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"Know ye not that they which run in

So run, that ye may obtain.

1 Corinthians 9:24

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Don't waste time on things that don't count

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"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

TRUTH MAKES CHRISTIANS

A perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free. (John 8:32). Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element — a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed — destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the perverters at Galatia:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." - Galatians 1:6-7

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The truth preached, the truth believed, and the truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it!.

- Foy E. Wallace, Jr., 1896-1979, Gospel Preacher

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" - John 8:31,32

Seeking the truth, from God's Word is one way to ensure ...

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"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." - Acts 17:11

"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Anna Porter, Judy Walker, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton, Pat Joyner.

- Remember Ken Parks as he is driving quite a bit and the weather isn't nice.
- Betty Beasley (Wallace Beasley's wife) came through her long surgery OK.
- Paula Kennedy is recovering with a small cast about her wrist.
- Gwen Pittman and Judy Walker are doing better. They long to be with us.
- Anna Porter had a successful procedure needed before a procedure to help her heart work better. Her spiritual heart is well, but she also longs to be with us.
- Margaret Herring and Pat Joyner are suffering many ills. Pray for these; that they can be with us more often. We miss, and need, their presence.
- It was good to have the Sailor family with us last week. We've missed them.
- Pray for **Dylan Leahy**, **Jeffrey Marks**, and **Audrey Williams**, new Christians who have been absent from our assembly for quite some time.
- Kelly Kennedy, Jamie Sheppard, Jones Gamble, Stephanie Rigney (?) were under the weather last weekend.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we <u>all</u> grow in **faith**, **hope**, **love**, **humility**, **zeal**, **mercy**, **knowledge**.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- Fellowship—Get together with the church, at the building, games, chat, sing, Friday 3/14 7 PM until ...
- Saturday 3pm Bible Studies to <u>resume</u>, Sat. 3/16.
- LORD'S WORK SHEETS! All members are asked to update theirs as we will be assigning necessary work monthly to members of the congregation, based on what you say you'll do. Please fill one out and put it in the basket in the **church office**.
- YOUNG ADULT and NEW CONVERT class Sundays, 10 am, upstairs classroom.
- Informal Bible Study, at the building 3 pm Saturdays. Ask your Bible questions.
- Entire assembly is now being recorded on DVD thanks to brother Marshal Mancuso. See **Marshall** or **Jones Gamble** to get a copy for yourself or to share with someone.
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"Whatsoever thy hand findest to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, wither thou goest." - Ecclesiastes 9:10

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"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever." - Psalm 73:26

"DIVISIONS MUST COME"

Division in the churches is painful. It wrings the heart with anguish. But God asked, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). This is a strong declaration that they cannot. It is true as applied to both God and man. Can you walk with God unless you agree with Him? He claims to be the Lord, the only Ruler of the universe. Can you walk with Him while you insist on making laws and changing His order? It also applied to man. Can two walk together when one insists on going another way?

Often, those we love must force us to the choice as to whether we will cling to God or go with them. If we love God better than we love them, we will cling to God and His ways. If division must come, let it come along the lines of love and loyalty to God. If we separate from others and do not walk with God, another separation must come. Separation after separation must come until the lines of cleavage run with the line of loyalty to God. Until division along this line is reached, divisions must continue and multiply. As soon as, and not until, divisions along this line is reached, the union with God and those true to Him will be permanent.

God is directing these things and does all things well. All we have to do is to stand true and firm to God and His word all along the line, and leave results with Him. We can do nothing else. We are poor and foolish and weak; God is wise and strong. Our only hope is to walk with and be true to God in all things. "For there must be also heresies (divisions) among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" (1 Corinthians 11:19). Divisions must come until we are all willing to be led by God.

- David Lipscomb, 1831-1917, Nashville Tennessee

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" - 1 Corinthians 1:10

Throwing aside man's traditions, is one way to have ...

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IT WILL ALSO HELP IF YOU MEMORIZE THIS:

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." - Psalms 100