

Tidings From Timothy

WHat about prayer? We all pray, but we sometimes don't know what to say beyond, "God please give me ____."

Sometimes, what we put in the blank is not very appropriate. What should we pray for? What are the best blessings of prayer? We will find out from the Bible this morning. Tonight, we will study on effective evangelism.

Good Job! The ladies that volunteered for the clothing ministry are doing a great job. We have a lot of good clothes to get out to families that can truly use them. I'm especially thankful that they put signs up on the clothes racks so I know how to give them the right size (and gender!).

In need of Prayer: Josh Harlan is recovering from surgery on his knee, all went well with the surgery. John and Wanda Biggerstaff have been suffering from a skin malady that has been hard for them to diagnose. They are in the local hospital, Room 106. Kayden Netherton is gradually recovering from his bout with RSV. Lavanna Billingsley should be a home by the time you read this. Please remember all those on the prayer list.

Active Young People: Whether it's the girls starting up a new class on Wednesday, or the boys going out visiting, we sure have some good things happening with our classes here at church. If you are not active in Sunday School or Wednesday night classes, then come and see what you are missing!

Symptoms

Fever is a symptom. **Shortness of breath** is a symptom. **Skin discoloration** is a symptom. A "symptom" is a sign that something is wrong. It indicates that there is a problem. A good doctor will seek to cure the problem which has caused the symptom rather than simply treating the symptom.

In regard to worship, **absenteeism** is a symptom. It is a sign that something is wrong. When one is willfully absent from worship, week after week, it demonstrates that a serious problem exists. A prudent individual will seek to cure the problem that produces the symptom. Worship is an expression of our love to God. Therefore, when other things take precedence over worshipping God, it is simply an indication that one does not truly love Him.

Obviously, there are certain circumstances that make it *impossible* to attend *every* service. However, we are not talking about those who are ill or whose employment occasionally keeps them from attending every service. We *are* considering those who simply **choose** not to attend worship. They are at home in front of the TV or at the ball park or lake. These folks have a serious problem-- a lack of love for the Lord.

When Isaiah was confronted with a vision of God, he was driven to his knees to worship the Almighty (Isa. 6:1-6). He confessed his sins, was purged and then sent out to serve the Master's cause. Saul of Tarsus was confronted by the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus. He fell to the ground and asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" and "What shall I do?" (Acts 22:6-10). When an honest heart is confronted with the greatness of God, it will repent, confess and seek God's forgiveness.

Can you imagine Isaiah or Saul (Paul) **choosing** to stay at home while the rest of the congregation is worshipping God? Can you hear Paul saying to Aquila and Priscilla, "You two go on to the worship service today; I've been making tents all week, and I need my rest"?

When the saints are gathered around the Lord's Table to remember the death of Christ, where will **you** be? When Christians are singing "Oh How I Love Jesus," will **you** be in their midst? When God's Word is held up and the saints are being edified, where will **you** be? When God's people are singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There," will **you** be among them?

--Dan Flournoy, Irving, TX--, Edited

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Today's communion verses: Isaiah 53:4 - 9⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death...

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<u>Sunday:</u>	
Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
Bible Study...	7pm

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