



“TRUST NOT IN THAT WHICH DISAPPOINTS”

God is the only sure source of true security, and we are foolish if we ignore that fact. It may be tempting to focus our faith on other people and other things, but we must keep our ultimate trust in the God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. **Our faith needs to be in God and not in things that will disappoint us.** Even we who profess to be the Lord's people sometimes have difficulty keeping our faith in the right place. Under pressure, we often find our basic trust has not really been in the Lord Himself, but in “what we have

always done,” “what our preacher says,” or “what the majority is doing.” **But we need to be extremely careful about the object of our ultimate trust.** If we pay too much attention to sources of authority and guidance **other than the Lord,** we will eventually leave the straight and narrow path of God's will. We talk with great concern to our religious friends about placing their faith in Christ, rather than in human religious institutions, man-made creeds, etc. However, if we trust in anything other than the Lord, Himself, that is just as wrong for us to do as it is for anyone else. Paul said, “**I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day**” (2 Tim. 1:12). When difficulties in life arise, we often find that our faith has not really been in the Lord but only in human wisdom. In the midst of trials and tribulations, if we're not willing to do the Lord's will unless we can understand the rationale for His commandments and unless it seems to us that we have the ability to do accomplish the task, then our faith is not really in the Lord; it's in our own PERCEPTION and our own WORKS. Whenever we face a choice between different loyalties, however, our allegiance should be given to Jesus Christ. Having considered the alternatives and their relative degree of trustworthiness, we must decide to put our trust in God. If we do that, we will never be disappointed, no matter what happens and no matter what anyone else does. Trusting our Lord is the only safe course! DP

FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION

MONDAY (JUDGES 7:1-8,19-25) Key Idea: We need to rely on what God can do, rather than on what we can do. **Questions for growth:** Why, according to v.2, did God say Gideon's army was too large? How many men did Gideon finally have with which to fight the Midianites? What lesson was God wanting His people to learn? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:8.

TUESDAY (LUKE 12:13-21) Key Idea: We cannot count on money or material things to take care of us. **Questions for Growth:** Was it wrong for the farmer in this story to have good success with his crops? What was wrong with his attitude? What are some things we can do to keep from putting our faith in money and material things? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:9.

THURSDAY (HEBREWS 6:13-20) Key Idea: Our hope of heaven is something we can hold on to. **Questions for Growth:** Will God ever lie to us? What does an “anchor” do for a ship? In v.19, what does the writer mean when he says that our hope is an anchor? Is going to heaven something that we can be sure about? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:11.

FRIDAY (1 PETER 4:12-19) Key Idea: If we are faithful to God, He will always be faithful to us. **Questions for Growth:** According to this passage, what can we count on when bad things happen? What does it mean to “commit” our souls to God? What does it mean that God is a “faithful” Creator? Why should we trust God? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:12.

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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 # 800 – HOME OF THE SOUL

SONG # 697 – MY EYES ARE DRY

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE – ROMANS 3:19-31

SONG # 765 – FIND US FAITHFUL

LORD'S SUPPER

CONTRIBUTION

SONG # 542 – FAITH IS THE VICTORY

SERMON: "JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH"

SONG # 866 – IS THY HEART RIGHT WITH GOD

SONG # 416 – SUNLIGHT

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.
- **Doug Post** will be in Pensacola 6/9-6/14.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

JUNE 19 (Saturday) Evangelism Meeting (15 minutes)

JULY 2 (Saturday) Women's Bible Study

JULY 3 (Sunday) Pot Luck

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

SERMON PREVIEW

JUNE 19: "TRUE DISCIPLES DO"

JUNE 26: "TRUE DISCIPLES LOVE"

"MATERIALISM"

"If the dead do not rise, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!'" (1 Corinthians 15:32).

HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE IN OUR LIVES IF WE KNEW FOR CERTAIN THAT NOTHING OF A SPIRITUAL NATURE EXISTED? Sad to say, in many of our lives it wouldn't make much of a difference at all. Although we pay lip service to the priority of spiritual realities, on many days it must be said that materialism is the real governing force in our lives.

Materialism is more of a problem than many churchgoers like to admit. Just as we define "worldliness" too narrowly, we also define "materialism" in a way that is too restricted. The person who has an inordinate affection for money and earthly possessions is obviously materialistic (1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19). But the problem goes well beyond the sin of outright covetousness, as harmful as that sin may be. We are being materialistic any time we live as though physical things were our most important consideration. Esau, for example, was being materialistic when he sold his birthright for a bowl of soup (Hebrews 12:16).

As a philosophy, materialism holds that there is no reality except material reality. Materialists deny that spiritual realities have any objective existence. Such things, according to the materialist, are simply the products of our imagination, which itself is no more than the product of our brain's biochemistry. As practical people, few of us would subscribe to the philosophy of materialism, and indeed, few philosophers would go so far as to be radical materialists. But many of us end up being materialists anyway. No matter what our philosophy may be, we seem to live as if the only things that are real are material. Judging from the way we live, one would think that we believe the material world is all there is.

When we allow our lives to be driven by materialism, it must be admitted that we lead very hollow lives. Whether we face the fact or not, our hearts were made to experience much more than anything the material world can provide. We have needs that are deeper by far than our physical ones, and when these needs are not fulfilled, or when we try to fulfill them illegitimately, we find life to be difficult and our hearts to have holes in them. "Materialism is organized emptiness of the spirit" (Franz Werfel). **DP**

WHEN THE SAINTS MEET HERE IN SALISBURY

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

Wednesday Bible Study – 6 PM