



THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Half Empty or Half Full? by: Bill Brandstatter

A teacher set a glass of water on his desk. The water reached the half-way point in the glass. He asked his students: "Is this glass half empty, or half full?" The purpose of the query was to learn who in the class were optimists and who were pessimists. The optimist would have observed that the glass was half full. The pessimist would have declared it to be half empty.

The apostle Paul was an optimist. He saw a silver lining behind every cloud. He stated that he had learned "whatever state I am , to be content" -Phil. 4:11. How could Paul have this attitude?

He wrote that statement while in a Roman prison. The answer lies in what he thought about and filled his mind with. Paul thought on things just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy (Phil. 3:8). Then he encourages Christians by writing:" thing things which you learned, and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 3:9). The Christian should be an optimist. There are a number of reasons a Christian should be optimistic.

First, all our fears can be overcome. John said that the victory that overcomes the world is our faith - 1 John. 5:4. If I have the right kind of faith, I can be optimistic in a pessimistic world.

Second, mistakes can be forgiven. No one is so bad that God will not forgive him. We all make mistakes (Rom. 3:23). Even the apostle Paul made mistakes (1 Cor. 9:27). Someone once wrote, " He made no mistakes, he took no wrong road, he never fumbled the ball, he never went down beneath the weight of the load, he simply did nothing at all." This is a great mistake - Jas. 4:17. There is no reason to let sin keep us out of heaven.

Third, the great assurance by God we have in this life. Paul made a really optimistic statement when he wrote, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28). Paul and John both knew what it was to face temptation. Temptation can be resisted and overcome- 1 Cor. 10:13.

July 15, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

J C Newby

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Kevin Shackelford(P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Ricky Loveless (A.M.) Chris Moore (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Andy Reese (Presiding),

Gene Yancey, Jimmy Williford, John Hopper

Count and Usher

Terry Chapman & Randel Koon

Prepare Communion

Shawna & Christy Jones

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (07/18/18)

OUR RECORD

July 8, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 121

Sunday Morning Worship:133

Sunday Evening Worship: 120

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,866

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins(Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

Fourth, your labor is not in vain in the Lord. When we are trying to reach people with the gospel, our attitude should be ..Never give up, never give up, never give up. Paul admonished Christians to not "lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). Some measure success by numbers. Seed needs to be sown and given time to germinate. We should let God have his time (1 Cor.3:6).

Fifth, God has provided us with an all-sufficient guide to follow. This guide is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Ps. 119:105). God has provided us with all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3).

Sixth, man's necessities are promised. Jesus said that if the kingdom of God and righteousness were top priority, God would provide us with the necessities of life (Matt. 6:33). He provides us with many things, however, that are unseen. The spiritual blessings in Eph. 1:3 are items which cannot be seen. They can be experienced, however, by the faithful child of God. Some of these include prayer, fellowship, and giving. From the very beginning, God has provided. He still does today. We can be happy in this life and in the life beyond. God will provide.

Christians should be optimistic for at least the above six reasons. The last reason, however, is the most important. Christians should be optimistic because they are God's people. God is on their side (Rom. 8:31). God has provided a way out of sin. The Christian has sins forgiven. That alone ought to cause optimism , hope, and a brighter tomorrow.

If you looked at the glass the teacher presented, would it be half empty or half full?

CHAPMAN'S HAPPY PLATES PROGRAM

Matthew 25:34-40

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

There are seasons of life when a home cooked meal delivered to the door speaks volumes of love and helps tremendously. These homemade frozen meals (breakfast & dinner) are conveniently packaged and ready to warm up. Happy Plates Program is to help our Senior members, sick, shut-ins, or anyone in need. Please let us know if you know someone we can help. Contact:

**Betty Derrick (662) 837-5276 or
Joy Simmons (662) 419-3735**

UPCOMING EVENTS

WONDERFUL VBS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2018 Vacation Bible School such a great success! The decorations were outstanding this year! Special thanks to the ladies for wonderful snacks. Great job!!!

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 29th – August 1st

“GREAT LESSONS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT”

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 a.m.** •
Laying Up Treasures in Heaven – Mike Hixon
- **Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.** •
Stop Worrying – Mike Hixon
• **Fellowship meal will follow.**
- **Sunday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Salt of the Earth and Light of the World – Tony Brown
- **Monday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
The Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees – Mike McDaniel
- **Tuesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Trying to Serve Two Masters – Barry Kennedy
- **Wednesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
The Wise and Foolish Builders – Jeff Scott

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bobby White (Mildred Shackelford's Brother-in-law).

• **SICK SUNDAY:** Wayne Vandygriff, Bobbye Chapman

• **TEST:** Joan Moorman (Nina Morrison's Mother)

• **HOSPICE:** Estelle Eaton

• **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony Morrison, Juanita Mauney, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

• **CANCER:** Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

• **SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).