

Jan 5, 2020

This Weeks Events

Today:

10:00AM: (Grange)—Sunday School—Pastor
 11:00AM: (Grange)—Message—*Its High Time*—Pastor
 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—Shut In Saints—Matthew Coale
 6:00PM: (Grange)—*NO EVENING SERVICE*—Pastor

Upcoming Events

Feb 2, 2019

2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—Shut In Saints—Matthew Coale

The Pursuit of Faith



Heather Parris

I'm not a fan of new-year resolutions. I feel like if you're going to make a change, you make it. Time of year notwithstanding. But I do like the idea of a word to focus on throughout the year. This year I'm choosing the word FAITH, and I hope to write down multiple Bible verses pertaining to it to go back to when I need it. And I'll constantly need it.

- When I don't feel enough. Faith. God is enough for me.
- When I feel I'm failing. Faith. God has championed for me.
- When I feel the hurt this world causes is too much. Faith. God says this world is not what I'm living for. His purpose is so much greater.
- When I feel people are too difficult. Faith. I'm difficult, but God loves me.
- I've lost hope in the dreams I once had. Faith. I'm not living for me. God's dreams for my life are so much better.
- Relationships are broken. Faith. God is the great healer.

Ultimately it's a search for hope. And hope is found through faith. So this year I'm going to focus on getting back the faith I had as a child. And find hope again.

Is God Relevant?



Ron Coale

Some people teach the church is not relevant for today but that is not true. Because God is always relevant the church is just as relevant as it always has been. Furthermore, The church deals with teaching the things of God and deals with human nature. Those two things will never be outdated.

Atheist want to make people think that there is no God and therefore He has no part in society. What they don't know is God is much smarter than they are and the truth is their message of godlessness is irrelevant. Even the Devil confirms this.

If the devil would have his way he would remove God from society. Since he can't do that he tries to make God ineffective. This is one of his great tactics: to try and keep people from knowing the truth of God and therefore die in their ignorance.

The devil would just love to have people blinded to the truth. When a person's eyes are open and they see the truth of God and accept Him it becomes difficult for the devil. On the other hand the Devil is very happy and content to have people ignorant about the things of God. I am surprised at the ignorance that is in society today, even about basic stories of God. For example there was a lady this week who had voiced that she had never heard about the story of Samson. She knew that he had long hair and had great strength but she never knew the story was a biblical story. This is a testament to either: the unwillingness of God's people to teach others, or an unwillingness of others to take a small amount of time and learn something that they had-

n't known before. It is so much easier to be-bop through life and have knowledge cross your path when it is ready rather than pursue it. Why should a person pursue knowledge and do the work to gain it knowing that will increase the amount of accountability that comes with it?

Why do people not know about David or Goliath, or Noah, or the wandering in the wilderness, or the return of the Lord Jesus Christ? The cause can only be determined by the effects. But the effect is so vast and so great that is difficult to trace it back to the original cause. Is it laziness? Is it an obfuscation? Or is it that people are just blind?

God speaks of this exact situation in in the Book of 2 Peter 3:3 which says, "*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*" When I first became a Christian it was difficult to imagine any such thing happening. But now it need not be imagined anymore for it is being unraveled right before my very eyes.

We must do our part. People want to know the truth. They want to hear it from people whom they trust. They don't want to be embarrassed by taking sides with the supposed enemies of today. They just don't want trouble in their life. But like the communists who never heard of God at all want to know about God even in a society where it is illegal to talk about Him, so it is in our free society today. It's not illegal to talk about God but when one does, they get labeled and then shunned by those who want to live in a society where God is irrelevant. We must show them that it need not be so, for with God all things are possible and His love can change anyone's mind. ~

