**THE CHRISTIAN LIGHT**

**“let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)**

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WHAT BOTHERS YOU?

 What bothers you? Does your hectic work schedule bother you? Are you under so much stress between work and family that you just feel worn out all the time? How about sickness, or aches and pains? Do they bother you? Do you feel like you could do more in life if you just didn’t hurt so much? Are you tired of the frail and feeble limits of the human body? Does money bother you? Paying taxes, paying debts, and paying bills can cause some frustration. These things have to be done, but they require so much planning and they often add so much stress.

 What bothers you? Does Satan push and pressure you with temptations to sin? Does he insidiously seek to find your weaknesses to that he can use them against you? Do you sometimes give in? Does that bother you? Are you discouraged in yourself because of your failure to stand strong against your adversary, the devil? Do these things and more bother you?

 If any of these things bother you, then I want you to think about three things. First of all, I want you to remember that you can, should, and must go to God for help. God will listen to you when you need mercy and grace (**Hebrews 4:14-16**). God will listen to you when you need wisdom and patience (**James 1:2-8**). God will listen to you when you want to cast your cares and burdens upon Him (**Philippians 4:6-8**). God will help you (**Romans 8:28, 31**). However, you must trust Him. You show your trust in Him by obeying the Scriptures. You also show your trust in Him by confidently expecting that He will help you when you go to Him in prayer (**James 5:16**).

 When the worries and frustrations of this life are getting to you, the second thing you need to remember is, something better is coming. For the Christian, there is great hope (**Romans 8:24-25**). We know that we shall receive a great reward someday if we remain faithful to God (**Matthew 5:12**). Heaven is going to be a place where we will never again have to face the problems of life. It is a place where we will not experience stress, pain, or sorrow (**Revelation 21:4**). We will not have to fight against temptation. We will not have to slog through the mud and mire of a life bogged down with problems. Instead, we will experience the exhilarating joy and delight that swells up with great pleasure in the souls of the saved who sing before the throne of the Almighty Creator.

 The third thing I want you to think about is your blessings. We sing the song, “Count Your Blessings.” Well, let us not be hypocrites. Let us do it. When life hurts, think about what is good.

When sorrow crashes continuously and violently upon your worn and tired heart, try very hard to remember all of those things in your life which are still good. Yes, it is true that God will allow us to suffer while here upon this earth. However, it is also true that God will give strength to endure (**Philippians 4:13**), and that God will continue to bless with all that we need (**Matthew 6:33**). What are your blessings? Perhaps there are still people in your life that care about you. That is a blessing. Maybe you have a roof over your head and a pillow to sleep on. Those are blessings. Perhaps you are still able to find ways to help other people who are in need (**II Corinthians 1:3-7**), That is a great blessing. Also, do not forget that the greatest blessing of all is salvation through Jesus Christ.

 Tragedy may change your world. Sorrow may darken your perspective. But the birds still sing, the sun still shines, the flowers still grow, the trees still bloom in spring, and God still loves you. God will help you. God will reward you. Do not ever give up.

Kevin Rutherford

THOSE WHO SERVE

 **02/06/2022 02/13/2022**

 Scripture Reading Dennis Rogers Buel Schwegler

 Announcements Dennis Rogers Buel Schwegler

 Singing Dennis Rogers Buel Schwegler

 Opening Prayer Gary Thornsberry David Boyce

 Lord’s Supper Kelly Pippin Dennis Rogers

 James Richardson Gary Thornsberry

 Closing Prayer James Winn Kelly Pippin

 Singing Dennis Rogers Buel Schwegler

 Opening Prayer James Winn Gary Thornsberry

Lord’s Supper Gary Thornsberry James Winn

 Closing Prayer Bob Becker Dennis Rogers

NEWS AND NOTES

**PRAYER LIST:** Lisa Walker, Katie Williams, Brandon Hall, Steve Healea, Boyce family, Doyle Wood, Debbie McGuire, Loretta Sheek, Bill Schwegler, Bowen Becker, Serena (Bob’s fiancé), Debbie Pippin and family, Janet Fisher, Kenneth Krueger, Richardson family, people of the Ivory Coast, those suffering from natural disasters, those mourning the loss of loved ones, and erring Christians.

**PANTRY ITEM:** egg noodles.

**DON’T FORGET:** To watch “Search” at 7:00 A.M. (schedule of lessons is on the bulletin board), “The Living Word” at 7:30 A.M. both on channel 10 in Springfield on Sunday mornings and “Know Your Bible” at 10:30 A.M. on channel 33 in Springfield (if you are unable to attend).

 In every generation the Bible will challenge the values of the age and its definition of success.

 A weak faith is weakened by predicaments and catastrophes whereas a strong faith is strengthened by them.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Radio Program KJPW AM 1390 8:05

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30

Morning Worship 10:30 Afternoon Worship 1:30 Ladies’ Class - 2nd Sundays 2:30

Bible Geography Class – 3rd Sundays 2:30

Wednesday Evening 7:00