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Psalms 119:105, “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*”

This is traditionally the time of year that people make resolutions. January 1 is really no different from any other day, but since it is the most major division in our calendar it makes this day a logical time to begin anew. People often resolve to better themselves. I suppose the top of the list is to lose weight, stop habits that are harmful, etc. The best resolution we can make would be to better ourselves for the LORD. Consider the two following areas in which we can better ourselves for the LORD.

1. Make sure you attend every service. There will be times that missing is truly unavoidable, but these should be few and far between. Ask yourself if the reason you are missing would be acceptable at work or school. Even if they are, the LORD deserves better than work and school. We only have two services on Sunday for a total of three hours as well as two on-line services. That’s very little time compared to other activities. Make attendance a top priority. Make it a goal to not miss one service this year. The writer in Hebrews 10:25 says, “*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves*

together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

2. Read and study the Bible every day. We have so many things that take our time. Not only does work and school occupy a very high percentage of our time, but it’s easy to spend a few hours with entertainment. How much time per day or week do we spend studying the Bible?

The things we learn and study for this life are not eternal. They are for here and now. We are told by Jesus in John 12:48, “*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*” Knowing we will be judged by the words in the Bible, we need to know as much about them as possible.

How sad it is to go through this life never knowing all the LORD has to say to us in the Bible. A good question to ask oneself is, “Have I read the entire Bible?” If you have not, you should start immediately and make sure you know all the Bible has to say.

One can read the Bible in a year but it takes a few chapters per day to do so. With 1,189 chapters in the Bible you need to average about 3.25 chapters per day. With the Bible being available to listen to, you can easily do this during your daily commute or as you work around the house. If you listen to 12 minutes each day of Bible audio, you will finish the Bible well before the end of this year.

It’s sad to think how little the world knows about the Bible. It’s even more sad when you think about how easy it is to access the Bible. Not only are there paper copies in abundance, but the Bible is freely available to read or listen to on every computer or smart phone.

Be like those in Berea of whom we are told in Acts 17:11, “*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*” —Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9am,10am,12pm; 6pm (Online) — Wednesday 6pm (Online)

News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard and Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Betty Franklin, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Carol Riffle, and Nancy Lane.**

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Acts 11:25-26, ²⁵Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: ²⁶And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Last Wednesday we began a new year. As I wrote about in the article on the front page, let's make sure we assemble every time possible this year. In Acts 11, Paul and Barnabas assembled a whole year with the church at Antioch. When we come to the end of 2025, can that be said about us? That we assembled a whole year with the church?

They were assembling with the Christians. The world "Christian" is found three times in the Bible. Acts 11:26, "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 26:26, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." I Peter 4:16, "Yet if [any man suffer] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

Classes	16	Luke 21:1-28
Preaching	30	The Last Lord's Day
Contribution	\$1168.00	
Afternoon	8	Revelation 8:1-13; Genesis 29:1-35

Bible Quiz

When the seventh seal was opened what was in heaven about half an hour?

Last Week's Answer— Living fountains of water (Revelation 7:17)

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Just as the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch, when you assemble you are meeting with the Christians. What better place and group of people to be with? These are the ones that we all plan on living with eternally in Heaven. Of many of the patriarchs, it was said when they died they had gone to be with their people. I want to be with my people here as often as possible and then forever with my people in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)