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Most months when I write my newsletter article I either have a topic I must write about or information I need to disseminate. I

count June as a whatever-I-want-to-write-about month. This month I would like to write about how it is so easy to take what someone says the wrong way, out of context or to misrepresent them. Let me clarify. Take homosexuality for example. We believe the Lord determines what is sin and the Bible is our source for determining how the Lord would have us live and believe. Those who take this position are called haters by many. That seems to be the latest atheist's mantra. I believe homosexuality is a sin but I don't hate anyone. If I disagree with you or you with me, does that make me a hater?

I have been ridiculed because I believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. I am called bigoted, ignorant, and a believer in fairytales. Some believe the Bible is full of exaggerated stories, myths, and fairytales. This is usually said or written in a hateful way. Ironic, isn't it! Those who call Christians haters are usually very hateful. I must say I know a lot of Christians but I don't know any who hate those they disagree with. I have often found people will accuse you of what they are guilty of. Remember the old saying when you point your finger at someone you have three pointing back at you.

I remember when it was commonly said "men don't listen," and I believe that is true. However, I have come to find out people don't listen. It is a skill that takes practice and effort. This lack of skill is often the cause of taking things the wrong way, out of context,

or misrepresenting.

Proverbs 18:13 (KJV) *He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.*

Another cause is ignorance or to put it in nicer way a lack of knowledge, being uninformed. Too often, those who would criticize the Bible-believer are ignorant of the Bible. I find so often I know what critics believe but they don't know what I believe. Get the facts and consider that you might be wrong. Be careful of being biased without a cause.

Grounded Christians have spent years and much effort to know what they believe. The scoffer usually rejects the Bible without knowing much about it. Too often, the professing Christian is not equipped and thus gives the scoffer fuel to stay ignorant. Remember, there are those who know, those who don't know and those who don't know that they don't know.

In conclusion, make sure you learn to listen and that you are informed. Try to understand what is being conveyed without adding what was never intended. Get the facts. Most importantly don't be a hater. Try to understand but hold fast to what is right and good. Be willing to be able to agree to disagree. Be quick to hear, slow to speak.

James 1:19-20 *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

Be careful you don't take something or someone the wrong way or out of context and strive not to misrepresent, especially the faith that was delivered to the Saints.

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June 21 –
Summer Begins

Prayer Corner


Summer is here and many will be traveling and enjoying vacations. Pray for safe travels and safe recreation for our brothers and sisters.

Pray for all the local Vacation Bible Schools that will begin as soon as school is out. These are an excellent opportunity for children to encounter Jesus and develop a relationship with Him. Pray for the workers as they share the love of Christ, and for little hearts to be open to a great big God!



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Be Strongly Encouraged! by Donna Bramlett



So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf. . . . (Heb 6:17-20)

I was recently privileged to attend my father-in-law’s churches. In one sermon, Pastor Steve told of two men who took out a friend’s boat. All was going well until the engine completely died in the channel. The waves were tossing them about, and they threw out the anchor to hold their position while they worked on the engine. The boat was a sound one, the anchor was good, but

the rope was just too short. It could not grab the bottom, and the waves crashed them into the rocks where the boat was destroyed and they were cut and bruised before climbing to safety.

I won’t try to recreate his sermon here – I’m sure I couldn’t do it justice – but this little story challenged me. God has provided an anchor of solid hope to hold fast the soul when storms rage and waves threaten to sink us. So important was it to God that we not be tossed about, that He Himself guaranteed His purposes for us with an oath. It means that no wave – and no weapon – that comes against me can prevail over His sovereign plan and unfailing love. When I really lash myself to the truth that His purpose for me is unaltered by circumstances, I am indeed strongly encouraged.

May you also be encouraged by these truths and hold fast to your hope during confusing and painful circumstances. My thanks to Pastor Steve for strengthening our ropes!



An Old Chunk of Coal by Edie Schmidt



A few days ago as I worked in my little office at home, I found myself humming an old hymn from my past. I hadn’t thought of it in nearly twenty years but it had apparently taken root in my heart. Two decades later its melody sprang up and refreshed me:

When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me (stand by me);
When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me (stand by me);
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship upon the sea
Thou Who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me (stand by me).

Someone once said “a diamond is just a chunk of coal that stuck to its job.” Charles Albert Tindley, the author of the hymn “Stand

by Me” has been referred to as one of the founding fathers of American Gospel music. He was the son of slaves and a diamond in the making. He taught himself to read at age 17. He worked as a janitor to put himself through night school and even earned a divinity degree. Charles could have been discouraged by his beginnings. He could have been immobilized by his lack of education. He could have become bitter at performing the lowest job in the church. But Charles was a servant and his service was to the King of Kings. Maybe you feel God has you in a low place right now. Be encouraged; your present circumstances are no indication of the grand future God may have in store for you. No wonder Colossians 3:23 tells us to do our work as unto the Lord and not merely for men! Charles did that and in 1902 he became Pastor of the church where he had previously served as janitor. At the time of his death, the church had 12,500 members and accounts for only one of the accomplishments of God through him. When the present looks black as coal, trust in Jesus. Cling to Him. Endure, persevere, and serve. It just may be that our Lord is preparing His servant for a future that sparkles.

Endings & Beginnings by Chris Johnson



Summer has arrived! What a joyful time of year as the school year has officially ended and graduates look forward to their next phase of life. As a youth pastor this time is bittersweet because many of my students have graduated high school this year. I have known them many years and have developed wonderful relationships and countless memories. I rejoice in their accomplishments, and yet I know that my time of weekly interaction and leadership has probably past. As a father it means my little boys are growing up and another year of school has come and

gone! With one in diapers and the other in elementary school, the commission to raise my sons in the fear and admonition of the Lord rings louder with each passing day. God’s gifts are overwhelming and his call for stewardship of those gifts is sobering. It’s no wonder he instructs us to trust in Him and depend upon him all of our days and in all our ways. My life lived out before my children and the students God has entrusted will either yield good fruit or bad fruit, and that reality brings into focus the importance of integrity and intentional living. Daily I’m reminded of how far short I fall in seeking the Lord, yet the Scriptures remind me that the Lord is near his people, gives grace to the humble, and is working out His

good will and pleasure in my life. These promises assure me that God is faithful and encourage me to walk humbly before him leaning wholly on the Holy Spirit to guide me in days ahead. Endings are important because they usually are the preparation of new beginnings. As we enter the summer months together, I don’t know what endings you might be facing or beginnings that lie ahead, but I do know the author and finisher of our faith and our life. He has promised to guide us like a faithful shepherd through the path of life, and when our end on earth has come, the greatest beginning of all is yet ahead. My prayers and blessings are with you all as we journey together.



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