

Today is March 09, 2025

***Pains, infirmities, loss of sleep,
the failure of sight and hearing!***

From the Letters of John Newton

“Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.” Psalms 71:9

I am drawing nearer and nearer to the season which the Psalmist either expected or felt. Many reasons teach the aged believer the need of this prayer. As his graces are still imperfect - so his powers are feelingly upon the decline. It was but little he could do at his best - and now less and less!

He feels other props and comforts dropping off apace. When he was young, he had warm spirits and pleasing prospects; but now, what a change of the friends in which he once delighted! In some he has found inconstancy - they have forsaken and forgotten him; and others have been successively taken away by death. They have fallen like the leaves in autumn - and now he stands almost a naked trunk. If any yet remain, he is expecting to lose them likewise - unless he is first taken from them.

Old age abates, and gradually destroys the relish of such earthly comforts as might be otherwise enjoyed. Pains, infirmities, loss of sleep, the failure of sight and hearing, and all the senses - are harbingers, like Job's messengers arriving in close succession, to tell him that death is upon his progress, and is not far away!

If youth has no security against death - then old age has no possibility of escaping the grim monster. But though friends fail, cisterns burst, gourds wither, strength declines, and death advances - if God does not forsake me - then all is well.

“And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.” Isaiah 46:4

**He hath made his wonderful works to
be remembered: the LORD is gracious
and full of compassion.**

Psalms 111:4 (KJV)

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Our Prayer List

“Pray without ceasing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Pray for a month old baby boy, Sister Rebecca Johnson, Missionary Dan Sullivan and Sister Sunny.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

“A thought for the week From Our Pastor.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

How does the Lord stop people’s mouth?

“Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.” Romans 3:19

God answers this question in the very next part of this verse, that *“all the world may become guilty before God.”* Our guilt is our depraved nature, and it stops us from every doing any good for God. Therefore, it must be concluded that every single human soul born, are born sinners, and totally depraved in their entire being. Paul wrote, *“...but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...”* Rom.7:17b – 18a. This means in a person’s lost state, there is nothing good in them to God. Once we learn this, then our mouths are stopped, and we learn that **only in** our Lord Jesus **and through** the grace of God anything is possible in godliness. The Apostle Paul admitted in speaking about his own Christian life that the grace of God was his only good. However, you may ask, “how does this stop our mouth,” once we see our true state before God, we realize how much we need His grace. It does not matter who you are (Jew or Gentile) we are all sinners; we are all totally depraved sinners. *“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;”* Rom 3:9 God shuts-up those who think through their own pride that they are someone and that they can on our own accomplish certain things! God said, “that they are all (*every soul ever born*) under sin; that us under sins power.” Even the Apostle Paul admitted, *“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”* 1 Corinthians 15:10 Paul admitted, that in all he had accomplished in his Christian life, it was by God’s grace, then Paul put a explanation mark after it to make it loud and clear, even though I had worked so hard and accomplished much, *“but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”* This great Apostle could not take credit for one single thing he had accomplished, and neither could/can one single soul saved ever saved and accomplished anything for God, it was all through Jesus and by God’s grace. Our mouths are stopped, we have no pride in ourselves, there is no room for boasting. This is the very reason when Paul wrote Ephesians 2:9 he wrote, *“Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

Pastor’s Thought Continue.

It is because God shut our mouth in verse 8 *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”* God has told us the Truth, the question is do we believe His Truth or do you like some people, simply ignore His Truth for Satan’s lie of works for salvation? Has God shut your mouth, or do you simply ignore God’s Truth and believe in yourself over the grace of God? These scriptures should stop anyone from boasting of their righteousness, and to stop people from making any excuse for themselves when God said they are *“without excuse”* Rom.1:20. God has made everything plain to see, that He created all things and that He saves the souls of the lost by grace and through Jesus Christ, it is so plain that when people disagree they are calling God a liar. *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that **believeth not God hath made him a liar**; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (11) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”* 1 John 5:10 – 12. A lost soul must believe God, humble themselves, and understand that salvation is a gift of God in which we cannot earn. God must stop our mouths and make us to understand that in this flesh *“dwelleth no good thing...”* no, not one. Every soul must believe God and reject Satan’s lie about salvation, and that we cannot be saved through ourselves but only by God’s gift of Grace and through Jesus Christ His Beloved Son. This is God’s record, *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”* Match this with Ephesians 2:8 *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”* Because if your belief contradicts this, then you have called God a liar, you are lost, and you will go to hell when you die. *“...the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.”*

Church information and Happenings

- Please remember to be in much prayer for Brother Ronnie Henderson and Sister Sarah.
- Please remember Sister Rebecca Johnson as she is rehabbing.
- Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.

Ephesians 2:21

“In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (22) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”