



What DO You “Have?” (In Christ)

Part Three
by Dave Rogers

Have you ever thought about how you “see” yourself? Does what you “see” differ from what God sees when He looks at you? (And if it does, how are the images different?) Earlier articles in this series emphasized that some Christians have trouble visualizing themselves as actually being “part” of the body of Christ; they think in terms of “I” and “them” in matters pertaining to the church, instead of thinking of “us.” Further, there seems to be a sort of “disconnect” in the minds of these brethren, where the blessings of living a Christian life, the practice of sin, and the price God paid for their salvation are all concerned. They don’t seem to understand that living just like lost people in the world do puts them on a path, and credits them with a perspective that by their own words and actions shows that they have excluded themselves from walking with the Savior in eternity. (This is the case even though they think of themselves as “saved,” although independent of the church and somehow not “really” responsible to God for their misconduct.)

To combat this “I/They” (or, “Me versus Them”) attitude among the saints, it helps to understand that our Father provided an **Advocate** for us, someone Who can “plead our case” in His presence (1 John 2:1). John’s words emphasize the fact that Christians have a close, even “personal” relationship with our Father because we are in Christ. Even though the common notion of a “personal relationship” with God is usually no more than a vague feeling that “God’s OK with me, and He accepts me just as I am,” there is not generally much consideration given to whether or not a person is actually walking in His way (Ephesians 2:10; 2 John 1:6). The consensus in much of the denominational community (and

with some who call themselves our brethren) is that so long as an individual **feels** comfortable with God, so long as that person is satisfied with the way he is living, then **God** must be satisfied with that individual. Of course, this line of thinking actually dethrones the Father and substitutes how a person feels toward God as the “measure” of acceptability to Him.

When a genuine Christian habitually thinks in “I/Them” terms, that person doesn’t generally have a close, healthy, personal relationship with our Father; his words and actions make it plain that he is much more comfortable keeping God “at arm’s length.” Although our Father doesn’t want to be “far” from any of us (John 14:23), He doesn’t compromise His perfect standards in order to excuse us. The Hebrews penman informs us that Jesus, our Savior and Advocate, “always lives to make intercession” for us (Hebrews 7:25), “speaking for us” in the presence of the Father. When we sin (and repent), it is our Mediator’s blood that covers our sins; He is able to “stand between” us and our God, interposing His own blood in the place of ours (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 12:22-24). Christians are cleansed of sin by the blood of Jesus when we confess those sins and repent of them, 1 John 1:9. John emphasizes that **Christians have an Advocate** (One Who “stands beside us”) in the presence of the heavenly Father, Who intercedes with Him for us. It is God’s will for us to **know** Him, 1 John 2:3, but one who separates himself from the believers, thinking in terms of “me” and “them,” is effectively cutting himself off from the blessing of having an Advocate to plead his “case” with God! He cannot be “another” body of Christ, “whole” unto himself!

(still more to come)

Messing Up is Part of Life!

by Mark Hammitt

Last Sunday night the youth group had a devotional in the fellowship hall. The food was great, the speaker's message was challenging, the devotional was encouraging and the group game was fun for all. I would encourage ALL of our young people to join the youth group for each Sunday night devotional.

The youth minister brought a fast-paced game for the teens and adults to play called "Catch Phrase." We sat in a circle and paired into two teams to compete against each other. An electronic device gave each person a word or phrase that had to be described without saying that particular word or phrase. If that person's team guessed the word correctly, the device was handed to the next person and they had to quickly describe the word for their team before the random timer went off.

During the game, as you might expect, some got very nervous when they were in a hurry to beat the buzzer. One person accidentally said the word on several turns and automatically gave the opposing team points. Another person, in the excitement of the game, answered for the opposing team and gave them points. Others would often get "tongue tied" as they thought about how to proceed.

After the game, I thought about how often in life we get hurried and flustered and react in similar ways. Perhaps you've had days that are very busy and, in the blink of an eye, you said or did something for which you were later sorry. Maybe you had a lot on your mind and someone cut you off in traffic or your child said something to you that caused you to react in an uncharacteristic way. Then, a co-worker became upset over a seemingly very minor comment you made. How should we deal with situations like these?

First, realize that messing up is part of life! Not that we should excuse our mistakes,

but we should be willing to admit them and do whatever is needed to make them right. Even the most faithful Christian will still sin (1 John 1:8). When you mess up, don't give up! Instead, make things right as much as possible.

Second, work to develop the fruits of the Spirit in the Christian life! These fruits will help us in dealing with others who have fallen short or failed to act appropriately. Consider how we will respond to others if these are evident in our lives: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (Galatians 5:22-23).

Third, give others the benefit of the doubt! If there is one thing that will improve our outlook on life, it would be to train ourselves to think the best of people around us. While they may seem angry, perhaps they are dealing with a sickness or difficult family life. Though they are grumpy or agitated, maybe they received some really bad news. Since we cannot read minds, we never know everything about other people, so why not respond with kindness, compassion, and mercy? "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 'Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful'" (Luke 6:35-36).

Fourth, have a spirit of forgiveness! This process includes forgiving ourselves after we have sought the forgiveness of God and others we may have offended. We must also be willing and eager to forgive others who have offended us. "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Aren't you thankful that God still loves us even though we often mess up in life? (Romans 5:8)

(Mark Hammitt preaches for the Weber Road church of Christ in Corpus Christi, Texas)

Family Matters

Bob Howell – Is awaiting some test results.
 Bill Benton – Is recuperating at home.
 Carol Bomas – Charity Nash's aunt is in ICU with pulmonary fibrosis.

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 Chapman

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

Others With Health Problems: Cathy Cavenden (Tiffany Durden's mother-in-law), Bill Croix (Mattie's husband), Suzanne Odery (friend of Gayle Pelfrey), 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), Xermonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Caughen (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.

Welcome Our New Family

Anthony & Toni Stinson were baptized Sunday morning during worship. Please welcome them into our church family.

Anthony & Toni Stinson
 663 Sedgwick Drive
 Jonesboro, GA 30238

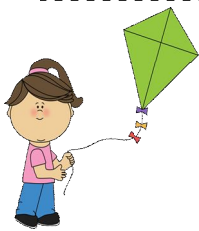
Anthony # 678 814-5137 & Toni's # 404 414-0709



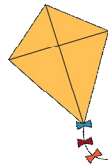
Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers during the illness and passing of my younger brother and Annette's uncle, Mr. Edward Gilbert Jones. Your concern was really appreciated and especially the German chocolate cake from Sis. Theresa Green. German chocolate cake was Gilbert's favorite.

In Christian love, Sisters Equillar and Annette Butler

To the Ladies at Fayetteville Church of Christ,
 Thank you for your kindness and hospitality.
 Fayette County Election



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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



Calendar

- Today** – Scotland Mission Trip meeting after AM Service, room 121.
- 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.
- Mar 20** – Laura Morgan & Luke Quinn's Wedding Shower
- Apr 1** – Fellowship Game Night at 6pm
- Apr 3** – Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Potluck Luncheon. Please join us.
- May 14-15** – Rose Show
- May 30** – Office Closed for Memorial Day
- June 26** – Singing @ Hope Center, 2pm

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

L2L Bible Bowl Healthy Snacks

- Mar 6 Review/Games Susie Graham
- Mar 13 Review/Game Blitz Susie Graham
- March 26 Convention

Youth Events

- Mar 12** – Paul Bunyan Breakfast/Workday at Camp Inagehi, 8:30am
- Mar 13** – Kids' Kite Day after the AM Services. Hot dogs, chips and drinks for all. Kid's bring your kites.
- March 25-27** – LTL Convention
- April 3** – LTL Potluck Luncheon
- April 17** – Conyers COC at 6pm
- May 1** – Senior Recognition Dinner after PM Service
- June 12-17** – Camp Inagehi Week
- July 10-13** – VBS "The Voyage"

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
Scripture Reading	Zeke Poskevich	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich	Jordan Madison
Prayer	Thomas Quinn	Rory Bell, Sr.	Curtis Hurt	Larry Rose
Song Leader				
Preside Lord's Supper	Eric Hagin	Brad Hopkins	Eric Hagin	Bard Hopkins
Server	Ben Rogers	Ben Rogers	Ben Rogers	Ben Rogers
Server	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell
Server	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Jake Garner	Jake Garner	Jake Garner	Jake Garner
Server	Morris Jones	Morris Jones	Morris Jones	Morris Jones
Server	Cliff Nash	Cliff Nash	Cliff Nash	Cliff Nash
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song				
Closing Prayer	Rory Bell, Sr.	Lewis Armstrong	Rory Bell, Jr.	Jim Pelfrey

Evening Service

Prayer	David Riley	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly	David Hopkins
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Server	Rory Bell, Jr.	Bill Ruffer	Ron Biles	Anthony Ravenell
Server	Randle Bell	Hugh Kelly	Bob Howell	Rick Sharpe
Closing Prayer	Keith Killingsworth	Tom Durden	Jimmy Garner	Gayle Pelfrey

Georgia APAGE Needs Foster Parents

We had over 1,500 requests for foster care from DFCS in our 2015 service year (11/1/2014 to 10/31/2015). Of those 1,500, we could have taken approximately 700 if we had more foster parents that look like those we currently have.

We are starting up our next series of trainings that are required to become a Georgia AGAPE foster parent. The trainings are spread over 3 weekends and are all day Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. **The next series is March 5/6; 19/20 and April 2/3.**

We will have other weekend series in May, July and September.

Fayetteville Church of Christ 2016 Goal - Evangelism

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David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
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)

Communion Preparation

Charity Nash

Nursery

6 Jessa Quinn
13 Susie Graham
20 Meggi Quinn
27 Susan Pelfrey

Care of Building

1-15 David Hopkins/Ray Cozart
16-31 Stan Mitchell/Curtis Hurt

Ushers

6—Steven Burdette/David Hopkins
13 Bill Ruffer/Rick Sharpe
20 Harry Williams/Morris Jones
27 Shirley Allender/Lewis Armstrong

Media Center Helpers

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

Open Arms

6 Jessa Quinn, Martha Vickery,
Sally Wallace,
Connie Kelly, Linda Armstrong,
Tommy & Gail Chapman
13 Estell Higginbotham, Rose Durden,
Linda Johnson, Jo Hurt,
Theresa Green, Tom & Terri Durden
20 Jo Ruffer, Jasi Quinn,
Jean Johnson, Anne Siebert,
Thomas & Meggi Quinn

Wednesday Evening Devotional

9 Rick Sharpe, 16 Thomas Quinn,
23 David Riley & 30 David Hopkins

Our Missionaries



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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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