

I. The call of Gideon

- A. Consequences of evil deeds (Judges 6:1-6)
- B. The LORD answers their cry (Judges 6:7-10)
- C. The LORD raises up a deliverer (Judges 6:11-21)
- D. Face-to-face with divinity (Judges 6:22-24)

II. The-LORD-Is-Peace

- A. “Written for our learning” (Romans 15:4)
- B. Peace, regardless of circumstances (Philippians 4:6-7)
- C. Peace with God (Ephesians 2:11-15)
 - 1. Reconciliation with God (Ephesians 2:16)
 - 2. Access to God (Ephesians 2:17-18)
 - 3. Relationship with God (Ephesians 2:19)
 - 4. Purpose in God (Ephesians 2:20-22)

III. Hindrances to peace

- A. Fear (2 Timothy 1:7)
- B. Forgetfulness (2 Peter 1:5-9)
- C. Faithlessness (1 John 1:6-10)

A GOLDEN TEXT EXPLAINED: GALATIANS 3:27

BY GUY N. WOODS

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

Our golden text is preceded by the statement, “For ye are all sons of God, through faith in Christ Jesus.” Then follows the words of the golden text: “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.” Verse 26 designates the *principle* of sonship “through [the] faith” in Christ Jesus, and the sphere of it: “in Christ Jesus.” The article “*the*” appears before the word “*faith*” in the Greek text. It is then, not merely belief that the apostle designates here; it is the system of faith—the gospel—which is the instrument of God unto salvation. The place or sphere of it is “in Christ Jesus.” In Christ, then, must one be to be a “son of God” through the faith.

How does one get into Christ? Our golden text makes this unmistakably clear. “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.” To “put on Christ” is to be clothed with Christ; to put him on as a garment. Thayer declares that to put on Christ is to be “so possessed of the mind of Christ as in thought, feeling, and action, to resemble him and, as it were, reproduce the life he lived.”

THE VALUE OF SELF-CONTROL

BY CLIFFORD PAYNE

“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Corinthians 9:27).

Discipline of the body is a marvelous virtue which is indispensable to the Christian and any upright individual. When there is an absence of self-discipline, we become bestial, rendering disservice to ourselves and our associates. But worst of all, our depraved thoughts and deeds are loathsome and heinous to Jehovah, separating us from him (Isaiah 59:2).

The apostle Paul found it necessary to subject his body by being “temperate in all things” as did those who strove for victory in athletic contests (1 Corinthians 9:24, 25). This surely proves that we can fall from grace and that moral purity cannot be separated from the deeds of the body, antinomianism and Gnosticism notwithstanding. As Matthew Henry wrote: “A holy fear of himself was necessary to preserve the fidelity of an apostle; and how much more necessary is it to our preservation?” (*Matthew Henry’s Commentary*, Vol. VI, p. 553).

Our bodies, with their penchant for sin, must be subjected or they will subject us. Thus Paul wrote: “But I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members” (Romans 7:23). But, as he went on to say, we thank God that we can control and direct the body with the power of a consecrated and dedicated mind (Romans 7:25).

The person who enjoys self-control commands respect even though he may be quite average in ability and acquired knowledge. He is simply more dependable and not beset by every whim of the flesh. Although he is daily confronted with assorted temptations, he retains control of his body and is, consequently, the victor. Indeed, the trying of his faith works patience (James 1:2, 3).

Let us remember that we have been “bought with a price,” and, therefore, we should glorify God in our body (1 Corinthians 6:20).

Privileged to Serve	8/2/2026	8/9/2026
Announcements	Kenny McCall	Robin Hinote
Song Leader	David Nance	Thomas Phillips
Scripture	Ed Bell	David Nance
Opening Prayer	Roger Bell	Wayne McKay
Speaker	Jason Carter	Jason Carter
The Lord's Table	Ron Barker Craig Joslen Seth Marks Wesley McCall	Paul Ashcraft Ashton McCall Kenny McCall Wesley McCall
Closing Prayer	Wayne McKay	Seth Marks
Audio/Visual	Wesley McCall	Wesley McCall
Communion Prep	R/S Bell	R/S Bell
WEDNESDAY	8/5/2026	<u>ADULT CLASSES</u>
Devotional	Roger Bell	Wednesday 8/5: Connected In Christ
Invitation Song	Seth Marks	Sunday 8/9: Romans 7
Closing Prayer	Robin Hinote	

**"Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called
sons of God." (Matthew 5:9)**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Restore My Soul (567)

We Have Come Into His House
(296)

Awesome God (38)

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:20-21
Prayer

We Bow Down (577)

Abide With Me (808)

Sermon

Near to the Heart of God (screen)

It Is Well with My Soul (490)

Lord's Supper & Offering

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (711)

Closing Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/2 Potluck

8/19 Singing Night

8/22 Ice Cream Social (McCalls)

8/27 Ronald McDonald House

8/30 Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Dorothy Larson (B)

8/3 Wayne McKay (B)

8/4 McKay (A)

8/11 Royce Mosley (B)

8/13 Diana Bell (B)

8/15 Kay Wright (B)

8/17 Ed Bell (B)

8/17 Helen Mosley (B)

8/22 Geri Hartsfield (B)

8/23 Karen Nance (B)

**The LORD is good to those who wait for
Him, To the soul who seeks Him.**

Lamentations 3:25

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- Pray for all teachers & students who will be returning to school in the coming days.
- Kay Wright – heart catheterization on Wednesday.
- Michael McCaleb (Brenda's friend) – PET scan.
- Tim and Joanie Teels (friends of Mary's daughter) – Tim has leukemia and Joanie has cancer.
- McGuiggan family – on the passing of Jim McGuiggan (longtime gospel preacher and friend of David Nance).

POTLUCK TODAY

Everyone is encouraged to stay after our worship service and enjoy lunch together at the Bower Building.



Share a tract, House to House, or church bulletin with a friend. Ask the person to read it and tell you what they think. (Matthew 22:42)

HE DIDN'T RESIGN SUNDAY BY DON GARDNER

Most Christians whose hands slacken on the plow do not make an abrupt break with God. It is gradual. The Scripture takes note of this evenness of departure. For example, the writer of Hebrews characterizes such departure as a drifting away (2:1).

I have never known a Christian to resign publicly from God at a meeting of the church. Should that occur, the apostasy would be highlighted and everybody would rush to the rescue. Since, however, the erosion is gradual, one can slip away and his brothers will hardly be aware of his going.

It is this subtlety of apostasy which is so dangerous. It takes a vigilant Christian to prevent his own gradual decline. It requires a wide-awake shepherd to detect the first signs of wandering by a sheep. He will take immediate action to arrest it.

The first line of defense in combating this evil, which ultimately lures so many away from God, is to understand clearly the gradual nature of departure. Having recognized what occurs, appropriate watchfulness can be instituted.