

The Follower

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Matthew 16:24

"Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any [man] will come after me let him deny himself and take his cross, and follow me"

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- We must hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)
- We must believe the Word of God. (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16)
- We must repent of our sins. (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)
- We must confess Christ before men. (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10)
- We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. (Acts 2:38; 27:16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- We must live faithfully until death. (Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2)

FOCUSING ON GRACE

The word "grace" can be found 159 times in the Bible. The subject of grace in the lives of people is wonderful and worthy of our diligent study. There is however, a huge difference in the way some are teaching grace, and what God says on the subject.

None would be saved without grace. We read in Ephesians *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast"* (2:8, 9). Praise God for His marvelous grace!

What we need to remember, teach and warn is that the grace of God is not unconditional. It is only too easy to preach to people in sin and leave with them the impression that because of God's grace they can relax their attitude toward their sin. It is easy to preach to care-free, live-like-the-world Christians and leave the impression that they do not need to worry about the necessity of dedicated service. Let us preach about God's grace! But, let us teach the whole truth.

1. **The grace of God does not mean that we can be any less serious about avoiding sin in our lives.** Romans 6:1 says, *"Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we who are dead to sin live any longer therein?"* Romans 12:9 says, *Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."*

2. **The grace of God does not mean that we can be passive about living righteous lives.** In fact, His grace is intended to teach us to live in faithful service! Paul writes, *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world"* (Titus 2:11, 12). Fellow preachers, when you preach on the grace of God, do you remember to teach that we must live soberly, righteously and godly?

Let us all rejoice in the abundant blessings of God given by His grace, and let us make certain we never misrepresent Him.

Glenn Colley

Words of Truth, August 13, 1993

✓ *Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and constantly of Christ.*

Cards Needed!

Billy Arnold (Sympathy)
1475 Oak Grove Road
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Jay Rogers (Encouragement:
Scans/Test at St. Jude)
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All our sick/shut ins would
appreciate a card of
encouragement.

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www.trezevantchurchofchrist.org

Wrong Is Always Wrong!

- I. Even if it seems right in your own eyes!
- II. Even if the temptation is very strong!
- III. Even if you never get caught!
- IV. Even if "everyone is doing it!"
- V. Even if others are engaged in far worse!
- VI. Even if some Christians are involved!
- VII. Even if the wrong doesn't bother you!
- VIII. Even if it is commonly perceived as right!
- IX. Even if your parents allow such behavior!
- X. Even if your best friend is doing it!
- XI. Even if the Lord's church looks the other way!

-Ken Hope

NEWS AND NOTES

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: December-26-Dianne Giles, January 3-Barbara Klonowski, 8-Mary Bryant, 11-Mark Wright, 14-Benji Lawrence, 18-Tonya Box, 20-Courtney De Priest, 21-Jay Rogers, 26-Zoey Ballentine.

Anniversaries: January 30-Kyle & Ginger Foster

HEALTH WATCH

Sick this past week: Pam Bryant, Callie Bryant, Bethany Aden, Christine Aden, Jay Rogers.
Penny Warren is continuing to have rehab. Jay Rogers will go for his scans and test on January 4th & 5th. Dawn Blurton (Mark's friend) is in ICU at Jackson. Zoey Ballentine will have surgery on January 10th. Marie Gallimore is in the Paris hospital.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Beverly Arnold. Visitation will be Monday with the funeral Tuesday.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME

Annie Lee Hall, Billy Bennett,
Horace Ray Coleman, Glenda Rogers.

PRAYER LIST

Norma Garner, Ruth Bennett, Josie Plunk, Sherry Parker, David King, John David Presson, Rena Arrington, Jerry & Betty De Priest, Keitha Martin, Zach Crider. **CANCER:** Becky Bledsoe, Bobby Giles, Linda Bynum, Ruby Fesmire, Natalie Jackson, Marie Gallimore, Sherry (Argo) Stout, Tolbert Ray, Gail Pritchard, Mary Wilson, Jay Rogers, Dwayne Bateman, James Green, CJ Wachsmuth, Joey Anderson, Pat Schneider, Samantha Wallace, Beth Ann Potter, Jerry Martin, Vickie Foster, Josie Plunk.

MILITARY: Troy Pollack

R *Let's continue to remember all our men and women serving our Country in the military.*

Coat Closet

We still need more coats. If you bring coats let Shane or Norris know. If you know anyone in need of coats let us know. They are ready to be distributed.

Don't Forget The Pantry Item This Week!
Tooth Brushes & Canned Pineapple

	<u>Last Week's Record</u>	<u>Goals</u>
Bible Study:	58	65
Worship AM:	78	85
Worship PM:	59	70
Wednesday:	62	55
Contribution	*\$3,449.73	\$1,450.00

Invite A Friend To Worship!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 1st- Finger Foods, games, fun and great fellowship after our evening services. Everyone welcome.
January 1st- Jerry Bates, Missionary from India will be speaking at our evening services.
January 22nd-25th- Trezevant Gospel Meeting with Dorian Flynn from South Africa.
February 5th-10th - The 76th Annual Bible Lectureship at Freed-Hardeman University. "Faith and Life In James to Jude. The Behavior of Belief."
February 11th - Plan your Valentine Outing now. "Sweet-Heart's Night Out!" All couples are invited to spend the evening at the Rogers'. More information to come.

Bible Reading for the week of December 25th

Sunday December 25th - I John 1-5
Monday December 26th - II & III John & Jude
Tuesday December 27th - Revelation 1-4
Wednesday December 28th - Revelation 5-8
Thursday December 29th - Revelation 9-12
Friday December 30th - Revelation 13-17
Saturday December 31st - Revelation 18-22

Please turn in your total chapters read for the week in the box in the foyer.

Chapters Read: 259

This Week: Grand Total: 2,688

If you have completed your reading please put your name in the box.

If you are interested in leading singing on Wednesday night or doing the devotional let Mark or Tim know. This will be a good opportunity to develop or brush up on your talents.

Schedule for Wednesday Night Devotionals!

December 28th - Tim Rogers
January 4th - Norris De Priest
January 11th - Charlie Wachsmuth
January 18th - Steve Foster
January 25th - Terry Hall
February 1st - Jay Rogers
February 8th - Mark Wright
February 15th - Dale Aden

Sunday Morning	December 25, 2011	January 1, 2012
Power Point	David Brasher	Dale Aden
Greet	The Rogers'	The Lawrence's
Announcements	David Bryant	Nick Bryant
Song Leader	Nick Bryant	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Norris De Priest	Jay Rogers
Opening Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	Steve Foster
Preside - Table	Greg McClain	David Brasher
Preside - Table	Dale Aden	Charlie Wachsmuth
Table	John Henry Long	Norris De Priest
Table	Scott Long	Ben Holmes
Table	Mark Wright	Joshua Brasher
Table	Dillon Foster	Charles Foster
Closing Prayer	Sherrill Smith	John Henry Long
Sunday Night	December 25, 2011	January 1, 2012
Song Leader	Keith Peevyhouse	David Bryant
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	Shane De Priest
Scripture Reading	Greg McClain	Nick Bryant
Table	Greg McClain or Dale Aden	David Brasher or Charlie Wachsmuth
Closing Prayer	Nick Bryant	Garrett Wright
Wednesday	December 28, 2011	January 4, 2012
Opening Prayer	Charlie Wachsmuth	Tim Rogers
Devotional	Tim Rogers	Norris De Priest
Closing Prayer	Garrett Wright	David Brasher

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00a.m.
Worship 10:00a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00p.m.
"Bible Classes For All Ages"

COME WORSHIP WITH US

We welcome all our visitors and invite you to attend at every opportunity.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish all of you a very happy and wonderful Holiday Season. We are truly blessed to be here with you. This congregation has a very special place in our hearts. We pray that as the days come and the new year arrives that we will all focus our attention on continuing to do the Lord's work here at Trezevant with love and unity. We love and appreciate you very much.

Tim, Wendy, Daniel and Jay