

WHAT'S WITH THE FORK?

A woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. As she was getting her things in order, she contacted her preacher and asked him to come to her house to discuss some of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at her funeral service, what Scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. She requested to be buried with her favorite Bible.

As the preacher prepared to leave, the woman suddenly remembered something else. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" said the preacher. "This is important," the woman said. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The preacher stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending potluck dinners, when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part of the meal because I knew something better was coming-like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. "So, when people see me in that casket with a fork in my hand and they ask, 'What's with the fork?' I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork. The best is yet to come!'"

Friends, for a faithful child of God, after death, The best is yet to come - Heaven. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21), and that to be with Christ "is very far better" (Phil. 1:23). Are you faithfully preparing for Heaven?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan's grandpa

Traveling/Working: Christian Larson, the Churchills, the Betti's

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Potluck: There will be a potluck at the Murdock's on May 21st.

Today's Scripture: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." **Mat. 2:1-2** (KJV)

Today's Proverb: "He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person." **Pro.24:8** (KJV)

Attendance Last Sunday: 81

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17
Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10AM
AM Worship 11AM
PM Worship 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7PM

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HEEDING GOD'S WARNINGS

“**SON** of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Ezekiel 3:17). God had placed the great prophet Ezekiel as a “watchman” so that Israel would hear and heed the warnings that God had sent to it. Ezekiel was to herald God’s warnings faithfully to caution Israel about the serious situation that existed if the Israelites failed to heed. God’s warnings are serious indeed! The same is true today. God, through His Word, warns us of certain dangers that are ever present as we walk the pathway of faith. To fail to heed these warnings will result in serious eternal consequences! Consider a few of the serious warnings that we must heed in order to gain an eternity with God.

First, there is the warning regarding self. Honest selfevaluation is a daily Christian discipline (2 Corinthians 13:5). Paul reminded Christians in Rome to examine carefully, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith” (Romans 12:3). There is always the human tendency to be self-deceived. We can think dangerously of ourselves as more righteous than others (Luke 18:11-12), while beams are protruding from our very eyes (Luke 6:42). Jesus strongly warned, “Take heed to yourselves...” (Luke 17:3a). While it is often so much easier to evaluate others, real evaluation begins with self. Paul reminded Timothy, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Timothy 4:16).

Secondly, there is the warning regarding the Scriptures. Jesus reminded those of His day to, “Take heed therefore how ye hear...” (Luke 8:18a). Sadly, even the Scriptures are used by false teachers (i.e., Satan, Matthew 4:6; 2 Peter 3:16). Therefore, Paul lovingly reminded all Bible students to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). If the Scriptures need to be correctly divided, by implication, they can also be incorrectly divided as well. Thus, we are treading on “holy ground” when we approach the Bible. We must be careful and remember God’s warnings regarding the Scriptures! Lastly, there is the warning regarding Satan. I fear today that

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we fail to give the proper credit to Satan. We possibly have the idea that he is some harmless character dressed in a red suit with horns and carrying a pitchfork. However, nothing could be further from the truth! Satan transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). As such, he is walking about this earth seeking to devour the righteous (1 Peter 5:8). In fact, Satan even has a plan to destroy. Centuries ago, the apostle Paul warned, “Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). Our enemy has used deception, trickery and other schemes to try to destroy or at least to neutralize God’s people from doing what the Heavenly Father has called them to do. We must carefully heed the warnings God gives regarding this enemy so that we may prepare to overcome him.

Divine warnings are like kind reminders to be aware and to be alert for pending danger. Warnings are serious and must be heeded! Whoever hears God’s warnings and responds shall deliver his soul. However, whoever hears God’s warnings and takes no action will suffer eternal loss. “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:12-13). 📖 Rodney Nulph

ACCORDING TO YOU

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John Are read by more than a few.
But the one most read and commented on Is the Gospel according to you.
You are writing a gospel, a chapter a day, By the things that you do and the words that you say.
Men read what you write, whether Faithless or true.
Say what is the gospel according to you?
Do men read His truth and His love in your life, Or has yours been too full of malice and strife?
Does your life speak evil, or does it ring true?
Say, what is the gospel, according to you? 📖 Copied