

Randy Alcorn

I Didn't Know

Tomorrow is April 15...income tax day. According to the U.S. Government Printing Office, the federal tax code has 13,458 pages and is bound in 20 volumes. Most of those regulations do not apply to the average taxpayer, but there are enough regulations to make the average taxpayer fear the Internal Revenue Service. Putting the wrong number on the wrong line on a 1040 could result in an audit. “But I didn't know it was wrong” will not be a valid defense.

The Masters golf tournament is being played this weekend. The golf rulebook is not as lengthy as the federal tax code, but it can be just as complicated. On Friday, Tiger Woods committed a penalty on the

15th hole. On Saturday morning, Woods was assessed a two-stroke penalty. Even if a golfer is unaware of a golf rule, he is still subject to the penalty if he violates the rule. “I didn't know I was wrong” will not be a valid defense.

Mankind is subject to God's word. There are some who think that if they are not Christians, then God's word does not apply to them. Others think that if someone has never heard the word of God, he/she is not subject to God's word. But the Bible makes it clear that the disobedient *and* the ignorant are subject to God's word. “[T]he Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, deal-

ing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus” (II Thess. 1:7-8).

If man judged the world, he would likely feel sorry for the ignorant and allow them to enter heaven. But in an attempt to be gracious, man would actually be acting offensively toward God because those ignorant people are stained with sin. Those who are unwashed by the blood of Christ cannot dwell with God for eternity. We all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10). We cannot depend on the judgments of man.

James Hayes

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I Wanna Go Back

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According to a survey conducted by Kelton Research for the National Geographic Channel, 75 percent of Americans think that the country was better off in the 1980's. The majority of the 1,000 people surveyed stated that they were wealthier and happier and that life was much simpler during that era.

But were they *really* happier? Was life that much better? Would those people want to give up their cell phones, Internet connections, and GPS devices so they can live in the supposedly blissful 1980's? Probably not. I am sure that if a similar poll were conducted in the 1980's a majority of the responders would have

considered the 1960's or 1950's to be a better time to live.

That's how we think of the past. It probably has nothing to do with wealth or politics or technology. We want to go back to an earlier time because we were younger then. In our youth we had less stress. We had no children to raise, bills to pay, or insurance to buy. We weren't worried about our 401(k) or the price of eggs. Life was in our future. Today, for some, life is in the past.

Scripture acknowledges that we'll view life like this. "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come

and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them'...

Remember him before the silver chord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed" (Eccl. 12:1,6).

In that passage, Solomon is not putting value on different stages of life. He is emphasizing the importance of maintaining our faith throughout life, during the energetic days of youth and during the slower days of adulthood. Your faith has a beginning, but it should not have an end.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Please remember Jessica Humston in your prayers. She had surgery late Friday night to remove a mass in her colon. Other areas of her body were tested. We will have new information this morning.
- It was good to see Faye Head and Jay Newell back with us last Sunday.
- Continue to remember Kim Hindman, J.W. Head, Addie Farmer, and Mildred Walker.

Vacation Bible School—June 9-13...Gospel Meeting—July 28-31
Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Baker

Pray: J. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Walker

Serve: Demonbreum, Stuard, Gupton

Pray: E. Walker