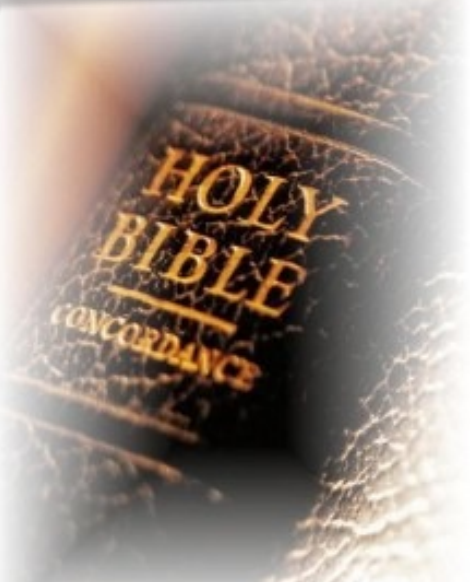


# The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

## “Gaining A More Truthful Perspective Of Ourselves”



As important as it is to be objective in our thinking, most of us find it hard to do. The tendency is for us to go to extremes in our thinking about ourselves, either under-estimating or over-estimating the truth. In the body of Christ, for example, we may think too little of ourselves: “If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body” (1 Cor. 12:15,16). Or we go to the opposite extreme and think too much of ourselves: “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you’” (1 Cor. 12:21).

What we need to do, of course, is to think “with sober judgment” (Rom. 12:3). That means to have a level-headed seriousness in our thinking, viewing ourselves in a balanced, truthful way. Ultimately, of course, sober thinking about ourselves involves learning to look at ourselves as God sees us. We can strive to see more of what God sees about us. And when we do, we’ll be helped in many ways. It is not just dangerous to be deluded about ourselves; it is eternally dangerous.

This week, let’s aim to have a more accurate and complete understanding of ourselves. Let’s pray that God will aid us in seeing all that He wants us to see about ourselves as His created children. The more truth that is in our hearts, the closer we’ll be to God.

### **Monday: Genesis 1:26-28**

**Key Idea:** We should try to see our created nature as God sees it.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In v.27, what is the “image of God” in which we are created? How does this make our nature different from that of the lower creatures that God made? What is said about mankind in Psa. 8:5-8?

### **Tuesday: Psalm 139:1,23,24**

**Key Idea:** We should try to see our sins as God sees them.

**Questions for Family Growth:** Why is it so difficult to see our own sins as objectively as we see the sins of other people? Can we repent of our sins if we don’t see them as they really are?

### **Wednesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**Key Idea:** We should try to see our strengths and weaknesses as God sees them.

**Questions for Family Growth:** How does a shallow or superficial view of our weaknesses hurt us? What about our view of our strengths? What are some things that can help us see our own strengths and weaknesses more truthfully?

### **Thursday: Matthew 6:26; 10:29-31**

**Key Idea:** We should try to see our worth as God sees it.

**Questions for Family Growth:** What did Jesus teach in these texts about our “worth” or “value”? Why is it so important not to underestimate how much we are worth in God’s eyes?

### **Friday: Revelation 3:8**

**Key Idea:** We should try to see our potential and our opportunities as God sees them.

**Questions for Family Growth:** What did Jesus say He had set before the church in Philadelphia? Do you think He does the same thing for individuals?

- Gary Henry - Wordpoints (edited)

**SUNDAY  
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### **BELLAIRE**

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### **Schedule of Services**

#### **Sunday:**

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 PM Bible Study

#### **GOSPEL MEETING:**

November 13, 14, 15

- Fall Singing

- Jeff Wilson - Lessons from Isaiah.



### Morning Lesson

"A Place Called Calvary"  
Steve Garrett

### Evening Lesson

"Because of You"  
Jack Smith

### News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Starting Wednesday we will have new bible classes. Brian will teach Joshua and Judges; Jack will teach "Great Lessons of Jesus".

Some Joy and some Grief this week. Chris and Zara's new one is out of the hospital and doing well. In fact they were at Bible Study on Wed. night. Jeremy and Kristi are doing well with their new one. Mitchell and Katie are also doing well with their new son. Much to be thankful for. Others are drawing close to their due date. Please continue to pray.

Muffy's uncle, Ralph Marble, who has been here for cancer treatment is now in hospice care in Kentucky. Remember that family.

New classes begin Wed. night. Brian will teach Joshua and Judges in the auditorium. Jack will teach "Great Lessons from Jesus" in room 204.

Tonight will be our last Sunday evening service. Listen for announcements about plans for Sunday night get togethers.

### "Grace And An Umbrella"

The New Testament is replete with references to God's grace and mercy. The word "grace" in this sense means, "unmerited (unearned) divine favor or kindness." Accordingly, the word "mercy" means, "divine compassion or forbearance."

The two terms are relative.

When used together they reflect God's kindness toward man joined by a willingness to help him. Hebrews 4:16 conveys this well: *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

The apostle Paul reveals to the Christian that they are in a saved condition because of God's grace and mercy (Eph. 2:4-5).

But can one who has been born again fall out of favor with God? According to Paul he can. To some Christians in Galatia he said, *"You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace"* (Gal. 5:4).

God's grace is like an umbrella.

The only way it will benefit you is if you get under it and stay under it. Likewise, if you want to be saved, you must both be in Christ and abide in Him. If you will not abide in Him you will fall from His grace and be lost (2 John9). Are you using your umbrella?

- Aaron Veyon

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Pharris  
Hymn Director - M. Robinson  
Opening Prayer - T. Walker  
Lords Supper Lesson - R. Renz  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - L. Williams  
Opening Prayer - J. Tom  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Brian Haley  
Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

### DEACONS

Scott Clanton  
David Davila  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

## BIBLE CLASSES

- I & II Corinthians
- Identifying, Tearing Down and Removing Idols from Our Hearts.

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