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David's Devotional From FAITH to FREEDOM

A Study of Colossians 1:1-13

Paul & Timothy wrote this letter to "faithful brethren in Christ".

We know that faith comes from hearing God's Word (*Romans 10:17*) and without faith it is impossible to please God (*Hebrews 11:6*).
So it all begins with **FAITH!**

This faith moves us to be **THANKFUL** for the love we enjoy in Christ Jesus and the hope we have in heaven.

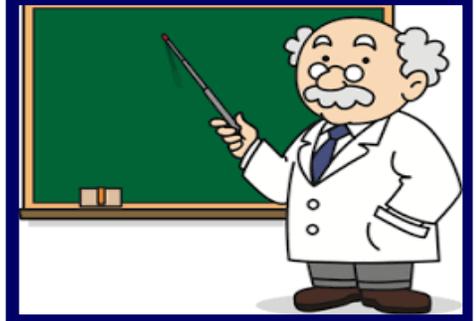
This is based on the **TRUTH**, not simply "positive thinking" or a "pie in the sky" wishful thinking! We know it is right!

This truth causes us to produce **FRUIT** in our lives. We are moved to obedience.

This becomes our life's **DEVOTION** as we "walk worthy of the Lord"!

As a result we are delivered and have true **FREEDOM!**

Let our Faith start a "chain reaction" to our Freedom! David Conley



An Interesting Quote:

"If you add only a little to a little and do this often, soon that little will become great." **Hesiod** Greek Poet

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:" **Isaiah 28:10**

Isaiah told us to hear the Word of the Lord! Listen to God and grow up!

God does not expect us to know everything at one time. We must learn a little, then add to that a little more. Soon that little amount will become a lot.

Even then, we will not understand everything there is to know! Just keep adding a little!

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Did You Know?

John Adams & Thomas Jefferson

These men were the only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later became President.

When Benjamin Franklin suggested the Turkey as the National Bird, Adams & Jefferson overruled him recommending the Bald Eagle instead.

They became bitter political enemies after having begun as fellow patriots. Before their death, they reconciled their differences and renewed their friendship!

Adams & Jefferson died on the same day within hours of one another. It was July 4th, 1826!

What Happened?

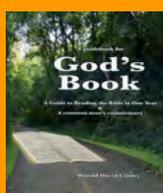


We were blessed to be a part of TWO Gospel Meetings in June, 2022

Frankfort Road Church of Christ & Cherokee Church of Christ.



It is such a blessing to encourage each other! Let's do more of it!



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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



What Would You Do?

We moved to a house on Baker Lane in Colbert County, AL. The house had four rooms!

It also had a very small closet that always stayed locked. The four rooms included a living room, kitchen, and two bedrooms. The bathroom? Well, we had one, but it was outside in the back yard! Mama and Daddy did not ask my permission to move there, but they had to know I had an opinion! This would be our home for the next four or five years. There were eight people living in that little house: Mama, Daddy, Billy, Pamela, Me, Dale, Rita, and Mark.

We had an old cast iron "King-O-Heat" wood/coal heater that kept us warm in the winter. It was in the living room. On those cold winter nights that heater kept all the rooms warm, except that room in the back yard!

Just behind the wood heater sat Rita & Mark's "Potty Chair". I will admit to everyone that there were some cold snowy nights that I feigned illness so I would not have to go outside to take care of important business. Yes! I schemed to escape suffering! I didn't see any reason to let this "Potty Chair" sit unoccupied! I suspect Mama knew I wasn't really sick when she allowed me to use that "indoor facility". Looking back, she herself might have been a little jealous!

We are often faced with decisions between suffering or scheming. I suspect, as humans, we will choose the latter more often. However, Paul assures us that if we choose suffering to preserve truth, we will not regret it - **Romans 8:18** *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."*

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Do we really want The Real Thing?



At the County Fair, the "Pig Squealing" contest was exciting!

Everyone wanted to win the Blue Ribbon! Each contestant stood on the stage and gave their best imitation of a squealing pig. The one for whom the crowd cheered loudest would be the winner!

It was a delight to hear them squeal! Sometimes the crowd laughed, sometimes they applauded, but in all cases the crowd cheered and was well pleased with each performance.

Finally, an old farmer in over-alls stepped onto the stage. As the crowd listened with great anticipation, the old gentleman bent his head down and an AWFUL high-pitched SQUEAL proceeded from the stage! The crowd stopped their ears and screamed for the man to stop making the hideous noise!

The farmer removed a small pig from his over-alls. He had been pinching the runt's ear causing the pig to let out his squeals. Then the old man said, *"Do you see? You applauded the fakers and the imitators, but when the REAL THING began to sound you rejected it!"*

The same is true when it comes to the Word of God! Many will applaud the fakers and the phonies, but stop their ears to the true preaching of God's Word! They disapprove of how it makes them feel when they are rebuked or asked to repent.

However, the Gospel is the sweetest sound of all to the believer! How does it sound to us?

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher overheard three ladies talking about the dresses they planned to wear to their husbands' company party. One of them told the group that all ladies were asked to wear a dress that would match their husband's hair color. She said she had already chosen a black dress. The second one said she did not have a gray dress and would have to purchase one with a "salt & pepper" color. The third one announced she would not be at the party at all because her husband is bald!!!

The preacher thought the third lady was too strict in her interpretation of the dress code! Then he thought about **Matthew 15:12** *"Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?"*