

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

“What Christianity Means To Me”

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(1). *Christianity means that I have fellowship with all of God's people.* John said, “If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” In the church of the living God...everyone is working for the same purpose and aiming at the same goal. Being a Christian, I am a partner with all of God's children, striving always for His glory, for the spread of His gospel, and for the salvation of lost souls.

(2). *Christianity means that all my sins have been blotted out.* To me this is one of the most comforting and blissful thoughts conceivable. I have made so many

mistakes, fallen so far short of my duties and obligations in the past, that I could never hold up my head again if I were not assured of the fact that in the sight of God all my guilt has been taken away by the blood of Christ.

(3). *Being a Christian I have the Holy Spirit within me.* As long as we are filled with the Spirit of God we cannot envy our neighbor, we cannot speak evil of those around us, we cannot mistreat those with whom we associate, and we cannot give way to fits of anger and ugly tempers.

(4). *Christianity means that I have a God to whom I can pray.* One who is not a

Christian has no one to whom he can pray; no one to thank for all that he has and all the blessings he enjoys; no one to call upon when in trouble, or turn to for help. What a joy to know that the God of the universe, the God of all wisdom, mercy, and power is listening when we pray! He is always near at hand and able to give us the strength, the courage, and the help we need to carry every burden we may have to bear. It makes life worth living. It dispels all gloom, and fills us with gladness and joy, both day and night.

L.R. Wilson

(*Gospel Advocate*, 1958)

Items of Note:

- Addie Farmer had a small malignancy removed around her thyroid. She is home recovering. She enjoys receiving cards.
- Randy Baker will begin non-chemo treatment after Jan 1.
- Thanks to all those who attended the Christmas dinner last night.
- Continue to pray for Paula Lee, Rick Reed, JW Head, the Newells, Mildred Walker, and David Johnson.

Men's Meeting Tonight At 5:00

Singing Tonight At 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Walker

Pray: JL Shelton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Baker

Serve: Reed, L. Newell, Demonbreum

Pray: M. Newell

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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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“Truth never damages a cause that is just.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“Justice will never be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.”

Benjamin Franklin

Hebrews 11:1
“Now faith is the substance
of things hoped for, the
evidence of things not seen.”

When Feelings And Faith Collide

“You made me mad.” “I will never get over this heartache.” “I have never been happier.”

Emotions often take control of our lives, leading us to do terrible things. When Peter was overcome with anger, he cut off Malchus’ ear. When David was overcome by lust, he used his power to commit adultery with Bathsheba. When jealousy filled the hearts of Joseph’s brothers, they sold Joseph into slavery.

But there are times when emotions lead us in the right direction. Over 3,000 people were “pierced to the heart” when they heard Peter’s sermon, and they were baptized into Christ. Jesus taught that the Good Samaritan helped the beaten man

because he was filled with compassion. Here are some other things to think about regarding emotions:

(1). *Emotions are not excuses.* Some people think that if they’re mad, that gives them an excuse to act childish. Others think if they’re happy, they can say anything and do anything to express that joy. We must use our emotions to do the right thing. We cannot let them take advantage of us.

(2). *You are commanded to enjoy being a Christian.* Paul wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I will say rejoice!” (Phil. 4:4). You should look forward to worship. You should enjoy being with the church. God

has forgiven you, and that should bring joy to every day of your life.

(3). *The needs of others should guide our emotions.* You should feel compassion for the needy. You should feel righteous anger when the innocent are manipulated. You should “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Rom. 12:15). Selfish emotions are destructive. Selfless emotions benefit others.

(4). *Emotions should not alter our view of Scripture.* Obedience to God’s word should not be subject to man’s wavering emotions.

James Hayes
