

We commend this article to you. It was written by one of our members here who is now a Junior at Freed-Hardeman University. —the Elders

Back to School, Back to School

It's that time again. Summer fun is almost over. You'll once again be doing homework, writing essays and sitting in a desk. For some of you, this may be your last year of high school, if not one of the last. You'll be done and finished before you know it, but where will you go from here? Choosing a college is an important step that you will have to take before you finish high school. You may know exactly where you want to go. You may be pondering the decisions until mid-Summer.

College is a time for new freedoms, new friends and, yes, new homework, too. These years can be the most rewarding and soul-searching periods of your life as a Christian. Sadly, many end up losing their faith. A college student, raised in a good Christian home, can become so influenced by his new world that he throws away his Christianity. It usually doesn't happen all at once. But nothing is more important than your obedience and faith in God.

It can be easy to hit the snooze button on Sunday morning when Mom and Dad aren't there to wake you up. College life is busy, too. Trying to find time to eat and sleep, it's easy to forget to pray and study God's Word. On top of all that, many temptations are more real than ever.

Many professors will be eager to tear your faith apart. They have no respect for God and His creation and constantly battle Him with atheism and evolution. Having a deep respect for a teacher that is much smarter than themselves, Christian college students can be persuaded that they may have been taught wrong all their life. Without someone there to give the right answers to their questions, what will they do?

Choosing a Christian college is a decision that reaps many spiritual benefits. When mom and dad can no longer be there, you'll find (continued)

The Additions of the Law—1

One of the recurring themes within the New Testament is the place of the Law of Moses and its being superseded by the law of Christ. A great deal of attention is paid to these matters in such books as Romans, Galatians and Hebrews. If the religious world understood the distinction between the Old and New Testaments and the purposes of each, it would go far in resolving much of the false doctrine that is taught. One chapter, in particular, that can be confusing on the surface but that sheds a great deal of light on the subject when properly understood is Galatians 3. Let's study some matters from this chapter together.

The purpose of the Galatian epistle was to combat the Judaistic teachings that were being promoted among and, to a great extent, accepted by the church at Galatia (Galatians 1:8, 9; 3:1). One of the messages of the Galatian epistle is that mankind this side of the cross is not bound by or accountable to any of the laws contained in the Old Testament. True, the divine and eternal principles stated in the Old Testament are still true. But man is not bound by any of the precepts charged to those who lived under that law. We have a new law (the New Testament), ratified by the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:28) and made effective by His death on the cross (Hebrews 9:15-17). Attempts at justification through the law of Moses (the Old Testament) are futile and result in one's being without sacrifice and justification at all (Hebrews 10:1-10; Galatians 5:4). Thus, any attempts to justify modern practices (i.e., mechanical instruments in worship) by the Old Testament are without basis. Man today is accountable to that "better covenant", the New Testament (Hebrews 8:6, 7).

Galatians 3:19 asks the question, "*Wherefore then serveth the law?*" it then proceeds to answer, "*It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made.*" To what was it added, and why? Our further study will delve into these matters.

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fellow classmates, roommates and even professors will be there to help give counsel and answer questions. Temptations will still exist, but will not be nearly as many, and good friends will be there to give you strength when faced with such.

Classrooms are not filled with skeptic atheism, but teach the truth and glory of God's Word and His creation. Spiritual activities are readily available to refresh students with spiritual thought and songs. Many congregations have noticed how many students they have sent to a Christian college who have remained faithful later in life.

Does choosing to attend a secular college mean that you can't be a Christian? Certainly not. You are responsible for the decisions you make. Choosing a secular school can test your faith in God and lead you to become stronger. It is also a great opportunity to evangelize. Be sure to find a sound congregation to attend near where you go, and always make time to pray and study. Choose friends who you could possibly bring to Christ, not ones who could bring you down. Peer pressure does not magically disappear after high school.

No matter where you attend college, remember that your goal will always be to live with a Christ-like example and to spread the Good News to others. Knowledge is a great tool, but without faith in God all that you learn is in vain. God is always there for you, and always will be.

Do You Sing in Church?

Singing reveals the spirituality of a congregation. Church members who are passive and unconcerned will have poor singing, while Christians who love the Lord fervently and want to worship will always sing beautifully.

Songs do not come from hearts filled with hatred and strife. It is amazing to observe the number of church members who never sing at all. Many others sing only part of the time, and in a most unconvincing manner.

A lack of training, absence of a good singing voice, no knowledge of music and other such excuses are offered. These excuses may be the result of a mistaken attitude toward the real purpose of singing!

This is a spiritual matter rather than a musical problem. When a heart is tuned to the worship of God, singing naturally follows. Christians sing because they have something to express. Singing will be meaningful in proportion to the singer's acquaintance with God. Christians have a song in their hearts. Do you???



*"I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And **he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.**"*

Psalm 40:1-3

Staying Alert

Police in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, are searching for a bold counterfeiter who is passing bogus \$200 bills. Admittedly, the phony money is not terribly convincing: the U.S. does not issue a \$200 bill, the portrait is of the still-living George W. Bush, the reverse shows the White House with a variety of signs on the lawn ("We like broccoli," "USA deserves a tax cut" and "No more scandals," for example), and the serial number is DUBYA4U200.

One man was arrested last month when he tried to pass one of the bills at a convenience store. Still, on September 6, a cashier at a Food Lion grocery store accepted one of the bills for \$150 worth of groceries and gave the man \$50 cash in change! When the suspect is apprehended, he will be charged with obtaining property through false pretenses and counterfeiting.

It seems incredible that anyone could be fooled into accepting such obviously fake money. Likely the cashier was harried and distracted and focused on getting customers through the check-out process as rapidly as possible. But, of course, that is precisely the time that con artists choose to work their schemes.

In a similar way, when we are harried and distracted and focused on a routine task, Satan attacks. He is a master at ambush, hitting us with powerful temptation at our most vulnerable moment. He is interested in our ruin, and he will use any trick, deception or device to destroy us.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings (I Peter 5:8-9 NIV).

Effective resistance to the devil's temptations involves both self-control and alertness. We tend to focus on self-control as the main defense against temptation, and it is critical to success. But it is at least as important that we stay alert, constantly on the lookout for the means of temptation.

An old maxim is, "Forewarned is forearmed." If we see temptation approaching, we can be better prepared to exercise the self-control that will grant us success in resisting sin. In order for us to see the danger, we must stay alert, knowing our enemy means to do evil to us at every opportunity.

When we are tired or stressed, our attention focuses on ourselves, and we are not alert for the devil's attacks. When we are frustrated or harried, he finds it easier to divert our minds and hearts to his agenda, which is our destruction.

Let's seek the peace and calm that comes from living in the presence of Jesus Christ. In the quiet of a contented soul, it's easier for us to keep our eyes off ourselves and more focused on Jesus. And while we keep Him firmly before our eyes, the devil's tricks become obvious and even ridiculous, as phony as a \$200 bill.

—Chris Stinnett

via *Christian Bible Teacher*
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SICK

(at home) **Evelyn Scott**. **Luke Guard** suffered a concussion on Tuesday in football practice; will be seeing a neurologist. **Andy Duran** injured his shoulder in soccer practice on Wednesday. **Robert Jeffries**, Charmaine Bush's dad, was to be moved to RMH on Thursday for a pacemaker implant. **Owen Cosgrove**, a faithful gospel preacher, has suffered a stroke and is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, TX. **Teresa White**, friend of the Gearharts, had a heart catheterization on Monday and is not doing well.

Continue to remember: **Mary & Lynn Anderson**, **Norma Biller**, **Betty Buckner**, **Willard Campbell**, **Marguerite Charles**, **Dotty Collins**, **Jim Dorsett**, **Paul Faw**, **Collin & Luetta Gregory**, **Patti Gwaltney**, **Mr. Hamilton**, **Steve Harrah**, **Billy Lee Hart**, **Jo Hartman**, **Dee House**, **Dan Hudgins**, **A.C & Mickie Janney**, **Betty Jenkins**, **Martha Keith**, **Lisa Knott** (had surgery on Friday to remove mass from her brain; Duke Univ. Hospital), **Margaret Kratz**, **Oliver & Miriam Majors**, **Buddy Martin**, **Sophia Mays**, **Donnie & Susan Mountcastle**, **Jo Musgrove** (has blood clots in both legs), **Larry Phillips**, **Charlie Puckett**, **Kevin Roach**, **Murphy & Evelyn Scott**, **Annette Shrader**, **Peggy Simpkins**, **Ruth Stanton**, **Ken Upchurch**, **Velma Vaughan**, **David Wertz**, **David Wilcox**, **Evelyn White**, **Jessica White**, **E.V. & Effie Wimmer**, **W.J. Wood**

SYMPATHY: We extend our love and sympathy to **Elsie Smith** in the loss of her brother Elmer on Wednesday and to **E.V. Wimmer** in the loss of his sister Gracie Cooper on Tuesday.

MISSIONARIES: the **Pearsons**, the **Staffords** and the **TZ2000** team.

MILITARY: **Ty Stricklin**, **John Shannon** and **Gabriel Hayes** who are in Iraq. **Jonathan Chumley**, neighbor of the **Richardsons**, is leaving for duty in Kosovo. He has a wife and two young sons (3 & 6) here and will be gone about a year.

OTHER: **Matthew Bumpus**, nephew of Beth Glass at Lake Drive, HAS BEEN FOUND and is safe. On-going Bible studies; "Restore 2006"

THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE

Today: Happy birthday to **Melissa Marshall & Roger Mays!**

Monday: Happy birthday to **Bridgette Bush (16)!**

Tuesday: Happy birthday to **Mickie Janney & Sondra Tyler!** Happy anniversary to **Jerry & Kay Anderson** and **Gary & Teresa Sartain!**

Wednesday: Bible Study, Summer Series, **David Epler**, Collinsville, 7pm. Happy birthday to **Randy Bush & Effie Wimmer!**

Thursday: Bible study, Teen Center, 7-8:30pm. Happy birthday to **Tom Duff!**

Saturday: Happy birthday to **Peggy Grubb & Betty Jenkins!**

Sunday, 8/27: W.O.W. outing to Harbor Inn. Happy birthday **Jeff Durham!**

The only thing
we can be sure of accomplishing
are the things we do today.

NEW TEACHING QUARTER

Begins Sunday, September 3.

Jeanne Gilpin will be teaching a combined Jr./Sr. High girls and ladies' class. A sign-up sheet is posted. Please sign up ASAP so we can make sure we have enough books. Topic of study: "Now I Can Fly" by Jane McWhorter.

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES

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LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Suffolk Ladies' Day, September 30, 9:00am-12:30pm. "Clean Out Your Closet" (II Corinthians 7:1). Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:15am. RSVP to Carol Ficklen (757-539-9697; bioteacher@myexcel.com) by Sunday, 9/17. There will be no child care.

TURN, TURN, TURN 2006

"**You Can't Always Have It Your Way**" (**Learning Contentment**) (Philippians 4:11; Luke 2:52). **Celicia Grider** of Collierville, TN, will be the featured speaker on **Saturday, October 7**. Activities begin at 8:30am with a continental breakfast. There is no cost for this year's event. Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer. Registration deadline is September 27.

TANZANIA TRIP—YOU CAN HELP

Items being collected for our guys to take in September: dry erase markers, ink pens, loose leaf notebook paper, ties (new/used) white t-shirts (new or clean, in good-repair ones), NKJV Bibles. Give to **Rebecca Durham**.

To the Teenagers: Go Home, Grow Up

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teenagers: What can we do? Where can we go?

The answer is: Go home!

Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn. Shovel the walk, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub some floors, repair the sink, get a job.

Help the minister. Visit the sick, assist the poor, study your lessons. And then, when you are through, and not too tired, read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreation facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

In plain simple words, "Grow up. Quit being a crybaby; get out of your dream world; develop a backbone, not a wishbone; and start acting like a man or a lady.

What you are, God gave you. What you become, you give to God. America needs your help for survival. You are important, and you are needed...It is too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now, and somebody is you. You be extraordinary or we die!

—adapted
written by a juvenile court judge
Denver, CO

Opportunities to Serve **August 2006**
Announcements Mike Durham
Reader (PM) Ethan Rogers
Preside David Brown
Serve H. Baker, M. Brooks, J. Hawks, T. Richardson
(PM) Danny & Luke Guard

Opening Prayer
8/6 Don Pettit, (PM) Collin Gregory
8/13 Jeff Durham, (PM) Jerry Anderson
8/20 Danny Guard, (PM) Mike Durham
8/27 Squeaky Valentine, (PM) Fred Altizer

Closing Prayer
8/6 Grat Tucker, (PM) Mitch Jearls
8/13 Andy Duran, (PM) Paul Mays
8/20 Greg Edwards, (PM) John Black
8/27 Charlie Gwaltney, (PM) Walter Jenkins

Greeters McFalls, Neighbors

Open/Close Building Don Pettit

Care of Communion M. Earnhart, W. Martin; alt. H. Maness

Song Leaders

Sunday . . . (AM) E. Earnhart, (PM) P. Mays. . . (Wed.) D. Brown

Care of Baptismal Garments Barbara Foley

Ushers Glenn Hartman, Tom Rogers

Nursery Marsha Cooke, (PM) Linda Maness

Alternates Bob Garby, Gary Sartain

Handouts Danny & Luke Guard, Tom & Weston Rogers

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Fly Away and Be at Rest

I watched with curiosity
A little bird up in a tree.
The tune she sang was loud and clear
And never did she seem to fear.

The nest she built was strong and firm.
I wonder how she ever learned?
So peacefully she flew around,
Then softly landed on the ground.
She did not fuss or fret or stew
About the work she had to do,
But joyfully continued on
And all the while, she sang a song.
Oh, Lord, if I could learn to be
Content and cheerful and so free,
I'd fly away and be at rest,
Safe in my Savior's heavenly nest.
Valerie Rousseau

*"And he hath put a new song in my mouth,
even praise unto our God: Many shall see it,
and fear, and shall trust in the LORD" (Psalm 40:3)*

*"And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!
For then would I fly away, and be at rest."
(Psalm 55:6)*