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Sunday - December 24, 2023

Why Be Incomplete?

by Troy Spradlin

The Apostle Peter wrote that God *"has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue."* (2 Peter 1:3) In other words, the Bible is sufficient for everything you might need concerning spiritual matters. Want to know your purpose on earth? The answer is in Ecclesiastes 12:13. Want to know if there is more to this life than what you can see? Read passages like Luke 16:19-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; and Revelation 20:12-15. After learning those things, you will probably want to know how to be prepared for the next life. Again, the answer can be found in Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37-47, 16:30-33; and Romans 6:1-18. Even still, this is just a small portion of what Peter means by the *"knowledge of Him."*

In addition to what Peter wrote, Paul had this to say about the Bible, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Paul is saying that the Bible is not only useful for learning about God and being convicted by what is right, but also how to get right and stay right with God. That's what he means by "being complete." It implies it is also possible to be incomplete, meaning, not having done all that God requires of us.



A great example for illustrating this principle is King Saul. He was told by the Lord to *"Go, and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed."* (1 Samuel 15:18) Saul went. He fought against them. But, he *"brought back Agag king of Amalek"* and allowed the people to bring back part of the plunder *"to sacrifice to the Lord."* So Samuel said, *"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams."* (1 Samuel 15:20-22) Saul did not complete all that God had required him to do! Thus, Saul was incomplete in his obedience.

So, are YOU complete? Have you obeyed the things God has commanded? (cf. Matthew 7:21-23) Are you fully submitting to the requirements He has for you? To determine if you are, consider the following questions:

- **Have you obeyed the Gospel like the Bible says?** Many folks respond by saying they were taught to "accept Jesus" into their heart and/or say the "Sinner's Prayer" to be saved. They will then go to Romans 10:9 as justification. But there are other passages like Mark 16:16; Romans 6:1-17; Gal 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21 that say baptism is also part of salvation. For salvation to be complete, one can't ignore or leave out those commands! If you haven't followed God's commands fully for being saved, then you are still "incomplete."
- **Have you loved your neighbor as yourself like the Bible says?** (Matt 22:39) A lawyer of the word tried testing Jesus on this commandment by asking Him, *"Who is my neighbor?"* (Luke 10:29) Jesus then taught the Parable of the Good Samaritan and asked the lawyer, *"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"* And he said, *"He who showed mercy on him."* Then Jesus said to him, *"Go and do likewise."* If you are not showing mercy (love) to your neighbor, then you are incomplete in fulfilling Jesus' commands.
- **Have you forgiven others like the Bible says?** When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, there were additional requirements taught at the same time as the prayer. *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."* (Matt 6:14-15) God expects us to forgive others if we want to receive forgiveness. If you only ask for forgiveness and do not extend it to others, then you are incomplete.

There are several more questions we could easily add to this list, such as: Are you attending worship? (Heb 10:25) Loving your spouse as you should? (Eph 5:33) Studying your Bible? (2 Tim 2:15) Serving others? (Matt 25:34-40).

If the Bible tells you everything you need to be complete, then why would you want to be incomplete?

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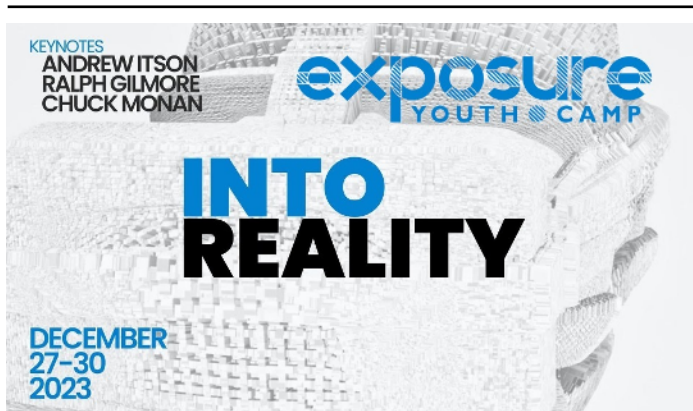
MSYG EVENTS & INFO

A GIFT FOR GOD

This is the gift-giving season! We have all been given more gifts from God than we could possibly count. So, **what are you giving God during this holiday season?** In Ephesians 4:30, we are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit. With that warning, we need to consider what are we "giving" to God this season. Here are few suggestions:

- Read your Bible daily (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Pray for the brethren (1 Thessalonians 5:25)
- Attend all church services (Hebrews 10:25)
- Abstain from every appearance of evil (1 Thess 5:22)
- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Rejoice (Matthew 5:12; Philippians 4:4)
- Be faithful whatever the cost (Rev 2:10)
- Teach others (Matthew 28:19)
- Do good for others (Luke 6:27; Heb 13:16)
- Be thankful, and show it (1 Thess 5:18)

Since we are warned that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:31), let us strive to be a people who truly love Him and seek to please Him. He has richly blessed us and given us "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Shall we not do our best to show Him our appreciation and our love for what He's given us? Hopefully, this will encourage you to make this a "gift-giving season" for God. - *Bulletin Digest*



KEYNOTES
ANDREW ITSON
RALPH GILMORE
CHUCK MONAN

exposure
YOUTH CAMP

INTO REALITY

DECEMBER
27-30
2023



YG BIRTHDAY
NIGHT

Wed. January 17th
5 pm in the FH



WMS
UNSTOPPABLE

GULF COAST
AREA-WIDE 2023-2024
SCHEDULE

- AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC
- SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC
- OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC
- NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT
- JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC
- FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC
- MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC
- APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC



MARGARET STREET
Marriage Retreat
2024

JANUARY 12-14 | EMBASSY SUITES | DESTIN, FL
GUEST SPEAKERS: STEVE & DEIDRA CUMMINGS,
CULLMAN, AL
SIGN UP & PAY \$65 DEPOSIT BY DECEMBER 10TH



2023 - 2024

Upcoming Workshops & Info

January 21: Workshop, Speech Dress Rehearsal, Registration fees due, & Pre-convention event deadline



Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Ron Bartanen* - recovery
- Cassie Buchanant* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- Caitlin Crider*- surgery, recovery
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Donald Hamilton - tests, health (McGriff*)
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae
- Gail Mantie - health, tests (Amber D. mom)
- Mary McGriff* - @ home recovering
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, recovery
- Patsy Prince - septic, ICU (L.Burnham*)
- Ashley Ray* - ACL surgery, recovery
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Lee Smith - fractured vertabrae, kidney infec.
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - loss of mom, Kandi
- Sarah Davis & family* - loss of Gigi, Norma
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Gary Good* - loss of sister
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Doug Lee & family* - loss of mom, Betty
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis* - The Blake (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Larry McDaniel*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- LizAnn Webb
- Nick Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis* - compression fracture, PT
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Terry Jennings*- home PT/recovery
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024
- Ashley Thompson - January 2024
- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - June 2024

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - surgery (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Matthew & Ashley Gingerich* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Ashley Scott Buckley* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Scott Graham* - Baptized
- Emily Winfree* - Baptized
- Gary and Sherian Good* - Identified
- Jan Holmes* - Identified
- Mike and Addie Frahm* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified
- Allen & Heather Overton family* - Identified
- John & Holley Raley family* - Identified
- Philip and Lanya Lester family* - Identified



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

MORNING

Opening Prayer Steve Fulton
 Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Faith Like Mary"
 Scripture Reading John Pace
 Acts 1:12-14
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Gabriel Lee Judsen Jennings
 Cooper Jennings Brody Crider
 Luke McReynolds (Balcony)
 Comments Doug Lee

EVENING

Opening Prayer Bob Locklin
 Singing David English
 Scripture Gary Good
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 Comments Doug Lee

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep John Pace
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Greeters Eddie Longmire
 Secure Building Richard McCool

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Brody Crider
 Opening Prayer Philip Lester

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 144
 AM Worship 187
 PM Worship 149
 Wed. Night Bible Class 128
 Weekly Contribution \$18,550
 Weekly Budget \$11,280
 2023 Average Contribution \$9,793

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

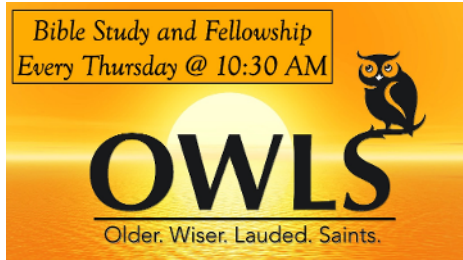
- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



LIBRARY NEWS
Spotlight:
Parenting and Grandparenting resources available for checkout

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM
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