

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Silence In Sin

When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. **4** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. *Psalms 32:3-4*

Guilt is a very painful place to live. Attempts to remove a person's guilt include a company that sells ordinary brown paper bags on which are printed these instructions: "Place the bag securely over your mouth, take a deep breath and blow all your guilt out, then dispose of the bag immediately." The product receives kudos for creativity but a lame award for reality. Sounds crazy, but people will try almost anything to remove the heaviness of their guilt.

King David knew guilt. What was the central problem of his guilt? Silence. David kept silent about his sin. Who was David silent with? David was silent about the sin with God. And that's not good.

After time went by, there finally came a point in David's life when he became very quiet with God. His silence was a futile attempt to hide from God and to run from God. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God and that didn't work very well for them. Jonah tried to run from God and that didn't work very well for him either. David's attempt at silence with God, well, it didn't work very well either.

Remaining silent in sin before God is like the little boy who holds his hands up to his eyes and because he can't see the person right in front of him he thinks they can't see him. Have you ever done that? It may work with a child, but it's not a game to play with our omniscient God. Yet King David thought being silent in sin somehow meant God was unable to see his condition and his sin.

The result of David's silence was intense suffering. He describes it as if his bones were wasting away and he was groaning all day long because of God's hand being heavy upon his life. His strength was dried up like that of a plump grape plucked from its life-source, the vine, and left out in the heat of the sun to shrivel. Silent in sin is a horrible place to live.

David's experience is a warning for us all. It's warning that the momentary enticement of sin is not worth the pain of sin. Even more, staying silent in sin rather than repenting before God is not worth its cost. Staying silent in sin before God is indeed a very bad place to live.

— Doug Helmer

What Is That Supposed To Be ?

A tiny but dignified old lady was among a group looking at an art exhibition in a newly opened gallery. Suddenly one contemporary painting caught her eye.

"What on earth," she inquired of the artist standing nearby, "is that?"

He smiled condescendingly. "That, my dear lady, is supposed to be a mother and her child."

"Well, then," snapped the little old lady, "why isn't it?"

I've seen some of that "modern art", so I can relate. But it makes me stop and wonder: Does the same thing ever happen spiritually in my life? I'm "supposed" to be a Christian, a child of God, a person whose life dedicated to serving God.

Peter reminds me: "**You ought to live holy and godly lives.**" (2 Peter 3:11)

But is there anyone who looks at my life and says, "I know what he's supposed to be, so why isn't he?"

"Father, please forgive me for those times I have let you down, those times I have not set an example of holiness that You intend for me to. Please strengthen me in my desire to live in such a way that others around me will have no doubt that You come first in my life."

-- Submitted via email

Fearing God While Seeking Him

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is; fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. Ecclesiastes 12:13

The journey through the book of Ecclesiastes can be as befuddling as the life of Solomon. When we see the wisdom of God intermingles with the experiences of mankind, it can be confusing. The experiences of a so-called Godly person compared to the holiness of God is sometimes hard to understand. At the end, Solomon and God come to this conclusion. After all the discussion, every person is to fear God and keep His commandments. Let's make it a priority to find His will and carry it out.

— David Grubb

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Word Find books, Crossword puzzle books, Sudoku books, Devotional material, (Guideposts, etc.) Small Bibles, Card games (*These are more important than you might at first imagine. The troops have periods of downtime with limited diversions. These diversions help support good morale.*)

Reading : Psalm 32: 1-11 ; I John 1: 5-2:2

NEXT WEEK : (May 13, 2018)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : J.J,

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Prayer list :

Rosanne Reynolds : This past Monday Rosanne had carpal tunnel on one hand it went well. She is scheduled to have the second hand done two weeks after the first.

Rees Family : Please pray for the Rees family. A dear brother in Christ, Douglas Rees, bonded always through Christ with Terry Perry's and the Reynolds's family passed away this past Monday, April 30th. He was only 68 years old. Doug is originally from Shelbyville, but died in Rose, Oklahoma.

Robin Shumard : Unknown neurological issues which inhibit her ability to walk and diabetic neuropathy

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Doris, Mary, Jeanne, Delores, Marg, Pete & Hazel, Betty, Francis

Other members with ongoing issues :

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Hazel Rankin : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law .. chemo continues

Hailey Wilhour: Beginning to show some improvement

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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