

Dynamics For Living

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And Suddenly...

What is your pain point?

What is your church struggling with?

Is your ministry flat? Same tools, same swing, same lameness?

Are you just slogging along going through the motions?

How are you going to slice through this dense lack of any power, anyone saved, of any baptisms, of always seeming to be in a poor position to get moving again?

And Suddenly...it is fall. It is "Back to School". You already had Back to Church in August and it was just as poor in results as

last year.

How many times are you going to go visit that widow who obviously has no intentions of ever coming to your church, (Your most major evangelism effort.)?

How many more "Come and see" events, all lacking any relevance to your neighborhood, are you going to hype with endless announcements and bulletin blurbs?

And Suddenly...

Some church is going to have an amazing Fall. Some church has prayed and prepared

and prayed. Some church is a Go and Tell Church and will use their baptistry. Some church will have Holy Ghost Power, "surrendered to the task people", and the excited expectancy that every time the doors are open God is going to *do* something.

And suddenly...



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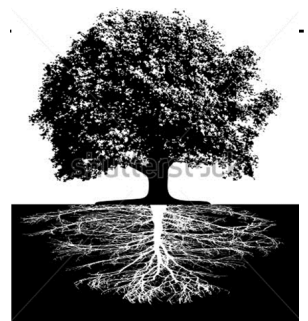
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Just like that it is Fall. The summer is ended and many are not saved. Are you prepared to reap a harvest?*
- *Springdale Baptist Church is all in on reaching their neighborhood for Christ!*
- *Did you lose your salvation? You either got it or you don't but you didn't lose it!*
- *Christian people in Heaven right now are still reaping rewards from investments that continue here. They made a legacy gift.*

Exciting Springdale Baptist Church!

Pastor Jason and his people continue to reach out to their neighbors as they get outside the walls of their church. Great activities for the kids, the Gospel clearly presented, lunch and dinner and

many attractions. They are located on the corner of Lewis and Pine. If you want to attend an Exciting Church on fire for Christ



in Tulsa visit them!

Once Saved, Always Saved!

We have received a lot of mail and messages over the past several years in our new ministry and much of it deals with whether or not a person can lose their salvation. The two most common doctrinal questions we have received worldwide are, "Does baptism save?" and, "Can a person lose their salvation."

On Face book these things pop up on our feeds and one that I have seen a few times is this.

"Once saved, always saved."

The Bible says: Your name can be blotted Out of the Book of The Living"

It was on my feed and I had not replied to it before but did so this time. First, let me make it clear.

I do not believe you can lose your salvation.

And the above "blotting" statement?

That's true. Thank God there are two books! The Book of the Living, or the Book of Life, that has everyone who was ever conceived in it is only one of the books. All are in that book and the list there will have all the unsaved people blotted out in the end. It will be as though they never were.

But there is another book. It's the one Jesus referred to when He urged His disciples to rejoice because their names were written in Heaven. It is called the Lamb's Book of Life in Revelation 21:27. It is His book and it contains the names of those who are saved. You are safe and saved forever if in that book.

Your name went in the minute you trusted in Jesus. The book of Hebrews says it would shame Jesus and would require Him to be crucified all over again, if someone saved lost their salvation.

So profound but so simple.

When conceived in the womb your name went into the book of life, your first birth.

When you are saved you are born again and your name goes in the second book, the Lamb's book, written in Heaven, safe and secure.

When you die unsaved you will be blotted out of the Book of Life.

Nowhere in the Bible does it say you can be blotted out of the Lamb's Book.

Hebrews 6 states it just as clearly, talking about someone saved, the process of salvation, and what it would mean if someone could lose their salvation.

What are the characteristics of these people? They have:

-Been enlightened, Jesus is the Light of the World.

-Have tasted of the Heavenly gift-the Spirit's power in them.

-Were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. That happens only to a saved person in salvation.

-Have tasted the good Word of God, which is only spiritually discerned.

-Have tasted the powers of the world to come. Again, Almighty God through His Spirit.

And what is impossible? If

these saved people, indwelt by the Spirit, convinced by the Word of God to believe, now miraculously changed and feeling some of the powers of the world to come, if it were possible, if they could fall away, then Jesus' death and the Resurrection they trusted in this first time, is a total failure. Jesus must do it all again because the first time was not enough to keep them. Impossible!

He failed, and has to do it all again? He is put to open shame.

I would add, so is His Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised no one could pluck them from His Father's hand and now that is false. His Father let go!

The Holy Spirit came into them and spiritually circumcised them and now has to leave and uncircumcise them. He sealed them unto the Day of Redemption but, oops, they broke His seal. He baptized them into the Body of Christ but now must pull them out.

And since Jesus will never die for us again, as once was to be enough, it would be impossible to ever get saved again.

It may be hard to believe that a fornicating, immoral adulterer, or a murderer, or a really bad person, could not lose his salvation. They are so evil! How could they get eternal life.

And yet that is exactly true if they trusted Christ. And one day, you will meet one of them. His name is David and with all of that, he was still a man after God's own heart. Not lost again.

Your Final Legacy

I have had the privilege of having many older friends. Some, even now, are ten, fifteen and even twenty years older than me. I have always been involved in churches and able to have the whole spectrum of ages. I joined several organizations over the years including one Businessman's group where I was by far one of the youngest twenty years ago when I became part of it. Many have passed away but many are still there and serving the Lord well as they enter their 7-10 decades.

Most have one thing in common. They are reaching the point where they would like to have a final legacy in their giving. Oh, they have always been generous and have always lived balanced lives. They have given of their time and talents, they have tithed to their churches, and all of that is a major reason they have fared so well. It truly is better to give than to receive.

But now they are making the final push and some have asked me about what I might suggest.

One of my friends decided to make Dynamics For Living and any church I pastored his legacy. We met at a fund raising banquet for someone else and ended up at the same table, talking about ministry and our favorite projects at the moment. He loved what we were doing and started coming on Sunday nights. He began very generous "legacy" giving, covering many of our evangelism projects and more. When I left to pastor another church he followed and continued to give at a high level. He

told me that God had blessed him and he wanted to give back as much as he could and that he wanted it to count. He saw our outreach and that we were chosen as one of the Top Three Churches in Oklahoma for Caring, running with some very large ministries. He gave us assurances that whatever we needed, he had us. He followed through. At my last church he was planning a 400k gift shortly before I left and when we went into evangelism he quickly set our ministry up to receive thousands a month while he lived. He liked the "bang a buck". He intensified his investments as he was told he was not going to be with us much longer. He finished well. He left a legacy.

I spoke to another friend about this recently in casual conversation when we attended a concert together. He has spent a lifetime successfully establishing spiritual and material wealth of great price. Right now I am working with him and the Billy Graham Association on a huge bequest to them from him that will be an incredible legacy gift. I have told him what I have told several of my friends. I cannot imagine any more miserable in Heaven than the people who left their estates to the government, or squabbling, or unsaved children, or people who wasted and squandered it while they watch, unable to do anything about it. The statistics are raw; 70% of families lose their wealth by the 2nd generation.

The Bible tells us that our giving will affect our future in

Heaven. Jesus said so in the Parable of the Unjust Steward in Luke 16. The steward was to be fired for wasted his master's goods. He immediately went out and forgave a lot of debts owed to his master, requiring only pennies on the dollar. His master actually commended him.

Our Lord's conclusion was that giving to affect your future rewards in Heaven is wise. "And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." (Luke 16:9)

Our giving to God here helps reach people for Christ. In Heaven we will receive thanks from those we helped reach. It need not stop "when ye fail", or when we die. Legacy giving is making arrangements for giving after we pass. Wills, trusts, insurance, all are vehicles. Some give a large gift before they pass. There are churches and ministries today that would not exist except for the people who had a vision to give *after* they were gone and who made arrangements to do so. They gave to affect their future in their eternal home.

Imagine your joy in Heaven, as your legacy giving continues to reach people for Christ on earth. You still have a voice here. You being dead, yet speaketh. You are still effectively serving even after you are gone.

And in everlasting habitations, there are people thanking you, for giving to the Lord!

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Occasionally you may receive a self-addressed envelope from us. This provides a handy way for some of our Partners and supporters to send support, to drop us a line, or to convey a prayer request (some of our folks are not online). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sharing Christ's Love

BHM's DFL is on Roku, Google TV, Fire, and has a YouTube Channel. BHM is also on Face book with a group and page, and has a website at BillyHatfieldMinistries.com

Excelsior



“What I Learned Over Summer Vacation”

No, we have not been on vacation yet but this is a double issue because we will be combining ministry and vacation in September.

We recently attended a church we often visit. The pastor had just returned from a 6 week summer Sabbatical. He drove his family and parents over to the outer banks of North Carolina and then up the coast to an island off of Canada. They stayed on a quiet farm out in the country.

His sermon series upon returning is a multi week look at, “What I Learned Over

Summer Vacation”. His first sermon centered on the word “learned”, and how the Apostle Paul spoke those words. “I can do all things through Christ” was part of his exhortation.

His second week was about a message a pastor had preached in a church they visited. He had preached on the phrase, “God is My Co-Pilot” (bumper sticker) and had strongly condemned it, as have I. God is not my “co-” anything in any sense of equality. But, he did a great job walking a fine line between God’s sover-



eignty and our free will. Psalms 8 does indeed show that God has granted us some dominion. Still, He is God.

A novel approach to vacation for all of us. What did you learn spiritually over your summer vacation?