

Oaks-West Church of Christ

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God's Treasure

by George Slover

“Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. “They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

God has a book of remembrance written before him. Those who have devoted their lives to God are stored up in God's memory, awaiting the day of judgment.

A day of reckoning is identified by the prophet. It will be a time when

God separates the righteous from the wicked! Who will be in God's book of remembrance? Who will find themselves among God's special treasures?

God says, “On the day that I make them My jewels.” “Jewels,” a feminine noun meaning a personal possession is one of the most and exciting descriptions of God's relationship with his people. The unique position of the people of God has so many exciting implications. “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.” (1 Peter 2:9) These are God's people!

It is humbling to think that God would regard anyone as his treasure. Sin and rebellion abound. Yet, God loved man enough to provide a way. In the midst of wickedness, Noah found grace in the

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eyes of the Lord, Abraham was called God's friend, Israel was his special treasure, Paul was his Apostle, and we can be his own special people. The marvel of it all!

Every individual in this world has the potential of being one of God's treasures. Through the blood of Christ they can be forgiven. By the power of his word and providence, God can take the diamond in the rough in shape it into something very special.

The Importance of Communication

By Rickie Jenkins

Communication builds trust. It is the key to any successful family. If we can't trust each other, we cannot build a strong family.

Marriages go downhill when communication breaks down. Relationships fall apart when there is a lack of communication. That is because where there is a void of clear and positive communication, we start to assume the worst and act accordingly. Fear and negativity creep in and dominate our thoughts, behavior, and actions. .

This leads to a lack of trust, which leads to a lack of focus and success. Instead of taking positive actions to thrive, we go into survival mode and just try to survive. We should focus on building trust through

frequent positive communication so that fear can't breed and grow. Communication builds trust and conquers fear.

Communication creates a bond that helps take away challenges and distractions of a busy world. We communicate with everyone but the most important person in our lives – our mates.

Communication has to be real and we have to be real. Trust is built one person, one relationship at a time. We have to be real and transparent. Listening is a vital part.

In functional families, people trust one another, care about one another and love keeps them together. In dysfunctional families there is no trust, love is not put into practice and therefore disagreements break down the bond. Functional families communicate a lot with each other. They are open and honest with each other. They share love with one another

The number one question is, "Can I trust you, and do you care about me?"

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.



Upcoming Ladies' Bible Classes - March 24 at Arlene's home.

Song Practice - March 15, 5:00 p.m.

Gospel Meeting - March 22-25 with Charles Willis at Garden Ridge church of Christ

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.



Please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers:

June Owens

Jack Wilson

Jerry Richardson

Karen Hallmark

Autumn Felps

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

We have many that face challenges on a daily basis and need your prayers as well.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

