

WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

Luke 16:23

In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

Will we know each other after death? We often ask “will we know each other in heaven” but, perhaps, we need to expand the question. After all, not everyone goes to heaven, in spite of what some people think.

Will we know each other in heaven? The very thought gives unspeakable hope. I have no doubt that we will. Do you doubt, for one instant, that we would not know Jesus in heaven? That really ought to be our highest desire. To be able to recognize and know my loved ones will simply be icing on the cake. If we will recognize and know Jesus, why would we not recognize and know people we have known on earth?

Will people know each other in Hell? While it is my firm intent to never be able to learn the answer from experience, it is a sobering thought. Would I want to see someone in that awful place and know that I said or did something to lead them there? Influence is a powerful thing, for good and for evil.

Will we know each other after death? Jesus told a story; it was either a parable or a true story. There were three characters; the rich man was tormented in a place called “Hades.” He was able to see and recognize Abraham and Lazarus. Their fate was quite the opposite from his. Will we know each other? Luke 16:19-31 indicates that we will. For Christians, that brings great comfort.

--**Ron Harper**--

HE-Vangelsim

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24

What wins souls? You would think there would be an easy answer to this question, but the more I think about it, the more confusing it gets. Some people respond well to intellectual discussions of the intricate details concerning life and the universe. Others respond to a nice gesture such as that of a get-well card or a simple smile. Still, others respond to the formation of relationships, a friend in whom they can trust and share things. All in all, people are people and people are different. That is why this evangelism method is not focused on the HOW but the WHO. Let me explain.

Perhaps you would agree that the days of debates and rash outbursts of disagreement simply do not work. There was a time in our religious history where people of the public sincerely wanted to know the truth. They would attend open forums and debates and many would be baptized as a result. However, today more emphasis is being placed on relativism. This is the idea that each person holds to his or her own views to guide his or her own morality. Simply put, we must build on the foundation of Jesus rather than tear down based on disagreement.

This is where HE-vangelsim comes into play. This is evangelism with the focus on HE, him, Jesus. As a relationship is built, we do just the same as Philip with the Eunuch (Acts 8), we Jesus-drop. That is, we simply find opportunities to talk about Jesus. We introduce teachings of what Jesus did for us to bring them to a faith in him and ultimately to devotion to his will.

People seek sincerity and realness. Jesus is real. People need Jesus. We are his ambassadors. Evangelism is not the responsibility of the elders, deacons, or ministers. Each of us has this responsibility. Let's be like Paul and accept the challenge of testifying the good news of God's grace.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Pat Davidson, Wayne & Dolcie Dodd, Bonnie Arnett, Nora Fann, Odell Grissom, Sue Reeves, Ernestine Taylor, Carolyn Thomas, Laura Wiser, Naoma Woodcock, Prater Christiansen

SHUT INS:

Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Oleta Bullard, Houston Henry, Dan Stephens, Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Louis Wilson, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*, Ernestine Taylor*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Laura Wiser*, Virgie Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

NEWS & NOTES

- We extend sympathy to the family of **Ann Jenkins**; she passed away on Sunday, October 1st. She was the sister-in-law of Joyce Jenkins and former member of Minerva Drive. Services were held at Jennings and Ayers.
- **Gospel Meeting at East Main** starting today - Wednesday. More information posted on the bulletin board.
- **Disaster Relief of Nashville** will be running the food line and loading 1500 family food boxes tomorrow at 10am.
- **Men's Breakfast at IHOP** on Tuesday, October 10th at 8am.
- There will be a **Youth/College lock-in** on October 13th-14th for 4th grade – college here at the building starting at 7pm.
- **Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting** on October 18th following evening service.
- There will be a **Ladies and Men's self-defense class** on Saturday, October 21st. Class will begin at 9am – 5pm with a lunch break. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer. If you have any questions, see Jeff Milstead.
- **Men's Devo** will be on Monday, October 23rd at the home of Andy & Lisa Mitchell.

Our **Fall Festival** will be on Saturday, October 28th starting at 3pm. This is a great time to invite your families and friends for fun and fellowship.



Our annual **Senior Saints Banquet** is planned for Saturday, November 11th at 5 pm at our Church building. Seniors are those 60 or older (younger spouses are welcome). This will be a catered meal; there is not a charge for the meal. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are planning to attend no later than November 5th. If you need a ride, please write yes in the space provided. Please see Keith Short or Larry Benson if you have any questions.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

October 1, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	244
	Bible classes	165
	PM worship	149
	Contribution	\$6,658.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	120
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity! We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
30 minutes prior to service*

October 8

Jeff & Karen Milstead

October 15

Bobby & Jackie Sims

