

I Corinthians 10:12 – Heed the Warning

By Jon Mitchell

“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.” 1 Corinthians 10:12

This is a warning many Christians would do well to think about from time to time. After all, God urges Christians to “present (our) bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is (our) spiritual service” and to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of (our) mind” (Romans 12:1-2). He wants His followers to give their entire lives (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) to Him through the renewing of their minds. Christianity is more than just going to church on Sundays. When Christians start thinking otherwise, they are in danger. Do you know where you stand? How sure is your foundation?

Throughout the entire Bible, you can read of the problem of sin. Jesus warned, “If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned” (John 15:6). The writer of Hebrews warned Christians twice of the dangers of falling away from God through evil, unbelieving hearts (Hebrews 3:12) and willful, unrepentant sin that makes Christ’s sacrifice for sins invalid as far as they are concerned (Hebrews 10:26-31). This is why disciples of Christ must always be looking out that they are truly righteous in the sight of God and have not fallen away from his ways.

So what is the solution? The beginning of the answer to this question can be found by examining what Jesus did when he was tempted by Satan in Matthew 4:1-11. Satan tempted him the first time, and he said, “It is written...” (v. 4). Satan tempted him a second time (this time using Scripture taken out of context), and he replied, “On the other hand, it is written...” (v. 7). Satan tempted him a third time, and he came back with another “It is written...” (v. 10). Jesus had knowledge of the word of God, and that kept him from being tricked by the deceitfulness of Satan’s temptations and succumbing to sin. Knowledge of the word of God is the first step (Isaiah 5:13; Hosea 4:6; Acts 17:30).

However, knowledge alone does not solve the problem of sin. James wrote that “faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself” (James 2:17). He went on to say that “one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). Once again, this is a problem many within the church face. How many Christians can be confident they have knowledge of the truth of God’s word...and yet do they apply those biblical precepts to themselves? When a matter is being preached scripturally from the pulpit, how many say “Amen!” in agreement to what is being preached and yet do not practice that truth in their lives? It is like if you’re sick, and you go to the doctor. He gives you a prescription, you fill the prescription, take it home, read the instructions, understand them...and yet do not follow them. Even though you have knowledge of what to do in order to get well, will you well without USING that knowledge? It is the same with having knowledge of the word of God, my friends. We must practice what we are taught. Otherwise, falling away from the faith and back into sin is unavoidable...and eternal hell is that much closer.

Therefore, I’d like to join Paul in encouraging us all to “take heed that we do not fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). Friends, take advantage of every single opportunity to grow in knowledge of the Word. Assemble with the Church. Make sure that you are using the knowledge of God’s word you have every single day. When that happens, you’d be amazed at how quickly a Scripture will come to mind when Satan tempts you to sin, and that will make it that much easier to, like our Lord, command Satan to leave.

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as “DRF” or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of June.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Reed Rohr 6/13 Evelyn Lam 6/14 Tom Butts 6/19
 Carol Kemp 6/21 Aiden Rohr 6/21 Patsy Muter 6/29

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Happy Anniversary!

Curt & Shandar Thompson 6/21 Tom & Sherilllyn Butts 6/21
 Rick & Lois Ferris 6/25

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June 18th - Brief Men’s meeting after AM services

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Join us at our Family Life Workshop on June 24-25:
 Parenting in the Digital Age
 Presented by a team from the Lebanon Rd. Church of Christ in TN.

June 24: 9:30-2:00 June 25: 9:30 & 10:30

Be sure to pick up a flyer to invite family and friends to join us.
 We will also have our potluck lunch after morning services on Sunday.

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Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort • Thursday, June 29th @ 6:45pm

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Mark your calendars for VBS on July 22nd, 9am - noon

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	June 11 2023 AM	June 11, 2023 PM	June 18, 2023 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter		Dustin DeSarro
Announcements	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Chris McGiffin	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang
Lord’s Supper Comments	Owen Whittington	Tim Bang	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Jason Bang	Chris McGiffin	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Seth Arrell	Tom Muter	Duane Kemp

This week's Bible Verse

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.’” Matthew 22:37



Lord's Supper Reflection

To Replace the Old Testament Priesthood

“And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore *it was necessary* that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...” Hebrews 9:15-24

Offering Meditation

Give Freely and the Lord will Bless You

“You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.” Deuteronomy 15:10



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- *Family & friends grieving the passing of Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom)
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision and dementia
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Caroline Stine - health, recovering from a back injury
- *Tim Bang - health issues
- *Evelyn Lam - health/pain she's having in her joints

- *Norma Murphy (Dustin Desarro's grandmother) - is recovering from a fall
- *Carter Buckingham - still trying to figure out what his stomach pain is being caused by
- *Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - struggling with her health and faith
- *Royce Seiber (Doug Seiber's brother) - having triple bypass surgery
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, June 4

Bible Classes 36
AM Attendance 41
PM Attendance 16

Wednesday, June 7

Bible Classes 23
Contribution \$982.50

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



June 11, 2023

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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Greenville, OH 45331

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please
take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.