

- CBS PERFORMANCE & AWARDS CEREMONY THU., JANUARY 18
 - > At 9:30 AM in the Auditorium
- MEN'S RETREAT FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 19-20
 - > Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Edwards
 - > At The Promised Land Camp in Conestoga, PA
 - > CBC Member Cost: \$50 for men, \$25 for young men under 18
 - > Non-Member Cost: \$60 per person
- GUEST SPEAKER (ALL DAY) -SUN., JANUARY 21
 - > Dr. Mike Edwards will preach for our services.
 - > Adult & teen Sunday school classes will be combined in the Auditorium.
- MARRIAGE RETREAT IN PA -FRI.-SAT., FEBRUARY 2-3
 - > At Hershey Lodge (details at the Welcome Center)



SUNDAYS

Sunday School at 9:45 AM Morning Service at 11:00 AM Evening Service at 6:00 PM

TUESDAYS

*Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM *Seminary Second Class at 7:40 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM King's Kids (age 3 to 6th grade) at 7:00 PM

<u>Thursdays</u>

*Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM *Seminary Second Class at 7:55 PM

SATURDAYS

Soul-Winning & Visitation at 10:00 AM

*The spring semester begins on January 23.

HE CARED FOR NONE OF THOSE THINGS - PART 2

Acts 18:12-22 | Pastor T. H. Moore

'n Acts chapter eighteen, we are introduced to a person named Gallio. Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, and in Roman times, the term Achaia was used to refer to the whole of Greece. For a full year and a half, the apostle Paul was ministering in Corinth, which was a part of Achaia. In our text, we read that the unbelieving Jews "... made insurrection with one accord against Paul" and brought him to the judgment seat over which Gallio presided. The Jews brought accusations Paul before Gallio saying, "This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law." Gallio responded, "If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters." Then, we read in verse 17, "And Gallio cared for none of those things." Gallio had no interest in spiritual things. All he cared in spiritual things. All he cared about were the things of this world, the here and now. This is a grave mistake.

The most important thing in this world is our eternal soul. The Lord Jesus Christ made this clear when He asked two probing questions in Mark 8:36-37. He asked, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" God created man to live forever, and when we depart from this world, it is not over. There is an eternal world that we will all enter into, and there are only two possible destinations where we will spend eternity—Heaven or Hell. One

day, every material thing that you and I see in this world will perish. That is why we should be greatly concerned about spiritual things. We should care!

Last week, we began to look at some reasons that you and I should care for these things. The first reason we looked at was:

I. Because of the Finish

Hebrews 9:27 reads, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." The truth is, when this life ends, we have an inescapable meeting with God—and the only thing that will make this meeting pleasant is if we know the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. The second reason we will look at this week is:

Once time on this earth has ticked away, there is no going back!

II. Because of the Facts

Psalm 90:12 reads, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." If we could follow Gallio out into eternity, we would most certainly find that Gallio cares now. Although we do not know whether or not he trusted Christ as his Saviour before he left this earth, the implication seems to be that he did not. Only God and he know what happened before he took his last breath, but we do know this, that the moment after he reached the other side, he was fully aware of the importance of the message that once seemed of so little importance.

There are many things that, by God's grace, we get a second chance at, and sometimes even a third—but the fact is, we do not get a second chance at life. Once time on this earth has ticked away, there is no going back. We cannot rewind time.

As King Solomon looked back on his life, he realized this and gave a solemn warning to those who have much of their life before them. He penned in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Then, in verses 13-14 of the same chapter, he wrote, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The entire book of Ecclesiastes is about this very thing. It is a sober reminder of the facts! Solomon was a man who, by his own account, wasted his youth. He spent much of his life seeking after worldly things. He sought the world's knowledge, pleasures, riches, possessions, and purposes to try to satisfy his soul—to no avail—and the book of Ecclesiastes is, in a sense, a sermon meant to teach all of mankind the vanity of living life without a concern for God.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave a parable illustrating this same truth in Luke 12, and he said to the man who gave all of his attention to the things of this world and none of it to God, "Thou fool!" Let's learn this lesson before it is too late!

Join us in prayer for...

- , EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: negotiations for a possible church property
- , FUTURE CHURCH PLANT
- , LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST (MATT. 9:38)
- THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: especially Janet Schroer's relatives in the military
- PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: financial need to be met; Elisha House remodeling
- * BURTON BETTS: chemotherapy; kidney function & continued success of home dialysis
- JOANNE BIBLE & FAMILY: bereavement homegoing of her sister
- BILL BLEAU: kidney stone procedure recovery; possible thyroid issues
- , NOEL BUCKLEY: rehab from hand surgery
- , JAMIE EVERTON: kidney surgery recovery
- , BILL FARRIS: recovery from a fall
- , JIM HERRON: follow-up after a heart incident
- PASTOR MOORE: upcoming trip with Noel Buckley to Church Planting Conference in Oklahoma
- , HAROLD REECE: surgery recovery & therapy
- TERESA ZIMMERMAN: tolerance & success of alternative cancer treatments; PET scan on February 1



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DR. MIKE EDWARDS

From the Mission Field / Help Ministry TIM & ISABELLA DRYLIE - U.S. MILITARY IN VICENZA, ITALY

December 2023

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." Luke 2:16-17

Dear Pastor Moore and Praying Friends at Capitol Baptist Church,

We're grateful to be able to say that the church here continues to see visitors from our outreach efforts. Some find us too "conservative" or "old fashioned," but we do get a chance to clearly present the gospel. The Scripture quoted above reminds us that the shepherds were faithful to proclaim the message they'd heard.

As is our custom (and probably like many of you), we're using all Christmas hymns during December and focusing our messages on our Lord's birth. Last year, I focused (mainly) on the prophecies from Isaiah and Micah; this year, our focus is on Luke 1-2. We've emphasized the many signs that were clear to the humble but hidden from the proud. We're reminded that it's much like that when we present the gospel to people.

We had a Christmas decorating "fellowship" after our December

3rd service; as a few things were left undone, it provided an opportunity for my sons and I to "fellowship" during the week and finish the decorating. More members are stepping forward to serve, and some suggested a "fellowship" around a workday in early January, when we'll take down the decorations and do a general cleaning. They even prepared a list of things we can do to improve the initial impression of the church for first-time visitors.

JANUARY 19-20

COST: \$60 PER PERSON (AGE 8 AND UP)

Preparing for Christmas has provided us with many opportunities, when some are more willing to talk about who Jesus is. Sadly, in our (American) culture, many have heard the truth for so long that they seem to be inoculated to the gospel. Yet, we are not discouraged, but hold the hope that having heard the truth, the Holy Spirit may still bring life through His Word. Our part is to be faithful; the results are His.

Many thanks to all of you who make it possible for us to be here.

Merry Christmas, and may God richly bless you, Tim Drylie

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