

“Jesus – Others – Yourself”

By Bill Jackson

Someone once made an acrostic lesson, showing that this is the make-up of true JOY. The point was that it works in this way, and it works right, and that it can work in no other way. Many Christians can echo what an old song said, “I Have Found It So!”

Surely the Perfect Man knew what JOY was, and we do indeed find Jesus working for OTHERS constantly. It was the Father’s thoughts of OTHERS – for us – that brought about the love and mercy now shown to man (Titus 3:4). Christ is seen as the one who loved us, and gave himself up for us (Gal. 2:20), and here were Christ’s thoughts for OTHERS.

When we obey the gospel of Christ and apply ourselves fully to His teaching, we will find that Jesus is indeed first, and we will also find that others will come before self. Thus, that JOY! All preaching and teaching, with the great preparation that precedes it, is for the benefit of OTHERS. Those who engage in visitation and personal evangelism work do so with thoughts of OTHERS. When we visit the sick and shut-ins, it is in fulfillment of thoughts we’ve had for OTHERS. When death touches the congregation, the visits, prayers, food preparation, and other services are done because the saints have thoughts of OTHERS. And there is the help to the needy...the showers to bestow good-will and gifts upon those with occasions of joy upon them...the goods provided those in children’s homes...thoughts, yea of OTHERS!

And the song puts it thus:
“Others, Lord, Yes, OTHERS,
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for OTHERS,
That I may live like thee!

Some, sad to say, find no satisfaction in their daily walk, and have no excellent feeling of Christian accomplishment, because they live selfishly. OTHERS seldom enter their minds; all revolves around “I, Me, My.” We had said earlier that Christianity won’t work in that fashion. When one gets tired of the self-centered mode, he can begin to correct it that day – do something for OTHERS!



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald
Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

Please Pray For:

Lynn Urban, Robby Woodward, Debbie Grice, Carolyn Jones, Samuel Costello, Mary Taylor, Luella & Kendle Jacobs, Peggy Sehon, Buddy & Carlon Hollis, Pam Few, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Martha Maxwell, Linda Lester, Billy Branch, Glenda Wells.

Bereaved: Family of Virginia Chisley, James Johnson, Barbara Boyer.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



July Birthdays

5 - Lilly Delaney
6 - Mary Wyatt
9 - David Reppond
12 - Oddie Cameron
18 - Phillip Simmons
19 - Debbie Cook
20 - Ronnie Hayes
22 - Ethel Ross
23 - Randy Manning
27 - Donna Binford

July Anniversaries

28 - Wayne & Dana Fowler
30 - Don & Jean Delukie



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