

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Those persecuted for
the faith in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Sue

Those have Fallen
Away.

Val.

All congregations of the
Lords church.

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

Study

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Fruits.

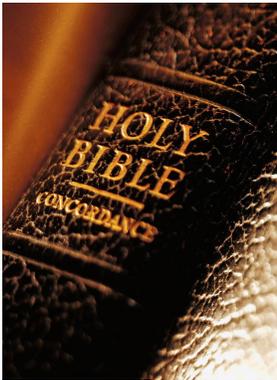
The writer of the book of Hebrews, inspired of the Holy Spirit, wrote, "All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, *even the fruit of righteousness.*" No one likes to go through difficult times in life. This passage makes it plain that things don't seem to be joyful during difficult times, but full of grief. Grief is defined by the American Heritage Dictionary as "deep mental anguish." Grief comes within our lives at different times and is never convenient. During times of grief we are almost always required to make decisions regarding our lives that we just soon would rather not make. However, we can be assured during our grief that we will become better servants of God as a result of it. We will yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness. Having this promise

from God we can hold onto Him during difficult times and reap a great bounty in His service. What are some of these peaceable fruits that we will yield as a result of our faithfulness? First, grief gives us occasion to understand more about God's love. There was no one on earth who suffered more than God's own Son, Jesus. We read in Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." That statement "Christ died for us" contains more than we will ever comprehend. We know what has been revealed by the Holy Spirit that Jesus prayed in Gethsemane in great anguish, "not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42). He bore the grief of all mankind and took upon Himself the burden of sin for the world (Isaiah 53:4, 5). Of His own free will He went to the cross knowingly and willingly (John 10:18). He endured for a moment in time the rejection of His Father to bear the sins of the world (Mark 15:34; 2

Corinthians 5:21). When we grieve, we understand more how much love God has for us. Second, grief helps the Christian to realize that this life is only temporary. Grief, suffering, and pain are things that are endemic to our physical bodies and our physical bodies are temporal. James writes, "What is your life? For ye are a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). Paul says that the physical body is corruptible, dishonourable, weak, natural and earthy (1 Corinthians 15:42-49). He says that it is perishing on a daily basis (2 Corinthians 4:16). This weak, natural, decaying body is only temporary, but there is coming a day when we will no longer have this body, but one full of power, glory, honour—a spiritual body, a body that will last forever (1 Corinthians 15:42-49).

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Bible Studies for the Week of November 30th 2008



AM Sermon	Actions (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
Adult Bible Study.....	Revelation (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service	Deut: 29:10-29; Romans 16:17-27
Sunday School Classes	(Rita/Mandy)
Thursday Bible Class	Revelation (Ricci)
Men's Bible Class.....	(Joe)
Sunday Night Bible Class	(Eric)

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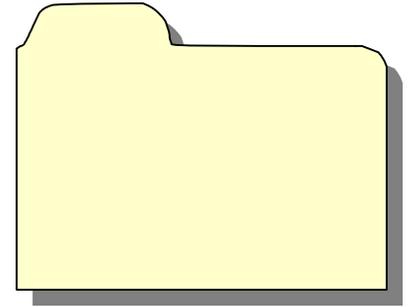
And that the “light afflictions” which we endure for this moment works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17). In this body, there will be no more sorrow, anguish, toil, grief, or pain (Revelation 20:4). Grief helps us to realize that this life is only temporary and that there is a better life coming for the faithful. Third, grief helps us to understand what is truly joyous. There is something to be said for the expression, “All sunshine makes a desert.” If one never experiences in one’s life dark times, one will not truly understand what joyous times are. David, the sweet singer of Israel,

had more hard times in his life than many will ever face in our day, yet out of all of the writers of the Old Testament, he and the other Psalmists wrote more concerning joy than any other. Some of their words are, “Thou wilt show me the path of life: In thy presence is fullness of joy; In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11). “Sing praise unto Jehovah, O ye saints of his, And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*. For his anger is but for a moment; His favour is for a life-time: Weeping may tarry for the night, But joy *cometh* in the morning” (Psalm 30:4, 5). “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth

and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves *with him*.” (Psalm 126:5, 6). Who can know joy without some measure of grief? Finally, grief helps us to be able to serve others. It was said of Jesus that he is able to be a faithful and merciful high priest to us due to the things which He suffered (Hebrews 2:17, 18). Truly those who have suffered are able to comfort those who are suffering. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that CON>>>>>>>>>>

For The Files: Week Beginning November 23rd 2008

Sunday Bible Class	12
Sunday AM Worship	24
Sunday School	
Sunday Night Study - Once A Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study.....	16
Contribution	£141.00.
Budget.....	£135.00.



Ricci's Corner.

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we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” When we suffer affliction ourselves, we will be able to help others who are suffering and this brings glory to God because He is the ultimate source of all comfort.

Here, at least, are a few “peaceable fruits” that we can glean from our own personal sufferings and grief: 1) A deeper understanding of God’s love, 2) A greater understanding of the brevity of life and its associated sorrows, 3) A better ability to discern that which is truly joyous, and 4) the ability to be a better servant in God’s vineyard.

Through these peaceable fruits of righteousness, we

can bring more souls to salvation, build up the church which Jesus built, and further the cause of Christ. The Hebrew writer further exhorts with these words, “Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees; and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed” (Hebrews 12:12, 13). Let each of us resolve to understand God’s purpose for grief and sorrow and to live according to His great purposes for our life each and every day.

This God Can Do

If God can hang the stars on high, Can paint the clouds that drift on by, Can swing the sun across the sky, What can he Do for you?

If He can send a storm

through space, And dot with trees the mountains face, If he the sparrow's course can trace, What can He do for you?

If God can send us sunny days, And nature from her slumber raise, Till song birds lift their notes of praise, What can He do for you?

If God can do all these things, Can count each little bird that sings, Control the universe that swings, What can He do for you?

If God can bring sweet peace to me, By Christ, Who hung upon a tree, And to my soul bring liberty, This He can do for you!

Glenn E. Wagoner



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IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Men's Bible Class: 02.12.08:

7.30pm

Coffee Afternoon: 03.12.08

1pm-2.30pm.

Sunday Night Study Here Tonight: 6pm.

Xmas Meal: 06.12.08

For All church related issues, please see Trevor and leadership.

Birthday: Non Noted

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

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God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Ladies Bible Class	Every Wednesday 1:00 PM
Thursday Evening Bible Class.....	7:30 PM
Men's Bible Study Class	First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

November 30th 2008

December 7th 2008

Sunday Morning

President

Trevor

Norman

Preaching:

Ricci

Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Norman

Trevor

Scripture Reading:

Jin

Eric

Lord's Table

Philip

Richard

Lord's Table

Eric

Joe

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening: Preacher

Eric

Flowers

Blossom

Hazel

Tea

Angela

Mandy

Building clean for Dec: 08

All Please

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