Munfordville Church of Christ January 10, 2010

A Stack of Bibles

guess I will never forget the statement that one young man made to me while we were studying the Bible together. We had been discussing the plan of salvation, in particular, our response in baptism. This young man had never been baptized, but he was convinced he was saved. After examining several verses that teach the essential nature of baptism to the forgiveness of sins, this young man said, "I know I'm saved. I feel it in my heart. Why I wouldn't trade the feeling I have in my heart for a stack of Bibles this high (showing me with his hand how high)."

As I see it, when someone reaches that point there are only two routes that can be taken.

First, you can attempt to demonstrate that feelings are not a safe guide in religious matters (Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 28:26). If this cannot be established and the authority of the Bible is rejected, then you may as well resign yourself in attempting to teach this person. Then you can take the second route and move on, trying to teach someone more receptive of the truth.

Feelings certainly can and do get in the way of obedience to God's commands. I recently read of a preacher who was speaking with a woman who just knew she was saved. The preacher asked her how she knew this and she responded with a confident answer. "I was attending a religious service one time and all of a sudden I felt light as a feather...I felt as if I were floating...I felt I was saved." The preacher then asked the woman a series of questions.

"Were you really as light as a feather?" "Of course not," she said.

"Were you really floating?" "Certainly not."

Were you really saved?" "Oh yes, I was definitely saved."

The preacher then asked this significant question: "Lady, if you would not trust your feelings about the first two things, why do you trust it about the third thing? Even though you felt like you were floating and you felt like you were saved, that didn't make it so!"

Friends, don't trust in your human emotions or your heart-felt feelings when it comes to your salvation.

Just remember, it is not the one who "feels something" that will be saved, but the one who "obeys something"

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9).

—Steve Higginbotham via *Biblical Studies*

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



—Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry. Sherry Crabtree is still having some troubles with her eye.

Where "U" are needed

"U" are needed in Bible ST_DY, not in "ignorance."
"U" are needed in S_PPORT, not in "neglect."
"U" are needed in _NITY, Not in "division."
"U" are needed in D_TY, Not in "irresponsibility."
"U" are needed in B_ILDING, Not in "tearing down"
"U" are needed in the CH_RCH, Not in the "world."

—via The Branson Messenger, Branson, MO ★★★

Seven days without Bible study makes one weak.

Sunday, January 3, 2010		
Classes	14	Matthew 11:14-26
Preaching	21	Psalm 23:1-6
Contribution	\$368.00	
Evening	10	Singing
Wednesday, January 6, 2010		
Classes	22	Leviticus 6:1-30

Visitors-

Bible Quiz

If a sacrifice was eaten in a brazen pot, how was it to be cleaned?

Last Week's Answer— Two turtle doves or two young pigeons (Leviticus 5:7)

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-God's Plan of Salvation-

- 1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
- 2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
- 3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
- 5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
- 6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)