

How Did You Do This Week?

Did you assemble with your Brethren?

Lord's Day Morning _____

Lord's Day Evening _____

Thursday Prayer Meeting _____

Did you begin each day with Devotions?

Mon _____

Tue _____

Wed _____

Thu _____

Fri _____

Sat _____

Did you practice Daily Christianity?

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Rejoicing _____

Confessing _____

Forgiving _____

Denying _____

Committing _____

Studying _____

Praying _____

Listening _____

Obeying _____

Exhorting _____

Did you serve the Lord your God?

In Giving _____

In Helping _____

In Witnessing _____

In Participating _____

In Fellowship _____

THE KOBC MISSION

The Knotty Oak Baptist Church is an Independent Baptist Church incorporated under the laws of the state of Rhode Island for the purpose of fulfilling the plan of God for the local church as it is revealed in the New Testament. We not only believe the Bible, but also seek to properly make a deep and thorough application of each of its precepts.

As such, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church seeks to glorify God in all that it does. This includes the governing By-Laws, the corporate worship, the various ministries, the social activities, the teaching program, the church ordinances, and the property maintenance. We believe that everything we do should be done to the glory of God, with a view toward evangelism and discipleship.

Because of this, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church seeks to be informal, yet reverent in its approach to worship; thorough, yet practical in its preaching and teaching; Biblical, yet patient in its expectations for the believers. We believe that inward submission leads to outward obedience, and thus, the greater emphasis should be placed on the development of the inner man, through the Word of God.

In view of the preceding principles, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church expects every member to be participating in the plan of God for the church, to do so with the proper motive, and to grow in Christian virtue, the knowledge of the Scriptures, the grace of God, the fruit of the Spirit, and in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, of, by, and through Whom are all things.

May God Be Glorified!

Pastor Chris

Word Search

The Great Commission

G N P M V U G L T C S T G D M H
 S B O B B N N H E E S N S C E A
 D T Z I I U E B S P I H R A L R
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ASSEMBLED	HANDS	SERPENTS
BAPTIZED	HARDNESS	SIDE
BEHOVED	HOLY	SIGHT
COMMANDED	JERUSALEM	SIGNS
CREATURE	KINGDOM	THEREFORE
DEVILS	OBSERVE	UNBELIEF
DISCIPLES	RECEIVE	UNDERSTANDING
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EVENING	REMISSION	WITNESSES

GOSPEL	REPENTANCE	
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Personal Prayer List For The Week

Personal Requests

“Let your requests
 be made known unto God”

Salvation Requests

“My prayer to God ...
 is that they might be saved”

Leadership Requests

“I exhort therefore, that, prayers ...
 be made for all that are in authority

Oswald Chambers

The Collision Of God And Sin

*“Who His own self bare our sins
in His own body on the tree.”*

The Cross of Jesus is the revelation of God's judgment on sin. Never tolerate the idea of martyrdom about the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Cross was a superb triumph in which the foundations of hell were shaken. There is nothing more certain in Time or Eternity than what Jesus Christ did on the Cross: He switched the the human race back into a right relationship with God. He made Redemption the basis of human life, a way for every person to fellowship with God.

The Cross did not *happen* to Jesus: He came on purpose for it. He is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” The whole meaning of the Incarnation is the Cross. Beware of separating God manifest in the flesh the Son becoming sin. The Incarnation was for the purpose of Redemption. God became incarnate for the purpose of putting away sin; not for the purpose of Self-realisation. The Cross is the centre of Time and of Eternity, the answer to the enigmas of both.

The Cross is not the cross of a man but the Cross of God, and the Cross of God can never be realised in human experience. The Cross is the exhibition of the nature of God, the gateway whereby any individual of the human race can enter into union with God. When we get to the Cross, we do not go through it; we abide in the life to which the Cross is the gateway. The centre of salvation is the Cross of Jesus, and the reason it is so easy to obtain salvation is because it cost God so much. The Cross where God and sinful man merge with a crash—but the crash is on the heart of God.

Oswald Chambers – My Utmost For His Highest Prayer Requests For Revival

For the Filling of the Holy Spirit

For Preaching and Teaching
that Exalts the Lord Jesus Christ
and Edifies the Believers

For the Salvation of Souls

For Protection and Provision
for the Shepherds and their Families
Serving in Rhode Island

For the Sending of Labourers

For Love and Kindness
to be Demonstrated by the
Pastors of RI toward one another

For the Training of Faithful Men

For Courage and Strength
needed to Stand for our Saviour
and Obey Him in these Difficult Times

For the Planting of Churches

For Commitment and Contentment
that is Demonstrated by a Real Willingness

to Deny Our selves and Exalt the Saviour

WATCHMAN NEE

The Normal Christian Worker

Stability of Temperament

No one with an unstable temperament can exercise a stable ministry. There must be a correspondence between the character of the minister and the character of his ministry. And, these together produce the character of the church – the church that the Lord said must prevail against the gates of Hell!

Alas, however, the gates of Hell often prevail against many Christian workers because they are always vacillating. Unless these erratic behaviours of ours are transformed, we shall not be able to properly function in the specific ministry committed to us; but, praise the Lord, He has the resources to change our character, and change it thoroughly!

The Bible tells us it was by revelation that Peter was able to recognize Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. He could never have made this marvelous discovery by himself, nor could any man have imparted such knowledge to him; it was God Who made this known to him.

From the time of Peter's confession Jesus began to tell the disciples something of the sufferings that lay immediately ahead, whereupon "Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee. But he turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan." (Matt. 16: 22,23)

Note the sudden swing of the pendulum. Peter, who has so recently attained sublime heights of spiritual experience, has already dropped to perilous depths. We have barely heard the Lord acknowledge that he has had a wonderful divine revelation than we hear Him say that he is a tool in the hands of Satan. May God deliver us from instability.

Watchman Nee – The Normal Christian Worker Our Worship

Psalm 100:3

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 96:9

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

I Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

James 1:21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Charles Spurgeon

"On mine arm shall they trust." – Isaiah 51:5

In seasons of severe trial, the Christian has nothing on earth that he can trust to, and is therefore compelled to cast himself on his God alone. When his vessel is on its beam-ends, and no human deliverance can avail, he must simply and entirely trust himself to the providence and care of God. Happy storm that wrecks a man on such a rock as this! O blessed hurricane that drives the soul to God and God alone!

There is no getting at our God sometimes because of the multitude of our friends; but when a man is so friendless that he has nowhere else to turn, he flies into his Father's arms, and is blessedly clasped therein! When he is burdened with troubles so pressing and so peculiar, that he cannot tell them to any but his God, he may be thankful for them; for he will learn more of his Lord then than at any other time.

O, tempest tossed believer, it is a happy trouble that drives thee to thy Father! Now that thou hast only thy God to trust to, see that thou puttest thy full confidence in him. Dishonour not thy Lord and Master by unworthy doubts and fears; but be strong in faith, giving glory to God. Show the world that thy God is worth ten thousand worlds to thee. Show rich men how rich thou art in thy poverty when the Lord God is thy helper.

Show the strong man how strong thou art in thy weakness when underneath thee are the everlasting arms. Now is the time for feats of faith and valiant exploits. Be strong and very courageous, and the Lord thy God shall certainly, as surely as he built the heavens and the earth, glorify Himself in thy weakness, and magnify His might in the midst of thy distress.

As the grandeur of the arch of heaven would be spoiled if a single visible column supported the sky, so your faith would lose its glory if it rested on anything other than God.

Charles Spurgeon – Morning And Evening Devotions **The Believer And Money**

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

I Timothy 6:9

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Luke 16:10

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Acts 20:35

How that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Matthew 22:21

Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

I Corinthians 16:2

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Matthew 10:7-8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

II Corinthians 8:5

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Mark 8:36-37

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Principles of Prayer

Praying And The Word Of God

The prayer of submission is without a definite word of promise, so to speak, but takes hold of God with a lowly and contrite spirit, and asks and pleads with Him, for that which the soul desires. Daniel had no definite promise that God would reveal to him the meaning of the king's dream, but he prayed specifically, and God answered definitely.

Moses had no definite promise that God would spare Israel; on the contrary, there was the declaration of His wrath, and of His purpose to destroy. But the devoted leader gained his plea with God, when he interceded for the Israelites with incessant prayers and many tears. Again, he prayed specifically, and God answered definitely.

The Word of God is made effectual and operative, by the process and practice of prayer. The Word of the Lord came to Elijah, "Go show thyself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth." Elijah showed himself to Ahab; but the answer to his prayer did not come, until he had pressed his fiery prayer upon the Lord seven times.

The Word of God is a great help in prayer. If it be lodged and written in our hearts, it will form an outflowing current of prayer, full and irresistible. Promises, stored in the heart, are to be the fuel from which prayer receives life and warmth, just as the coal, stored in the earth, ministers to our comfort on stormy days and wintry nights.

The Word of God is the food, by which prayer is nourished and made strong. Prayer, like man, cannot live by bread alone,

"but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." Unless God's Word supplies the vital forces of prayer, the prayer, though earnest, even vociferous, in its urgency, is, in reality, flabby, and vapid, and void.

Edward McKendree Bounds - The Necessity Of Prayer

May 5 – May 11

The Great Commission

Monday – John 20:19-23

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Tuesday – Mark 16:14-18

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 .They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Wednesday – Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Thursday – Luke 24:45-49

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Friday – Acts 1:4-9

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come

together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations”

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you,”

We must always remember that while God's *work* in us begins at salvation; it continues the remainder of our lifetime. And, we must also remember that just as God uses the church as an instrument to begin this work (by *preaching* the Gospel to every creature), He also uses the church to continue this work (by *teaching* the Scriptures to every believer).

Having previously commanded His disciples to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15), Jesus now commands His disciples as to what they are to do with the new converts. Notice that the work of the church begins with evangelizing, but does not end there. The Lord wants to begin a work in a person's life by *saving* him, *and* He wants to continue the work by *changing* him.

This ongoing work of God (through the church) of changing the believer (by teaching the Scriptures) is found in the phrase “teach all nations.” The term “teach” is a verb that is translated from the Greek root word “maqhts” (mathates) that means “disciple.” Literally, the Lord is commanding *His disciples* to take their new converts and “make disciples” *of them*.

The reason for this is simple: just as the Lord made disciples in order to begin the work of evangelizing, His disciples must train new converts (make disciples) in order to continue the work of evangelizing. Making disciples is the key to perpetuating evangelism. As the church ceases to make disciples, the work of evangelism soon ceases as well.

Never confuse the word “believer” and “disciple.” Believers are individuals that have heard and believed the Gospel;

disciples are believers that are following the Lord and learning the Word. There are many believers that are not disciples. In other words, there are many that are saved by God, but are not being changed by God.

Pastor Chris

Daily Application Monday

1. Summarize John 20:19-23

2. **a.** On what day of the week did these events take place? **b.** Because it was the first day of the week, what did the disciples do? **c.** Because of the events of the previous week, what emotion overcame these disciples? **d.** What basic thing did the Lord command these fearful disciples to do? **e.** What wonderful promise did He fulfill and comfort disciples with?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
John 9:4, 5

Matthew 5:1, 2 & 14-16

Philippians 2:14-16

4. *The Father sent the Son* to be the Light that leads men out of darkness to the Father; *the Son commanded His disciples* to let the light of Christ shine in their lives and bring others to Christ, and *His disciples command us* to do the same. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Memory Verses From Philippians

1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Daily Application Tuesday

1. Summarize Mark 16:14-18

2. **a.** What basic thing did the Lord previously command the disciples to do? **b.** As He meets with them a second time, *where* does He tell them to go? **c.** *What* are they to proclaim to every person? **d.** Is this going to be an easy thing to do? **e.** What does He promise them in order to give them courage in the face of unknown dangers in the unknown regions of the world?

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
John 3:16

I John 2:2

I Timothy 2:1, 3, 4

4. God does not love some people in this world; He loves all people in the world. Christ did not die for some people's sins; He died for all people's sins. God does not want some people to be saved; He wants all people to be saved. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Our Witness

The Expanded Romans Road To Salvation

Romans 3:19

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 4:25

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 14:9

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Daily Application Wednesday

1. Summarize Matthew 28:18-20

2. **a.** What did the Lord previously command them to preach to every person? **b.** As He meets with them a third time, *what* does He tell them to do with those that believe the Gospel? **c.** What are they to teach to every baptized believer? **d.** Are these going to be easy things to do? **e.** What does He promise them in order to strengthen them for this overwhelming task?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
Matthew 5:1, 2

Acts 11:25, 26

Deuteronomy 6:5-7; II Timothy 2:2

4. The Lord gathered new believers together in order to teach them the principles of the Christian life; the Apostles did the same thing in the churches they ministered in; and pastors and parents are commanded to do the same today. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Our Walk Ten Things We Should Do Every Day

I. Rejoice In The Lord Daily – Psalm 118:24

“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

II. Confess Your Sins Daily – Lamentations 3:22-23

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

III. Forgive Others Daily – Matthew 6:11-12

“Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

IV. Die To Self Daily – I Corinthians 15:31

“I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.”

V. Take Up Your Cross Daily – Luke 9:23

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

VI. Study God's Word Daily – 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.”

VII. Pray To The Lord Daily – Psalm 55:17

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

VIII. Be Sensitive To God Daily – Hebrews 3:7

“Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:”

IX. Obey The Lord Daily – Psalm 61:8

“So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.”

X. Exhort Others Daily – Hebrews 3:13

“But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

Daily Application Thursday

1. Summarize Luke 24:45-49

2. **a.** What did the Lord previously command them to preach to every person? **b.** As He meets with them a fourth time, how does He define the Gospel Message? **c.** How does He describe the proper response to the Gospel Message once it is heard? **d.** Are these easy things to tell people? **e.** What does He promise to give them to empower them to tell other people?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:
I Corinthians 15:4

Acts 16:30, 31

Acts 2:37, 38

4. The message of the Gospel is that Christ died for our sins and that He raised Himself from the dead. The response to the Gospel is repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus for salvation, followed by baptism by immersion for obedience. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Salvation of Loved Ones

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Sherry	David	Nathan	Danny
Doris	Harold	Albert	Sue
Regina	Albert E.	Renee G.	
Hannah	Gloria		

Daily Application Friday

1. Summarize Acts 1:4-9

2. **a.** Has the Lord yet told them where to begin and in what order to proceed? **b.** As he meets with them a fifth time, where does He tell them to begin the work of World Evangelism? **c.** When does He say the program will end? **d.** Is this going to be an easy job to complete? **e.** What did the Lord promise them (John 14:3) in order to motivate them to persevere?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:

II Peter 3:3, 4 & 9

II Corinthians 15:58

Revelation 22:12

4. Because the Lord wants people to be saved, He delays His coming so that more will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. Christians should therefore labour steadfastly until the Lord returns to reward those that faithfully serve Him. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

**The Divine Symbols That Set Forth
The Sacred Beauty Of The Church**

1) The church is the Building of Christ. Its Builder is Jesus “the Rock” and each believer is a “living stone.” As with all buildings, the church has a purpose in the community. Scripture reveals three purposes: to serve as the “conscience of God in the community” (I Timothy 3:15); to live as the “consecrated of God in the community” (I Peter 2:4,5); and to gather as the “convocation of God in the community” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

2) The church is the Brotherhood of Christ. Its Father is God and each believer is a member of His family. As with all families, there should exist a love between members. The Bible defines this love in the following way: a demonstration of a “friendly spirit of love” (II Corinthians 13:11,12); a demonstration of a “fervent spirit of love” (I Peter 1:22); and a demonstration of a “forgiving spirit of love” (Luke 17:3).

3) The church is the Bride of Christ. Jesus is the waiting Husband and the believers are espoused to Him. As with all marriages, a wife should respond to the love of her husband. The Word of God teaches that the believer’s response to Christ, in this context, should be as the following: a “loyalty to Christ” (II Corinthians 11:2); a submissive “love to Christ” (Ephesians 5:32-33); and a “longing for Christ” (Revelation 22:17).

4) The church is the Body of Christ. Jesus is the Head and the believers are the various members. As with any functioning, healthy body, there are certain principles that help maintain functionality. The Lord describes these principles as: “the diversity of its members” (I Corinthians 12:14-

24); “the discipline of its members” (Colossians 1:17-18); and “the duty of its members” (Ephesians 4:11-16).

5) The church is the Branches of Christ. Jesus is the Vine and the believers are the branches. As with any fruit-bearing plant, there are certain expectations of the husbandman. The Scriptures teach us that the Lord Jesus expects His branches: to bring forth “plentiful fruit” (John 15:2); to bring forth “pleasant fruit” (Song of Solomon 7:6-13); and to bring forth “pure fruit” (Luke 6:43).

6) The Church is the Beacon of Christ. Jesus is the light of the world, and believers are individual light-bearers. As with any instrument of light, there are certain qualities that enhance the usefulness of the light. The Word of God describes these qualities as: “the shining of the light” (Matthew 5:14-16); “the situation of the light” (Philippians 2:14-16); and “the separation of the light” (Ephesians 5:8-13).

**Daily Application
Saturday**

1. Summarize The Great Commission

2. Do you have a desire to see other people saved, and are you trying to do your part to bring the Gospel to them?

3. If you are guilty of the sin of not caring if other people die and go to Hell, will you repent of this sin and confess it?

4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

5. Review

A. The Gospel of John

Command: Go

Promise: Peace

B. The Gospel of Mark

Command: Preach the Gospel

Promise: Protection

C. The Gospel of Matthew

Command: Make Disciples

Promise: Presence

D. The Gospel of Luke

Command: Wait to Begin

Promise: Power

E. The Book of Acts

Command: Finish the Job

Promise: Return