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Hello Disciples,

new testament, which is shed for many"
(Mark 14:22-24).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV).

It is the time to come together as one in Christ Jesus... to partake of the broken body and shed blood of our Passover Lamb... to join as the unified Body of Christ!

Thursday evening, April 5th we will gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover, often referred to as the Lord's Supper. It is the most holy event of the year for those who are in Christ for the sacraments we take as a memorial of our Lord's sacrificial death are most holy indeed.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16)

Christ is not and cannot be divided. He is to be received in His entirety. He must be received as both God and man; as both Lord and Savior; Prophet, Priest and King; as both Alpha and Omega. Without Him we would not have life and without Him we will not have eternal life!

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the

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Then the LORD said to me,
"Write my answer plainly on
tablets, so that a runner can
carry the correct message to
others."
(NLT)

Hab 2:2





Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool (Psalms 132:7, NKJV). / Behold, bless the LORD, All *you* servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD! ² Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, And bless the LORD. ³ The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion! (Psalms 134:1-3, NKJV) /Praise the name of the LORD. Praise him, you servants of the LORD ² who are standing in the house of the LORD, in the courtyards of the house of our God. ³ Praise the LORD because he is good. Make music to praise his name because his name is beautiful (Psalms 135:1-3, GW).

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OUR SERMONS BROADCAST
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KGRO RADIO 9:05 AM
SUNDAY.



Heartbeats

Editorial
Jerry McClenagan

Guard your heart more than anything else,
because the source of your life flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23 (GW)

POWER FLOWING FROM MY HEART —power to live the life of Christ, power to subdue the enemies of abundant living, power to do service to Jesus my Risen Lord and King! That is my prayer, a petition much like Paul voiced: “I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead” (Phil 3:10, NLT).

Yet, I know that this request is fraught with risk—the risk of sacrifice, the risk of surrender, the risk of stripping off every vestige of self.

The Crucifixion preceded the Resurrection, and thus it must be with me. Can I state unequivocally with Paul, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal 2:20, NKJV)?

Am I practicing his admonition in the Colossian letter? “So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ pre-

sides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from *his* perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life” (Col 3:1-3, MSG)!

This is the Christian season of introspection and renewal. The symbolism of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is totally meaningful and appropriate. Focus on Him, your Savior God: “Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God. ³ When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!” (Heb 12:2-3, MSG) ☼

This brief notice is included due to inquiries about Jerry’s and Martha’s new book. It is a quality publication with full-color pictures of a few of Martha’s quilts and her personal observations and insights. Jerry has used quilting facts as a springboard for giving his Scriptural viewpoint of living the abundant life. It is an inspirational and motivational book that can help you or someone you know reach for life’s best and highest goals.

The book may be ordered from BuyBooksOnTheWeb.com (Google “Patchwork Principles 21”) or you may contact them via e-mail at jerrydalemc@sbcglobal.net.

Patchwork Principles

21 Secrets for Living the Good Life



Jerry D. McClenagan
Martha R. McClenagan

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the **unforced rhythms of grace**. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." ~ Jesus. Matt 11:28-30 (MSG)

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GraceRhythms

TRUE WORSHIP

David and the Temple

"I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet. That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world, the perfect getaway, far from the buzz of traffic. God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to pull me down. I'm headed for his place to offer anthems that will raise the roof! Already I'm singing God-songs; I'm making music to God."
~Psalms 27:4-6 (MSG)

The Transition: The Woman at the Well

She says to Jesus, " . . . tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"
"Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true

selves, in adoration."
The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we'll get the whole story."
"I am he," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."
~John 4:20-26 (MSG)

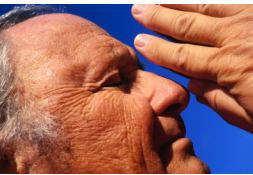
New Testament Church

"So, friends, we can now—without hesitation—walk right up to God, into 'the Holy Place.' Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of his sacrifice, acting as our priest before God. The 'curtain' into God's presence is his body. So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching."
~Heb 10:19-25 (MSG)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
~Col 3:15-16 (KJV)



Prayer
Requests



" . . . The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; . . . Pray for one another that you may be healed." — James 5:15-16.

- Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.
- Betty Clark:** Recuperating after being hospitalized for 10 days with pulmonary & heart difficulties.
- Dan Copenhauer:** Betty Clark's brother, pneumonia.
- Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS.
- Mary Jo Flatt:** James Bailey's sister. She is still undergoing treatment for bladder cancer and is dealing with the side effects of the procedures.
- Velvet Green:** Suffers from schizophrenia and is having a hard time right now.
- Mary Grossman:** She is in BSA Hospice suffering with lung cancer.
- Joe Kirkpatrick:** Underwent surgery to remove a number of bladder tumors and will begin chemo treatments in a few weeks.
- Anna Law:** In need of a kidney transplant; she has dialysis three times a week. Her condition has worsened and she is in a very weakened and frail state.
- Dollie Meil:** She suffers with cerebral palsy and lung problems. Has been moved to Grace House Bldg. 3 Room 3, 6502 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79416
- Ted Rankin:** MS; he is trying alternative treatments.
- Ben Vorhries:** Is on his second deployment to Afghanistan.
- Helen Arnold-Maker:** Breast cancer, on arimidex pill. Pray with others for her complete recovery.
- IF YOU HAVE UPDATES OR NEW REQUESTS PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR.**
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We Did it!
Thanks to your generosity we have paid for our new AC, and just in time to turn it on for those hot days that are just around the corner.
Thanks for stepping up and doing your share!

Celebrations⁴

MARCH

Birthdays:

Linda Booth	03-11
Dollie Meil	03-12
Jerry McClenagan	03-23
Betty Clark	03-25
Lydia Salazar	03-25
Weldon McAlister	03-27
Martha McClenagan	03-31

Anniversaries:

Manual & Lydia Salazar	03-17
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APRIL

Birthdays:

James Vines	4/26
Damaris Green	4/29

Anniversaries:

Glennis & Weldon McAlister	4/24
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Christian Passover/Communion & Holy Days

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Christian Passover/Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 5th

Footwashing Ceremony = 7:30 pm.
Sacrament Service = 8:00 p.m.

First Day of Unleavened Bread

Saturday, April 7th

Last Day of Unleavened Bread

Friday, April 13th

Holyday Worship Service = 11:45 a.m.

The Positive God

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Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whom . . . I have preached to you, is himself no doubtful quantity, he is the divine "yes". Every promise of God finds its affirmative in him, and through him can be said the final amen, to the glory of God. We owe our position in Christ to this God of positive promise: . . . — Paul (2 Cor. 1:19, Phillips NT)

God's plan and purpose has been positive forever! Satan has created the negatives in the world. But God is able to turn a negative into a positive:

"So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? 32 If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? 33 And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? 34 Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. 35 Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture" (Romans 8:31-35, MSG).

God is able to

- **Turn a blockade at the Red Sea into a path of escape!**
- **Turn a blazing furnace into a revelation of His glory!**
- **Turn the Cross into radiant Life!**
- **Turn a thorn in the flesh into exuberant joy!**
- **Turn a trial in weakness into strength of character!**
- **Turn the darkness of Calvary into the glory of the Resurrection!**

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The Passover is memorialized through Christ its antitype. The Passover instituted in Egypt was a type of Christ, who is therefore its antitype (Colossians 2:16). All that comprised Passover is now found in Him. We now know what Israel could not see. Christ observed Passover on the night before His death as the Passover Lamb (Matthew 26:17-30).

"For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us" (1 Cor 5:7 NKJV),

Toward the end of the Passover meal, Christ blessed the Passover bread and gave it to His disciples to eat as the symbol of His body. Then He blessed the cup of Passover wine (the third cup of wine, called the "cup of blessing" in 1 Corinthians 10:16) and gave it to His disciples to drink as the symbol of His "blood of the new covenant." He thereby instituted the Lord's Supper out of the Passover meal. And He thereby replaced the Old Covenant meal which looked forward to His death with that of the New Covenant which looks backward to His death. And He memorialized the Lord's Supper in the same manner in which the Passover meal had been memorialized.

"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Cor 11:23-26 NKJV).

The apostle Paul emphasized the memorial aspect of the Lord's Supper in this last statement, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this

cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." This sacred service is to be kept in the spirit of God's sacrifice and with heart-filled gratitude for the most wonderful gift any has ever received. God lost a son, Jesus lost a life, and we found life eternal. Christ is the Christian's Passover: find refuge in His blood, and find spiritual sustenance in Him, so that God will pass over us in the Day of Judgment.

"For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (J o h n 6 : 3 3 - 3 5) .

He is the bread without leavening, the bread of life that we are to partake of this Unleavened Bread season. He is how we put away the leavening of sin.

"Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor. 5:8).

In Him only do we find justification, sanctification and salvation. Jesus is our Passover.... Jesus is our Bread...Jesus is our life! Happy Holy Days!

In the Service of our Lord,

Jeff Booth

When the Sabbath was over, just as the first day of the week was dawning Mary from Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. At that moment there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven, went forward and rolled back the stone and took his seat upon it. His appearance was dazzling like lightning and his clothes were white as snow. The guards shook with terror at the sight of him and collapsed like dead men. But the angel spoke to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here - he is risen, just as he said he would. Come and look at the place where he was lying. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead. And, listen, he goes before you into Galilee! You will see him there! Now I have told you my message." ~Matt 28:1-7 (Phillips NT)



Then Came the Morning

(1) I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever men may say; I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's always near. Chorus: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! he walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart. (2) In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary I never will despair; I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast The day of His appearing will come at last. (3) Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind. ■



Chuckles

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Leaving the church early

"I hope you didn't take it personally, preacher," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the Pastor replied.

"It wasn't out of any disrespect to you," insisted the church-goer. "Fred has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.
~ Prov 17:22 (NLT)



A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES