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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"

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Christ Came, Died, was Buried, Resurrected, & will Return Sunday 11am Worship Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study Wed. 7pm Zoom Bible Study

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ZEAL AND KNOWLEDGE

Romans 10:2. "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (NKJV).

In this passage from Romans, the Apostle Paul was speaking about his Jewish brethren who had yet to accept Christ. However, he gives us two factors to determine where we are as a Christian: zeal and knowledge.

Type 1: No zeal, no knowledge.

This person is spiritually dead. They don't know, and they don't care.

Type 2: Knowledge without zeal.

This is a very dangerous place to be. It was to these types that Jesus spoke in Matthew 18:5 (quoting Isaiah 29:13), "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." We should all be pursuing greater knowledge of the Word, because it's through the Word we come to know our Lord. But it can be very easy to know all the right things in our heads yet be totally unaffected in the heart.

Type 3: Zeal without knowledge.

This, of course, was the type Paul was addressing in Romans 10. He was writing of Jews who cared greatly about God but remained under the Law instead of submitting to Christ for their righteousness. And as admirable as their zeal was, it would not save them. Knowledge is crucial. When someone first becomes a Christian, this will typically be their state, and that's ok... for a time. Zeal that is never paired with knowledge is a whole other kind of danger. This person can have a fire to do things for God and tell others about Him, but if there is no knowledge there, they will deceive both themselves and others. For this reason we must "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18a NKJV).

Type 4: Zeal with knowledge.

This should be the aim of every Christian. There are times when our zeal will be strong, and times when it will wane. There will always be areas in which we can expand our knowledge. It is a life-long pursuit to have hearts filled with passion for God and heads filled with knowledge of who He is and what He desires from us. But it's a worthwhile pursuit.

So the real question is, which of the other options do I have a tendency toward, and how do I avoid it? Knowing which one we are, praying about it, and applying ourselves to growth is the best way to truly possess both zeal and knowledge.

Daryl, for the elders

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From Neville's Desk...

IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT DAY

Come with me on a journey through time to the not-so-distant future – to our judgment day. Our friend, Jesus Christ, whose commands we have been obeying all our lives, warned us that this day would come unexpectedly (Mt.24:36) and sooner than later (Lk.12:20). Because we trust the Words of our Lord and Savior, intellectually we know this is true – THE JUDGMENT DAY IS IMMINENT.

Now, imagine that today is that Day. As we move towards the great Throne, we notice forlorn souls we love deeply being led away to an eternity of pain and misery.

Some of these may be our parents, siblings, children, best friends, and fellow worshippers. Our hearts break because there is nothing we can do. But every one of us knows that we did not do enough when we still had the time. And with crushed and broken spirits we remember Jesus Christ saying, "we must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work" (Jn.9:4).

Friends let us reason together. Since we know THE JUDGEMENT DAY IS IMMINENT and we know we are surrounded by many heading to hell, why not, while

we still have time, don't we reach out now and save those we love so much "by snatching them out of the fire" (Jude 1:23)?



WAR WITHIN YOURSELF Robert Murphy

The Christian life is a life of joy, but that does not mean that it is not a life full of struggle and difficulty. In fact, in Philippians, the "letter of joy," Paul is imprisoned and might be facing the death penalty. Yet, he still rejoices (Phil 1:18–19).

Most Christians do not struggle with external worldly threats. Rather, the main conflict is with your own sinful inclination. Paul describes this reality as a battle between the flesh and the spirit, "For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not

do the things that you please" (Gal 5:17; NASB). As several know, this battle is *not* fun in the moment. Manifesting self-control, one fruit of the spirit, is anything but fun for your mind. This is especially true with habitual sin, such as gossip, lying, anger, pornography, and drunkenness. Rejoicing in the midst of these battles is extremely difficult. It will take practice and patience. However, once you reframe the temptation as *a choice* between loving our Redeemer or simply gratifying your own flesh, you will suddenly see the reality of the situation. In this way, the Truth will empower you to continue walking in the Spirit rather than seek self-gratification. Eventually, you will be able to happily suffer through temptation for Christ's sake because of his love for us.

LET THEM KNOW

Steve Proctor

Times like these can be a bit hard. Times not like these can be a bit hard. We all go through good times and bad times and sometimes it feels like we're going through them alone. Of course, we could spend time talking about how we're not alone, and we would be right. But that's not my point right now. Today's point is to make sure we let each other know we aren't alone.

I Thessalonians 3:6-7 "But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith."

Paul was going through a lot and it wasn't always sunshine and roses. He was beaten, robbed, threatened, shipwrecked, imprisoned, et cetera (not to minimize any of it). But when Timothy came to Paul, he brought the good news of their faith and love along with the encouragement of knowing his brothers and sisters remembered him and missed seeing him. Knowing his Christian family cared for him and remembered him fondly he was comforted.

Hardly anything beats having our brothers, sisters, friends, or family around to help us when things aren't good. But even when we are hundreds of miles apart, we can still remind each other that we are thinking of each other and longing to be together.

Make sure to let each other know, however we can, that we "remember each other kindly and long to see each other". It really means more than we know to people who need it. Let 'em know.

News, Notes & Announcements...

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FOOD PANTRY

If you need food, or know of anyone who does, please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Herald, Colleen Ryan, or the church office. (Porch deliveries are available for those who cannot pick-up.)

BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the counter in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD

MATTHEW 4:1-11 (ESV)

1ST BATTLE OF OUR I	, F,
MATTHEW 4:1-3	
2ND BATTLE OF OUR P	, P,
MATTHEW 4:4-7	
3RD BATTLE OF OUR G	, E,
MATTHEW 4:8-11	

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00 Over/Under: -\$3,010.00 Jan 10, 2020-\$4,445.00

Jan 24, 2020-\$2,345.00

YTD AVG - \$4,213.00

Jan 17, 2020-\$5,206.00 Jan 31, 2021-\$4,572.00

Upcoming Events

Feb 26-28 April 2-4 Challenge Youth Conference Lads to Leaders Convention



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

Dan McNeese Recovering from COVID at Gateway Rehab; might go home this week

Kyleigh Cooper Fell and broke her collarbone, meeting with ortho Mike White (former elder at Summit) Completed treatments for prostate cancer; is now cancer free!

Norma Carter Having tests to get more details about her A-fib Robin Herald Recovering from COVID

Sarah Hill Family (Dalys' mother-in-law) Passed away on 2/5 Tom Smith (former preacher at Summit) Recovering from surgeries, went home on 2/3

Cancer

- Bev (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Chemo continues; cancer is stable
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable.
- Sean Timmerding (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable
- Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Beginning chemo after a mastectomy
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence Long-term Needs
- Ashley Holland-pray for her unborn baby's health
- **COVID**-healthcare/frontline workers & those who have the virus
- Daniel Skinner (Amanda Robinson's brother) Drug rehab
- Joey Adams-needs a suitable group home

- Julie Skinner (Amanda Robinson's mom) Caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Kerri Herald**-pray for her to be able to be as independent as possible
- Mandy (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- Peggy Holt-recovering from a stroke
- Sally Pape (Renee Carnes' mom) Short-term memory loss
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

Shut-In Members

- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 133 active students & 10 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another

Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service

Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock

Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring

