



What DO You “Have?” (In Christ)

Part Two
by Dave Rogers

(Last week, we noted that some Christians seem to struggle with the idea that “the church” includes them, and we pointed out that their speech often demonstrates that they suffer from we called “I/They” Syndrome. We also pointed out that, although this affliction has measurably detrimental effects on the church, it **can** be overcome, when a Christian becomes determined to change his or her perspective!)

One who suffers from “I/They” Syndrome typically overlooks the blessings that are the birthright of every child of God. Such a person’s grasp of God’s goodness usually begins and ends with “Because I was baptized I won’t go to hell when I die,” and misses the blessings that accompany actually **living** the abundant life in Christ. This poor soul might resent being told that “there’s more to life in Christ” than just avoiding hell, and he would almost certainly balk at the idea that he himself still commits sins and therefore **needs** the forgiveness that is in Christ! When we consider Isaiah’s words (Isaiah 59:1-2) about the effect of sin, coupled with Paul’s inspired observations about its’ universality in human experience (Romans 3:10 & 23), what we see highlighted is the **need** that each of us has where sin is concerned.

Sinning divides us from God, functioning as a barrier to fellowship with Him. It puts us in the position of opposing Him if we persist in it, and we are therefore justly condemned when we sin (in Genesis 3, God pointed out to Adam and Eve that “you shall surely die” **if** they ate what God had restricted; and they did). Jesus pointed out in Matthew 16:26 that the only adequate “price” **we** can pay for sin is **our own**

souls. God’s righteous character demands that the gulf sin digs between us and Him must be bridged before He can savor fellowship with His own creations. As Peter said in 2 Peter 3:9^(b), it is **not** the will of God that we should perish! Thus, **God provided the sacrifice WE needed**, so that we can have the opportunity and ability to share in fellowship with Him. His righteous justice is satisfied, because His Son paid our debt for sin with His own blood. With Jesus as our perfect “Passover Lamb” (cf. John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7), Who died for our sins (Romans 5:6-8) and “paid the ransom” of our souls (1 Timothy 2:6), we have the perfect Savior from sin – **IF** we are walking with Him, 1 John 1:9. Jesus spoke of His disciples as His “family” (Luke 8:20-21), and the Hebrews writer tells us that “He ever lives to make intercession (i.e., with the Father, DR) for us,” Hebrews 7:25. Note, however, that Ephesians 5:23 shows us that Jesus is the Savior **of the body**; one who suffers from “I/They” Syndrome effectively (maybe even unconsciously!) excludes himself from salvation by his own words and thoughts! Despite this, we **have** a Savior Who **wants** to “walk with us!” As one grand old hymn proclaims,

“I have a loving Savior, up in gloryland; I don’t expect to stop, until I with Him stand, the angels beckon me, from heaven’s open door and I can’t feel at home in this world anymore.”

(more to come)

The Difference Between Making a Mistake as a Parent and Failing as a Parent

by Eugene Adkins

Let's face it; you can't make it through life as a parent without making mistakes. And making mistakes as a parent doesn't automatically equate to someone being a failure at it...nor do the mistakes made by your children. But the two can be very closely related.

Let me describe the difference:

Your children making the same mistakes you did as a young person doesn't make you a failure at being a parent. Your children making the same mistakes you did as a young person with your blessing makes you a failure at being a parent.

Children are going to do things that are wrong – even when they know they don't have the blessing of their parents: But for a child to gain a stamp of approval from a parent while they are doing something morally, ethically, financially or whatever is conceivably wrong is just plain wrong.

Listen to this – the youthful mistakes of a parent do not give that parent's child a right to make the same mistakes! A wrong from a parent's past will remain a wrong for his or her child in the future. And we will fail as parents if we don't understand this principle.

Parents are there to be guides for their children – guides that hone the conscience by stepping in when a wrong decision is being made whether that child realizes it or not...and whether or not your own conscience made the right decision when facing the same situation.

There's a world of difference between making mistakes as a parent and failing as a parent; but intentionally allowing our children to do the former puts us dangerously close to the latter.

"Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:" (Proverbs 7:24)

(continues next column)

And by the way – the above-quoted words came from a parent who made huge mistakes in his life, and that's why he gave his son the warning, not the approval, that he needed to hear when it came to the responsibility of making his own choices.

I'd Rather Err...

by "Doc" M.G. Phillips

What? I am hearing this phrase more and more and I simply cannot believe that any Christian would want to err. So, let's look at what they are saying:

- I'd rather err on the side of mercy than on the side of judgment.
- I'd rather err on the side of accepting what God had condemned than on the side of condemning what God has accepted.
- I'd rather err on the side of being too liberal than on being too conservative.

There are more, but you get the idea. What bothers me is this: Any sin is sin. God does not categorize sin as man does. That is, God does not say homosexuality is worse than lying. No, God says both are sin. Right? So, if we err, we err. Rather than decide we'd "rather sin" on this side instead of that side, should we not go to the Bible, study what God has said, and determine NOT to sin on any side? Should we not strive to "judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24) and do what God expects us to do in each situation?

What say ye?

(Doc Phillips is a member of the Fredericksburg Church of Christ in Fredericksburg, Maryland. He teaches classes there, and has done mission work in Namibia, and writes for the fellowshiproom.org website.)

Family Matters

Bob Howell – Is awaiting some test results.

Barbara Cozart – Is having health issues.

Bill Benton – Is recuperating at home.

Suzanne Oderry and family – Friend of Gayle Pelfrey's requests our prayers.

Bill Croix – Mattie's husband has been moved to Southland Rehab in Peachtree City, room 510.

Cathy Cavenden—Tiffany Duden's mother-in-law is in ICU at Grady after a automobile accident. They also lost her 8 year old grandson, Adian Cordona. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Jill Nash came forward Sunday requesting prayers for herself and David. Please keep this family in your daily prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Becky Higginbotham, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Sally Wallace, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, David & Shirley Lee, Butch & Joann Trawick, Forrest & Burma Chap-

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Shut-ins: Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Bill Croix (Mattie's husband), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Walter Campbell (Sylvester's brother), Joyce Greene (Denise's mother), Pamela Morris (Mitchell's friend), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb and Jean Benefield (Annette Benefield's son-in-law and daughter-in-law), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's brother/sister-in-law), Bill Croix (Mattie's husband), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's brother-in-law) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested – Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's son).

Military Members Deployed: SFC Chineka McKenzie (Kuwait), 335th Signal Command (T) (P), APO AE.

Capt. Rosa Bell, ECC—A, New Kabul Compound (NKC), APO AE 09354

AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

Deployed for FEMA – Missy Campbell is in Columbia, South Carolina.



Ladies' Day at Fayetteville

March 5th 8:30 (registration) - Lunch

Speaker: Tish Clarke, *"More Precious Than Gold"*



Thank you Brothers and Sisters of Fayetteville Church of Christ for the prayers, cards, and flowers. I enjoyed them.

Lucille Amon

Dear Church family,

Many thanks for the cards, calls and especially prayers offered on my behalf during my illness. Please continue to pray for me. Christian love, Ruby Fowler

Greetings Church Family,

Thank you and "Praise be to God" for our wonderful mother Mrs. Ruth Campbell who lived a full life of 98 1/2 years. We were so touched by the outpouring of love from our church family during this time. We want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls, text messages, and prayers. We especially want to thank Bro./Sis. Dave & Luann, Sis. Sheri, and Bro./Sis. Wayne & Betty Jo, and "Bentley" for traveling over 175 miles to attend mother's funeral. Thank you and God bless.

In Christ Jesus Name, The Campbell Family, Sylvester, Missy, Jamie, Jason & Grandson Collin

To My Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes. The time is seemingly moving very slowly, though I have a short 3 months left. The most challenging thing about this deployment is not having my family near or accessible. Though I appreciate the technology which allows us to see one another sometimes it adds to the stress of not being able to reach out and touch them. Thank you again—keep praying.

Rosa

To the church at Fayetteville,

Thank you for the effort you made last Saturday for Chad & Jasi's wedding & reception. The food was outstanding!

In Christ, Marcia Quinn

Calendar

Feb 28-Mar 3 – Progressive Meeting Starts. The bus will leave the church building Monday at 6:15 pm, Tuesday at 6 pm, Wednesday at 5:45 pm & Thursday at 6:15 pm.

Mar 2 – Mid-Week Bible Study will be at McDonough Church of Christ.

Mar 5 – Fayetteville's Ladies' Day

Mar 11 – Family Game Night at 6pm

Mar 12 – Paul Bunyan Breakfast/Workday at Camp Inagehi, 8:30am

Mar 18 – SilverWings Reorganization Meeting & Potluck. Please join us and bring your ideas.

Area Events:

Mar 6-9 – Central Church of Christ Gospel Meeting, Speaker Dewey Grimsley, "Living Godly in a Godless World"

Mar 12 – Lithia Springs 5th Annual Ladies' Breakfast, 9 – 11:30am

Mar 19, Apr 9 & 23 – McDonough Church of Christ, 9am-12:30pm, "How to Become an Effective Speaker in 10 Hours" – J.J. Turner, instructor

April 2 – McDonough COC Ladies' Day, "The Blessings of Being a Godly Woman" – Speaker, Becky Blackmon

April 8 – Central Church of Christ Area Wide Singing, 7-11pm



Luke Quinn & Laura Morgan
Come and Go Wedding Shower

March 20th from 2:30-4pm

In the Fellowship Hall

The couple is registered at Wal-Mart & Target

L2L Bible Bowl

Healthy Snacks

Feb 28 Review & Games—CYC

Mar 6 Review/Games Susie Graham

Mar 13 Review/Game Blitz Susie Graham

Youth Events

Mar 12 - Paul Bunyan Breakfast/Workday at Camp Inagehi

March 20 - Cedar Grove COC, 5pm

March 25-27 – LTL Convention

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

Scripture Reading
Prayer
Song Leader
Preside Lord's Supper
Server
Server
Server
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Server
Server
Server
Server
Sermon
Response Elder
Announcements
Song
Closing Prayer

Evening Service

Prayer
Sermon
Server
Server
Closing Prayer

2/28

Rory Bell, Jr.
Rick Sharpe

Jim Pelfrey
Mike Madison
Charles Nash
Bill Ruffer
Curtis Hurt
Zeke Poskevich
Tommy Chapman
Larry Rose
Kenneth Fincher
Dave Rogers
Jim Pelfrey
Greg Nash

K Killingsworth

David Hopkins
Song Service
Anthony Ravenell
Paul Lyons
Greg Nash

Communion Preparation

Mar — Charity Nash

Nursery

28 Leisa Allender

Care of Building

Mar 1-15 David Hopkins/Ray Cozart

16-31 Stan Mitchell/Curtis Hurt

Ushers

28 David Poskevich/Thomas Quinn

Mar 6—Steven Burdette/David Hopkins

13 Bill Ruffer/Rick Sharpe

20 Harry Williams/Morris Jones

27 Shirley Allender/Lewis Armstrong

Media Center Helpers

28 Rory Bell, Jr.

3/6 Brad Hopkins, 13 Ben Rogers,
20 Zeke Poskevich & 27 Gayle Pelfrey

Open Arms

28 Susie Graham, Zeke Poskevich, Barbara Edmonds,
Anne Siebert, Rick & RuPearl Sharpe

3/6 Jessa Quinn, Martha Vickery, Sally Wallace,

Connie Kelly, Linda Armstrong,
Tommy & Gail Chapman

Wednesday Evening Devotional

3/2 Zeke Poskevich, 9 Rick Sharpe, 16 Thomas Quinn,
23 David Riley & 30 David Hopkins

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Hugh Kelly
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Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

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March 2016

Response Elder: Jim Garner

Evangelism

"So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work."
Nehemiah 4:6

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