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Proverbs 7:2 • Matthew 5:6 • John 8:32 • II Timothy 3:16-17 • Hebrews 4:12

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GREETINGS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Welcome to the **all new** “Hunger for Truth” e-newsletter. So that you would not be confused I put the usual subject line for the e-mail. In the future, the subject will be “Hunger for Truth Newsletter”. As you probably know, this was formerly called “Saved Today Ministries e-newsletter”. Since the Saved Today Ministries web site was recently shut down for good on October 26th by Yahoo & Geocities, I decided to change the name of the ministry and the newsletter. From this month on “Saved Today Ministries” will no longer exist. It will be now be known as “Hunger For Truth Ministries”. For now the e-mail address will remain the same.

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God's precious Holy Word. As the Lord leads, the ministry will expand and grow. At the time of this writing, this newsletter is the only aspect of H.F.T.M. In the future, I intend to make it a bi-monthly newsletter. The materials (tracts, children's materials, sermons) that were part of Saved Today Ministries will still be available upon request only. Lord willing you can expect many great things to come with Hunger for Truth Ministries and the Hunger for Truth Newsletter.

In this premier issue of Hunger for Truth, I have posted two articles I recently wrote entitled "Biblical Reasons Why God Made You and I" and "Eleven Aspects of a True Believer's Life". I also added two NEW devotional articles. I pray these will be a blessing and encouragement to you and help you grow in your walk with the Lord.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I praise God for each and every one of you.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD (*Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148*)

"Biblical Reasons Why God Made You & I"

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This article can also be titled "**Born to Serve the Lord**". We read throughout the Bible how God created men and women in His own image (*i.e. Gen. 1:26-27, 2:18-23*). Our sinful nature often causes us to take our mind off the reasons we were created and that is that God wants all to be saved (*i.e. Titus 2:11*) and being made in His image we are born to serve the Lord. Salvation is simply defined as "repentance (of sin) toward God and faith in Jesus Christ alone as one's personal Lord and Savior from the penalty of, the power of, and someday...the presence of sin". He wants all who believe in Him to grow in knowledge of Him and serve Him the rest of their lives with all their heart, soul and mind (*Matt. 22:37*). Serving the Lord is living and doing not just hearing and knowing!

You and I were not born to serve the world! You and I were not born to serve the flesh! And you and I certainly were not born to serve the devil! My friend, you and I were truly "**born to serve the Lord**" who is our great Creator and Savior. In the outline below I will analyze these truths using the Bible. You will see how it starts for the true believer from birth, to salvation, until we go home to be with the Lord either by death or by rapture.

A. We are born physically

1. Ps. 51:5, 58:3 – we are born in sin

B. We are to be born spiritually (Salvation, Born Again)

1. John 3:3-8 – Jesus said, "Ye MUST be born again"

2. John 1:12-13 – Born of God by receiving Him in faith believing
3. I Pet 1:23 – Born by the Word of God
4. I John 5:4-5 – Faith in Christ is the Victory that overcomes the world

C. We are to deny self and live the rest of our lives for the Lord as true believers

1. I Cor. 6:20, 7:23 - You are bought with a price (the precious blood of Christ)
2. II Cor. 5:17-18 - You are not your own (Don't live your life as if it is your own) (Christ is your Lord) (He should be Lord of all aspects of your life)
3. I Thes. 2:13-14, 5:23- Progressive sanctification begins immediately after one is genuinely saved (sanctification is of the Holy Spirit)
 - a. II Pet. 3:18 - Grow in grace becoming more and more like Christ (this growth can vary. That is why it is called progressive sanctification)
 - b. II Cor. 3:18, Rom. 12:1-2 - By God's grace and the Spirit's power we are being "Changed into His Image"
4. We are to practice separation from the world, flesh, and the devil
 - a. Bible Study (deep, diligent, searching the scriptures) - Ps. 1:1-2, Acts 17:10-11, John 16:13, II Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17 (Right Spirit led dividing of the word to prevent confusion and contradiction) (Taking all the passage into context)
 - b. Prayer (effectual, fervent) - James 5:16
 - c. Praising God (in song) (for who God is and what He can and will do) – Ps. 34:1, (*Most of the book of Psalms*)
 - d. Witnessing – Mark 16:15, Prov. 11:30
 - e. Church attendance and service in your local New Testament, Bible Believing, Baptist church (faithful, diligent) – Heb. 10:25, 1 Tim. 3:15
 - f. Discipling others (i.e. newly saved) (Paul & Timothy) - I Thes. 5:11
 - g. Fellowship w/ other believers – Acts 2:42, II Cor. 8:4, Phil. 2:1-2, I John 1:3-4,7
 - h. Study godly books from those of like precious faith (use godly discernment) – Prov. 15:28, II Tim. 2:15
5. We are not to be indifferent
 - a. Matt. 25:14-30 – Parable of the talents
 - b. Eph. 4:7- All believers receive talent(s) to use for His honor and glory and these should not be kept to yourself or used rarely. We need to desire to

advance, grow, and serve more with a goal and purpose. We should say daily, “Lord here I am. What would you have me to do today?”

- c. Matt. 25:15, Luke 12:48 – The key to these verses is how responsible we are to what we do with God’s word and for God. Are we diligent and laboring for God, or are we slothful and indifferent?
- d. Matt. 25:18-19 – In this dispensation of Grace... (“we are currently in between these two verses. We are awaiting our own personal reckoning based on our present stewardship”- *Dr. Ron Williams*)
- e. Matt. 25:21, Luke 16:10 – Will you and I hear those words “Well Done, thy good and faithful servant?” (“He was praised, not for his success, but for his responsible and faithful attention to his trust.”- *Dr. Ron Williams*)
- f. II Cor. 8:12 – (“We will be judged according to our capacity, not that of someone else”- *Dr. Ron Williams*)
- g. Matt. 25:26-28 – Do you really want to have your talent taken from you and suffer loss and shame due to laziness, slothfulness, and indifference?
- h. 7 Causes of indifference are: (*By: Dr. Ron Williams*)
 - 1. Fear of failure
 - 2. Never trying to succeed
 - 3. Fear of life’s pressures
 - 4. Lack of imagination
 - 5. Lack of initiative
 - 6. Lack of courage
 - 7. Lack of determination

D. We will someday, by death or by rapture go home to heaven for all eternity!

- a. I Thes. 4:17 – The rapture is imminent

These can only be accomplished by God’s grace through the Holy Spirit’s power alone. As believers, we should be willing to give ALL our time, talent and treasure to Him for it belongs to Him. We should be willing to give to others and help others in need. Faith in and obedience to the Lord is the key. It is not by our own strength! It is His strength! The clay hath no power over the potter! Can the clay mold itself? (*Job 33:6; Prov. 16:3,9; Isa. 29:16, 45:9, 64:8; Jer. 18:4-6; Rom. 9:21*) Without Him we can do nothing! Without Him we shall surely fail! God made you and I that we would have a passion to think about Him, a passion to be with Him, and a passion to give to and serve Him.

Thank you for reading this. I know it is deep and has many messages within it. I praise God for allowing me to write this and use this for His honor and glory.

In closing, my dear brother and sister in Christ, I hope this has helped you clearly see that though...sadly...not all will be saved, all are indeed “born to serve the Lord”. You and I need to ask this question daily, “Am I faithfully serving and giving my all to the Lord?”

“Eleven Aspects of a True Believer’s Life”

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Eleven Aspects of a True Believer’s Life (In order)

1. Born physically
2. Born spiritually (born again)
3. Progressive sanctification with separation from the world, flesh, and the devil
4. Bible Study (deep, dilligent, searching the scriptures)
5. Prayer (effectual, fervent) (James 5:16)
6. Praise
7. Witnessing
8. Church attendance & service to your local NT church
9. Discipling others (i.e newly saved)
10. Fellowship with other believers (should be desired and should be often)
11. Study godly books from those of like precious faith

-Most all of these are by faith in and obedience to the Lord-

-“We are Born to Serve the Lord”-

What is God's Will?

By: Craig Glickman

Sadly, many believers are so confused and sometimes falsely taught just how to understand and discern God's will for their life. After years of studying and hearing messages, The Lord has laid on my heart in order a six step method of what I believe is ALWAYS God's perfect will for our lives:

1. Faith in God (Rom. 14:23b)
2. Obedience to God's Word (1 Sam. 15:22)
3. Calmness
4. Caution
5. Confidence
6. Conviction

I encourage you to study the life of David and many other Bible characters as well as missionary testimonies and see how they came to God in faith in obedience to His word. See how the Lord gave them discernment to clearly know His will for their lives.

Knowing God's will is not confusing. He wants us to know it! This is a lot easier said than practiced. May you and I be faithfully seeking God and His word in making a decision. When we do, He will give us calmness, caution with confidence, and conviction about what we plan to or are about to do or say.

Content To Play With the Box?

By: Craig Glickman

How many of you that have children have bought a gift and they play with the box rather than the expensive toy you bought for your child? It bothers you and you ask yourself, "Why is he/she playing with the box and not the toy?"

There is actually a good spiritual message in this type of circumstance. Are we as believers in Christ content to play with the box? Or, do we want more? Do we want the glitz and glamour of costly material things? Do we murmur and complain about a circumstance or situation in our lives and let it break our fellowship with the Lord?

The Bible has much to say about contentment (Matt. 6:19-20; Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5). Please take a few minutes and study these passages.

Sadly today we can be discontent with something in our lives whether it is financial, material, physical, mental, or even spiritual. I am often guilty of almost always finding something to be discontent with. Discontentment is a serious issue that we all need to be careful of. We as believers need to pray earnestly to be content in whatsoever state we are in. Let us as believers be content to play with the box.

SONG OF THE MONTH

"Born To Serve the Lord"

The words to this great, powerful, encouraging and blessed song tell it best. I've never heard this song sung better than by Evangelist Ron Comfort of Ambassador Baptist College. I encourage you to consider the words to this song that tell how we truly are born to serve the Lord. They go like this: *From the dust of earth my God created man. His breath made man a living soul. And God so loved the world that He gave His only Son and that is why I love him so. I was made in His likeness, created in His image, for I was born to serve the Lord. And I can't deny Him, I'll always walk beside Him for I was born to serve the Lord. My hands were made to help my neighbor. My eyes were made to read God's word. My feet were made to walk in His footsteps. My body is the temple of the Lord. I was made in His likeness, created in His image, for I was born to serve the Lord. And I can't deny Him, I'll always walk beside Him for I was born to serve the Lord.*

"Let us praise our precious Savior in song all the day long."

“CHILDREN FOR CHRIST”

Memory Verse – II Pet. 3:18 “But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and forever. A-men.”

☺ ☺ *FIND THE SIN* ☺ ☺

NAME _____

In each line circle the sins that should not be in a Christians life. There may be more than one. When you're done, have it checked by the person who gave this to you and then put all the un-circled words into a short story about Christian living in the lines at the bottom of the page.

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| 1. Praying | Cursing | Lying | Stealing |
| 2. The Bible | Dirty Magazines | Bad Books | Bad Movies |
| 3. Jesus Christ | The Devil | Rock Bands | Movie Stars |
| 4. Staying home on Sunday | | Going to church | |
| 5. Selfishness | Faith | Trust | Pride |
| 6. Anger | Rude | Contentment | Loving |
| 7. Happiness | Discouragement | | |
| 8. Occult (evil card games, etc.) | | Bible study | |
| 9. Surrender your life to God's Will | | Do what you feel is right | |
| 10. Idolatry | God First in your life | Myself first | |
| 11. Desiring to be with Christians | | Desiring to be with lost people | |

After you have checked to make sure you have all the sins circled. Write a short story in the lines below with the un-circled words about Christian Living:

(Use the back if you run out of room.)

NEWS & UPDATES

Fall is now here and the weather is getting colder every day. The first snow is probably on its way any day. Snow is a great picture of Christ's precious sin cleansing blood that washes us "white as snow". I praise God for enabling me the opportunity to publish this newsletter and I covet your prayers for this ministry and myself.

As I mentioned last month, the web site was closing in October and all the materials will no longer be accessible on-line, but will still be available via mail or e-mail. That has occurred and as you read earlier, STM is no more. I want to thank each and every one who visited the site during its existence and used the materials for the honor and glory of the Lord.

PRAISES

I praise God for the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending out this newsletter to people all across the land. As always, I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month.

I also want to thank each and every one of you who have sent e-mails about how the Lord has blessed you. The sole purpose of this newsletter is to honor and glorify the Lord and be a blessing and encouragement to others.

As always, I challenge and encourage both young and old to take time each week to take a stack of gospel tracts from your local church and get them out to the lost however the Lord leads. Make sure you do not have any left by the end of the month. Maybe, you will need more, praise God! I will be doing the same myself and praying for you all as you do this for the honor and glory of the Lord.

Last month, The Lord opened up many personal witnessing opportunities for me. I witnessed to several men who I sold household items to. The Lord also blessed with many opportunities to leave tracts at work and on a recent trip to NJ.

In closing, I want to praise God for the birth of Andrew Dunkin who is the newborn son of one of my closest friends and a dear brother in the Lord who I have known for nine years. Friendship is very important in a believer's life. It is a blessing to see God working in the lives of this dear couple.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salvation of my sister Wendy
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob
- Flooding in the Philippines affecting several missionaries and their church bodies. (*NEW*)
- Wisdom regarding Hunger for Truth Ministries and the e-newsletter (*NEW*)
- Health of Jane and Andrew Dunkin (mom and baby I mentioned earlier) (*NEW*)
- Souls who were witnessed to last month for salvation (*NEW*)
- Unspoken requests for the HFT editor
- Unspoken requests for several friends of the HFT editor (*NEW*)
- Wisdom regarding FT Christian service for the Lord someday as the Lord leads
- God's blessing upon and growth of Bible believing, Bible preaching, Biblicist Baptist local churches all across the world and for more to be planted.

IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

You will find a yet to be chosen sermon and an article or poem as well as another fun activity in the "Children for Christ" column. I am also planning other new columns in the future as the Lord leads.

Thank you so much for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,
Craig G.
Prov. 3:5-6

P.S. If you have any ideas on any improvements to the newsletter, I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail me and let me know. If you know somebody who would like to be added to the newsletter, please have them e-mail me and I will get it out to them as soon as possible. Also, just in case you do NOT wish to continue receiving this monthly newsletter, please e-mail me with "please remove" in the subject line.

