

BAD EXAMPLES

- I. Hymenaeus and Philetus (2 Timothy 2:16-18)
 - A. Spread false doctrine (Galatians 1:6-9)
 - B. “The resurrection is already past” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - C. Leading some away from the faith (Romans 14:13; Matthew 18:1-6; Titus 1:10-11)
- II. Demas (2 Timothy 4:10)
 - A. Initially committed to the cause (Col. 4:14; Philemon 24)
 - B. Forsook Paul and the mission “having loved this present world” (2 Peter 1:9; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)
 - C. His love contrasted with the love of the faithful (2 Tim. 4:8)
- III. Alexander the coppersmith (2 Timothy 4:14-15)
 - A. Harmed Paul (Romans 3:8; 3 John 9-10)
 - B. Paul affirms the Lord will judge according to one’s deeds (2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Romans 12:17-21)
 - C. Resisted the preaching of truth (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12)

A GOLDEN TEXT EXPLAINED: EPHESIANS 2:5

BY GUY N. WOODS

“By grace have ye been saved” (Ephesians 2:5).

Here, *grace* is a figure of speech embracing the whole of God’s plan for the redemption of the race. It includes the love of God, the sacrifice of Christ, the gospel, the plan of salvation; everything, indeed, which God had done *for us* in affecting our deliverance from sin. The idea is expanded by the apostle in the context from which our golden text is taken, as follows: “For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory” (Eph. 2:8, 9).

“By grace” is the *divine* side; “through faith,” is the *human* side; grace involves what God does *for us* in making our salvation possible; “by faith,” embraces which *we must do* in order to appropriate it. Inasmuch as it is not by grace *alone*, on the part of God (thus excluding love, the gift of his Son, etc.) neither is it by faith *only* (thus excluding repentance, confession, baptism, a life of holiness). The works which

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“WHEN THERE IS NO LIGHT”

BY JIM BILL MCINTEER

One of the most heart-rendering experiences of life is to hope urgently for relief only to find that hope is not forthcoming. It may be pain—relief is keenly desired from the excruciating power of the pain—but no relief comes. Such is oppressing.

It may be financial distress—relief must be found, but there is no resource that can be tapped and thus failure is the end result. It may be light—keenly and earnestly one desires and longs for light to illuminate the darkness, but light never comes and the darkness continues to abide. So is the distressed and distraught and miserable is the lot.

Such has been the condition even of the peoples of God in yesteryear, as well as continuing today. Israel experienced the fact that great oppression would fall upon her unless she heeded the Lord’s instructions and returned to ways of righteousness. In Isa. 5 six woes are pronounced against Israel, woes that are sure to be enacted unless penitence is practiced. Finally the day falls and the prophet said, “In that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof” (Isa. 5:30).

When moments of depression and failure come people often ask “why?” God was not unmindful of man to inquire. He very plainly and positively spoke his reasons why. He told Israel that they would be destroyed because “they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despise the word of the Holy One of Israel” (Isa. 5:24).

Open was their disobedience and flagrant was their disregard for the eternal word of the Almighty. Man is intended to find the Lord in his search, to bow in obeisance before him, obeying the eternal truths that are given in the book which God has granted. When man will not hear, when man will not obey, there remains nothing to be done but to cast him out. God is very fair in telling that this is to be done. How heavy were these words: “Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and

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Privileged to Serve	7/19/2026	7/26/2026
Announcements	Roger Bell	Robin Hinote
Song Leader	David Nance	Craig Joslen
Scripture	Ashton McCall	David Nance
Opening Prayer	Kenny McCall	Thomas Phillips
Speaker	Jason Carter	Jason Carter
The Lord's Table	Paul Ashcraft Roger Bell Craig Joslen Seth Marks	Ashton McCall Kenny McCall Wayne McKay Jim Solchenberger
Closing Prayer	Robin Hinote	Roger Bell
Audio/Visual	Wesley McCall	Wesley McCall
Communion Prep	Ron Barker	Ron Barker
WEDNESDAY	7/22/2026	<u>ADULT CLASSES</u>
Devotional	Roger Bell	Wednesday 7/22: Wise Use of Social Media
Invitation Song	Thomas Phillips	Sunday 7/26: Romans 5
Closing Prayer	Robin Hinote	

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom... Colossians 3:16a

ORDER OF WORSHIP

I'm Happy Today (screen)

He Lives (346)

How Majestic is Your Name (42)

Scripture Reading: 3 John 11

Prayer

Come, Thou Fount of Every
Blessing (226)

More About Jesus (678)

Sermon

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
(406)

Nothing But the Blood (902)

Lord's Supper & Offering

Into My Heart (screen)

Closing Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/23 Ronald McDonald House –
lunch prep (10am)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/21 Thomas Phillips (B)

7/28 Mary Johnson (B)

7/29 Joslen (A)

**LOOK BACK AND
THANK GOD!
LOOK FORWARD AND
TRUST GOD!
LOOK AROUND AND
SERVE GOD!
LOOK UP AND
SEEK GOD!**

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- Dorothy Larson – diagnosed with mild form of tachycardia; also experiencing migraines.
- Ron Barker – under the weather this past week.
- Eddie Rhoades (Robin's brother-in-law) – will have cyst in brain removed this week and will spend 2 days in ICU recovering.
- Brittany Dillon (Roger and Sheree's daughter) – medical issues.
- Troy Vonada (Roger and Sheree's brother-in-law) – upcoming surgery this Wednesday to repair bicep and rotator cuff.
- Mary Mosley (Royce's niece) – hole in heart.
- Angie Williams (Kay's daughter's friend) – continued struggles with mental health.

"WHEN THERE IS NO LIGHT" (CONTINUED FROM FRONT)

their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still!" (Isa. 5:25).

Does the hand of God stretch out to you to fall with a mighty blow upon you because of your disobedience, or is it stretched out offering you the grace and love which by obedience you can receive? Which will it be—when men fail there is a reason, when men succeed there is God.

A GOLDEN TEXT EXPLAINED (CONTINUED FROM BACK)

are excluded, "not of works," are those which would enable one to glory. We have seen that this includes human, meritorious works—works which a man might do to earn his salvation. All such are excluded by the "law of faith." Included, however, are the commands of the gospel; works of this category are those designated by James in James 2:24-26.



Simply invite others to study the Bible with you. Many are interested and will agree. Live and speak the truth in love before them consistently (Ephesians 4:15). Be patient and wait for hearts to open. Be available once they say, "I want to study."

*A man will be commended according to his wisdom,
But he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.
Proverbs 12:8*