



“WALKING & GROWING IN GOD”

A little girl studied about Enoch in Bible class. When her parents quizzed her. She said, “Well, Enoch walked with God. And they walked and walked and walked, until they were so far from Enoch’s house that God said, ‘Enoch, why don’t you just come on and go home with Me?’” That is not a bad view of what seems to have happened between Enoch and God. Though none of us will be translated from this world in the same manner as Enoch, there’s still an important point here. **If we**

walk with God, we grow closer to Him every day. If we walk with Him long enough, we may simply get so “far away” from this world that heaven is truly the only place we can home. The more we grow, the less at home in this world we will become. Every day we live on this earth, we are one day closer to going to heaven. Each step we take with the Lord takes us that much nearer the home that He has prepared for us. This week, let’s concentrate on that thought. Let’s see if we can’t make heaven more real to ourselves, and realize that at the pace life goes nowadays it will be here before long! As the song says, “*Just a few more days to be filled with praise, and to tell the old, old story; then, when twilight falls, and my Savior calls, I shall go to Him in glory.*” We can do the Lord’s will and please Him (Heb.13:20-21; cf.11:5-6), and every day we do these things, we move closer to God. Another song says, “*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way!*” On our way to heaven, God brightens our path. It is not as though we are bound for heaven but must endure a dreary ordeal until we get there. No, the Christian is privileged to have many foretastes of the joy of heaven before he arrives. Doing the Lord’s work with the Lord’s people is a glorious thing in itself. But just over the horizon, our Father beckons us home to rest. Even at this moment, we may be closer to that rest than we think. Let’s not fall short of that which we have looked forward to all our lives. Let’s strive for heaven this week, & always. **DP**

FOR YOUR STUDY & REFLECTION

MONDAY - 2 KINGS 2:1-14 - Key Idea: God wants those who love & obey to be with Him.

Questions for Growth: What kind of person was Elijah? How did God take him home to heaven? Even though we won’t go to heaven in the same way as Elijah, should we not look forward to being with God when we die? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:1.

TUESDAY - HEBREWS 11:8-10,13-16 - Key Idea: If we love & obey God, we can go to the city He has built. **Questions for Growth:** What kind of person was Abraham? In v.10, what kind of city does it say he was looking for? Did he find that city in this world? Where is it, according to v.16? What are some things that make heaven a “better country”? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:2-3.

THURSDAY - 2 PETER 1:1-11 - Key Idea: To go to heaven, we must learn to love what God loves. **Questions for Growth:** What does it mean to become “*partakers of the divine nature*” (v.4)? What are the things Peter says we must add to our faith? What will these things do for us, according to vv.10-11? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:5,6.

FRIDAY – HEBREWS 9:27,28 - Key Idea: We are looking forward to when Christ returns to take us to heaven. **Questions for Growth:** What is the thing that everyone is “appointed” to do? What comes after that? When Christ appears a second time, what will it be for? What does it mean to be “eagerly waiting” for Christ? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:7.

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JUNE 5, 2016

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

We appreciate your willingness to worship God with us this Lord’s Day! If you would like more information about the Church of Christ, or if we may assist you in other ways, please let us know. **BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY– *The Salisbury Church of Christ.***

****Please fill out a Visitor’s Card and place it in the collection plate****

ORDER OF OUR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER

SONG # 417 – WALKING IN SUNLIGHT

SONG # 97 – GOD IS SO GOOD

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE – DANIEL 6:1-10

SONG # 404 – REMIND ME DEAR LORD

LORD’S SUPPER

CONTRIBUTION

SONG # 379 – I WALK WITH THE KING

SERMON: “EVER – LASTING”

SONG # 867 – ALMOST PERSUADED

SONG # 608 – GOD’S FAMILY

CLOSING PRAYER

NEWS, NOTES & PRAYERS

LET US PRAY FOR: Ida Laramore (Judy Willie's mother); Ken & Nancy Watson (lost daughter) Jimmy McMillon, Stella Reidy, Wilma Duke's mother (dementia), Geri Plourde (cancer), Jenn Striecker (cancer), Jack Callaway, Katie Gray, Flossie Hull, Barbara Kuykendall, John Tillman, Paul Marchesault, Marilyn Artis, Linda Alaban, Florence Tucker, the Jones/Dale family, the Gibson family, Larry Laten, Prince Ituen and all missionaries and military personnel serving overseas.

- **Ruth Banks** grandson, Mike, suffered a heart attack, Please continue keeping him in your prayers
- **Chance & Tara Blackmer** and their three children have been displaced from their house after it burned down. They lost most everything. Chance preaches for the Laurel church. We will be taking up a special collection to help them out.
- **Eva Post** will be leaving for CT on Tuesday, 6/7.
- **Doug Post** will be in Pensacola, FL – June 10-14 for the Bellview Lectureship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE 5 (Sunday) Pot Luck

JUNE 18 (Sunday) Family Night (Food, Devo, Games. Invite friends) 6:00 pm

JUNE 19 (Saturday) Evangelism Meeting (15 minutes)

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE LAST WEEK

Sunday Bible Classes: 27

Sunday AM Worship: 45

Wednesday Bible Class: 14

Contribution: \$2,065

Weekly Budget: \$1,489

THOSE WHO SERVE - SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

Announcements & Opening Prayer: Bob King

Song Leader/Closing Prayer: Kevin Kronewitter

Prayer & Scripture: Jerry Marvel

Lord's Supper: Herman Duke

Assisting:

SERMON PREVIEW

JUNE 5: "SIZING UP SATAN"

JUNE 12: Guest Speaker

JUNE 19: "DO"

"OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY"

Reality is what exists. Truth harmonizes with what is real because Truth is reality and reality is Truth. Truth is not a fabrication of the imagination. A fact is a true reflection of actual condition. Since God "IS," then Truth "IS," because God is Truth!

For the past several weeks we have been discussing how we ought to live in Babylon – in a culture that rejects our spiritual values. However, we need to remind ourselves of this fact as well; when it comes to human behavior in a godless society, and when it seems the "sky is the limit" for such godless behavior, be assured that the Judgment Day is still a reality, a fact, and a destination, even if most don't see it coming. People can do whatever they want, but no one can do it with impunity. Denying Truth does not make it false; loving the lie does not make it true. Sin is real, even if the doer does not see it.

God still says certain activity is sinful, regardless what is acceptable to our president, courts, laws, customs, entertainers, academics, or neighbors. To name a few: Sex outside marriage is sin (Hebrews 13:4). Homosexuality is sin (1 Corinthians 6:9). Men dressing like women, or vice versa, is sin (Deuteronomy 22:5). Lying is sin (Revelation 21:8). Not being sober is sin (1 Thessalonians 5:6). Refusing to repent of every sin is sin (Acts 17:30). Refusing to obey the gospel of Christ is sin (2 Thessalonians 1:8). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

The Bible's message does not evolve to accommodate political correctness, or to coddle the sensibilities of people in rebellion against the Lord. God states the facts, tells us what is right and what is coming. He warns us against the foolishness of the world (1 Corinthians 1:19-21). God educates us on reality. He does not ask us what we want; he tells us how it is. To adopt the Bible's perspective is to see things accurately, that we might be prepared for eternity.

Any society that celebrates sin constructs its own coffin. In the church of Christ, we stand in God's truth, as given in God's book. Whether that appeals to anyone or not, reality still looms closer every day. **"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil"** (2 Corinthians 5:10).DP

WHEN THE SAINTS MEET HERE IN SALISBURY

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 AM Sunday Worship – 10:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study – 6 PM