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Opportunities That Felix Had

by Richard Thetford

Felix's problem was sin; thus, his greatest need was the forgiveness of sin. Yet, he neglected God's offer. When Felix died I am sure that he wished that he had taken his conversations with the Apostle Paul more seriously and did what was necessary in order for him to be saved. There are several things in which Felix neglected that caused him to be in a lost condition. Let's look at some.

Felix was in the right place at the right time, yet he still was not obedient to the word of God presented by Paul (Acts 24:24a).

Felix heard the Apostle Paul preach, yet he did not respond to the words that could have saved him if he would have truly listened and obeyed them (Acts 24:24b).

Felix heard a sermon adapted specifically to him, yet he did not give it the urgent need that was needed for him to gain salvation (Acts 24:25).

Felix had an emotional response to the gospel, yet as he heard Paul reason about about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, he became emotional (he was afraid). He then told Paul to "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." We don't have any indication that his "convenient time" ever came (Acts

24:25).

Felix had a second chance, yet still he did not obey the gospel message. Felix sent for Paul numerous times and conversed with him and did not become a Christian (Acts 24:26).

Felix neglected so many wonderful opportunities to be saved; he neglected them to remain lost. Dear friends, let that NEVER be said of us! "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him (Hebrews 2:3).

{Richard is one of the preachers we support and works with the church in Ft. Collins, Colorado}

God is Love

by Warren Berkley

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God

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

Important Dates

Upcoming Ladies' Bible Classes - Next class May 11.

Mark Your Calendars - our spring meeting with Tim Stevens is scheduled for April 25-28

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

abides in us and his love is perfected in us.
– 1 John 4:7-12

The Holy Spirit makes it very clear. Who God is must be reflected by His people. In our minds, speech, lives, interactions and worship. God is merciful and that mercy should be seen in us. God is faithful. God is good. God is patient. Who God is should be reflected by His people. Like father, like child.

John wrote that “love is from God.” It is not from the world. Not from a dictionary. Movies and media are not dependable determinants of love. “Love is from God.” And one powerful and obvious evidence of His love is that He “sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

So, where does this line of thought take us? “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson continues to struggle with debilitating back pain.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing cancer treatments.

Nancy Richardson is still dealing with breathing problems. Please pray that a more effective solution can be found and she can return to normal.

Ron Stanberry has been diagnosed with lung cancer, causing great pain. Please pray for him and Sue both.

Karen Hallmark has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes.

Morgan O’Hair is undergoing tests to determine the possibility of some

tumors. She is also struggling with her walking as well as an immune system issue.

Dinah Williams continues to be homebound due to mobility issues.

Bobbie Gibbons continues to be limited by balance and breathing issues. She could use encouragement.

Tyler Hairston is investigating options to treat his cancer.

Don and Alene Simmons are both suffering from pain and mobility limitations.

Dorothy Steadman is home after her recent stroke.

Syble Hargrove was in a car accident last week and is recovering.

And continue to pray for each other

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.

“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)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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