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Pastor & Mrs. C "Old-Fashioned Sunday"

## FATHERS' DAY

LUKE 15:11-32

<u>Introduction:</u> Just as May is the month to remember and honor mothers, June is the month we have chosen to honor our fathers. Here in Luke 15, we read the story of the prodigal son. But what we often overlook is how many times the word 'father' is mentioned. Twelve times 'father' is mentioned in this short story.

Father! What an awesome title. What a tremendous responsibility. What an honor.

Allow me to mention just a few fathers in the Bible.

## FIRST: THE FALLEN FATHER.

**ROMANS 5:12** 

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men ..."

What a sad testimony given by Adam. He lived in a literal paradise. He had it all, yet chose to give it all up. You see, when a person sins, they rarely take the time to see the results of their sin upon their children. Adam's sin led to his son Cain murdering his brother Abel. Father, have you looked ahead to the consequences of your drinking beer, smoking dope, missing church? Think with me. Do you see the effects?

## SECOND: THE FAITHFUL FATHER.

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23** 

"It is of the Lord's mercy's ...they are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness..."

We have a wonderful example as a father: our Heavenly Father. Our Heavenly Father is always faithful.

There are some great examples of fatherhood in the Bible, but all come short as to what they truly should have been as fathers. Noah, his wife, and children were all saved, yet he got drunk and revealed his sinful nature to his children. Have you ever wondered where he learned how to make alcohol? It was on the other side of the flood. He kept a recipe of how to make a drink in order to get drunk. What are you holding onto from the other side of the old life?

### THIRD: THE FOOLISH FATHER.

**GENESIS 19:8-14** 

"Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you."

Wow! How far has this father buried himself in the mud of this old sinful world! He is so far gone that he is willing to turn his daughters over to the lusts of the most vile and perverse thinking men.

Illustration: I read an article last month about a father who sold his daughter as a prostitute. This was not in Russia, or in some Third World country. It was right here in America. I believe it was Vance Havner that used to say, "Sin will take you farther than you ever intended to go, and will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay."

## FOURTH: THE FORGIVING FATHER.

LUKE 15:20-24

What a beautiful way to reveal love. Think of all this young man had done. Many of the books I have read says, "riotous living," means, "wine, women, and song." I do not know if this is absolutely accurate, but I do know that in Luke 15:30, the elder son said that his younger brother had used what

## A Gentleman In God's House—These Old Rags



A gentleman wears his best to church, realizing that he is going to the House of God.

Though a gentleman need not dress at the height of fashion, he will be careful to look his best in the House of God.

If a man is arriving at a service immediately after work, his informal attire is acceptable and understandable.

A gentleman never makes an issue of another's informal attire at church.

Dr. George Alquist, Jr.

## **Welcome Home** Victoria Jessica Lynn Collingsworth



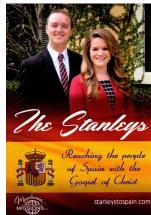
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A MAN BOUGHT HIS WIFE A BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND RING FOR THEIR ANNIVERSARY.

AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE EXTRAVAGANT GIFT, A FRIEND OF HIS SAID, 'Y THOUGHT SHE WANTED ONE OF THOSE SPORTY FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE VEHICLES."

*"She did," the man* REPLIED. "BUT WHERE WAS I GOING TO FIND A FAKE JEEP?"

"LOOK WHAT MY KIDS GOT ME FOR FATHERS' DAY."



How is a ukulele like a nuclear bomb? By the time you hear it. it's already too late.

ONE FISHERMAN ASKED ANOTHER, "GOOD STREAM FOR FISH?"

"IT MUST BE," THE OTHER ANSWERED. "I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO COAX A SINGLE ONE OUT OF IT YET.

A LITTLE GIRL COMPLAINED, 'MOMMY, I'VE GOT A STOMACH ACHE."

"THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S EMPTY," THE MOTHER REPLIED. "YOU WOULD FEEL BETTER IF YOU HAD SOMETHING IN IT." THAT AFTERNOON, HER FATHER CAME HOME, SAYING HE HAD A HEADACHE. THE GIRL PERKED UP. "THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR HEAD IS EMPTY." SHE SAID. "YOU'D FEEL BETTER IF YOU HAD SOMETHING IN IT."

## **Lest We Forget** by Cheryl MacDonald

It's a Saturday morning, and I am eager to fly away. My husband and I will meet up with our son on the other side of the country to learn and explore together. Sitting now at the airport gate, my husband wanders away to stretch his legs. Moments later, he returns and whispers in my ear. I rise and follow him around the corner toward a large window facing the landing area. A crowd, solemn and still, gathers at the window and gazes out.

Now I am one of those peering in silence. On the tarmac, Marines stand straight and tall in formation, the plane door open, a ramp waiting. A white hearse is parked nearby. A man and a soldier stand on either side of a woman, supporting her, waiting for what is to come, for a sight she must surely have hoped and prayed never to see.

The ramp begins to move, and a flag-draped casket starts its descent. Airport personnel stand in reverent stillness. A few place their hands over their hearts, as I have done. We're joined in witness, sending love to an honorable soldier whose name we'll never know.

The woman's face is contorted in pain as she wails in the way only a mother can, though her cries are unheard by those of us on the other side of the window. She collapses, knowing she will never again hear "Mom" from her son's lips. She'll never feel his loving arms encircle her shoulders or relish his sweet peck on her cheeks.

Another face, that of a square-jawed man, grimaces in pain, weakened by grief. The father holds his head in his hands and turns it back and forth, a refusal to accept this new reality. His son, the tiny boy he no doubt wrestled playfully, the teen he probably taught to drive, the son he stood so proudly by as he donned his Marine uniform, now lives only in his memory.

Those behind the glass stay silent, reflecting on this life, this loss, as the family and soldiers depart the runway. A dozen of us women, with red-rimmed eyes and tear-stained cheeks, move slowly away, dabbing our faces and sharing a mother's profound grief.

Soon, each of us will fly off in planes and return to an ordinary life made extraordinary by this soldier's courage, by this family's sacrifice, and by this love shared by all who look out the window and know.

had been his fathers on harlots. But what was the attitude of the father toward his son's repentant homecoming? It was forgiveness. No matter how far you have gone into this old sinful world, you have a loving father that longs to forgive you.

## FIFTH: THE FORGOTTEN FATHER.

**MATTHEW 13:55-56** 

"Is not this the carpenter's son?"

We know that Joseph was not the father of Jesus, but he was the father of the brothers of Jesus. He must have been an amazing man to be trusted with the rearing of Jesus on this earth. Yet most never give this man another thought, or even care what happened to him.

This is the month of Father's Day. People, what do you remember about dad? What is it that you have allowed yourself to forget?

<u>Conclusion:</u> May I ask you about your relationship with the Heavenly Father? Do you know him and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ?

"Our father, which art in Heaven hallowed be thy name..."

There is a Heavenly Father. Is He your Heavenly Father? There is only one way to get to Him. Notice John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me."

John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Have you received Him?

## **Prayer of Salvation**

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour.

Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



## **Prayer of Service**

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

A MEAN OLD MANAGING PARTNER PASSED AWAY, BUT HIS FIRM KEPT RECEIVING CALLS FOR HIM. "I'M SORRY, HE'S DEAD" WAS THE STANDARD ANSWER.

THE RECEPTIONIST CAME TO SUSPECT THAT IT WAS THE SAME PERSON CALLING OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THE NEXT TIME THE CALL CAME IN, SHE ASKED WHO IT WAS AND WHY HE KEPT CALLING.

"I USED TO BE ONE OF HIS JUNIOR ASSOCIATES," THE CALLER SAID. "I JUST LIKE TO HEAR YOU SAY IT."



## What Does Deuteronomy 22:5 Mean?

How can we know if *Deuteronomy 22:5* is ceremonial law or moral law? The whole chapter is a mixture of both. Many of the verses are obviously moral law. If you see a neighbor's ox or sheep wandering, return it. Conserve natural resources so future generations can eat. Take responsibility in your home for the safety of others. A wife has a right to a fair trial if accused by her husband of impurity. Rape is to be severely punished; so is adultery.

Elizabeth Rice Hanford

These are all obviously moral law. We ought to obey them now.

Four verses in this chapter are probably ceremonial: don't sow mixed seed in a field; don't plow with an ox and ass together; don't mix fibers in woven cloth; and wear a fringe on your clothing.

Now, which of these two categories shall we put verse 5 into? We have one clue in that our Scripture says a woman who wears men's clothing is "an abomination unto the Lord thy God." It is a terrible offense to God Himself when a woman puts on men's apparel. Does God ever use the expression, "abomination unto the Lord" when speaking of a ceremonial law? No. The essence of ceremonial law was that Jews would make certain things unclean to themselves. They were to make some things, "an abomination to you." Deuteronomy 14 and Leviticus 11 both list a number of such things, "He is unclean to you" (Lev. 11:7) "All fowls that creep, going upon all four shall be an abomination unto you." (Lev. 11:20) All such prohibitions made to Jews in the Old Testament are cancelled in the New Testament.

But every single time the phrase, "an abomination to me," when God is speaking or, "an abomination to God," is used, the Scripture there is forbidding a gross moral sin, something inherently and obviously wrong, and equally condemned in the New Testament. Idolatry is an abomination to God (Deu. 7:25), So are human sacrifices (Deu. 12:81), witchcraft (Deu. 18:10-12), murder and lying (Pro. 6:16-19; 11:20; 12:22). These are an abomination to God.

Therefore, when God says it is an abomination to Him when a woman wears a man's clothes, we must conclude this is a moral command, not ceremonial. This sin is in the same class with the gross sins of idolatry, adultery, and murder.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last ten (10) years in a row! An entire decade! Wow!
- 2. The buses are still rolling!



#### June 26th—28th, 2016 Old Time Religion, Real & Revisited Conference







Dr. Greg Neal Jacksonville, FL





Ludowici, GA



Bro. Dan Cox New Smyrna Beach, FL

## Congratulations, Graduates!





Miss Angela Berezne



Mr. Jacob Spencer



Mr. Joshua Kubic



`YS *`NUT JOB'* HYPHENATED?"



"OH, LOOK! A MENU!"

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$3,855.00. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

Time: Sunday Evening June 5th at 7:00 PM Where: Auditorium of the Heritage Baptist Church

Mrs. Francie Taylor

## **Train the Children to Respond Correctly to Both Parents** "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Prov. 1:8

In more than one verse, the Scripture places emphasis on both the father and the mother. In fact, the listed order of the parental titles is also significant, because you won't find the mother listed first. God lists the leader first when he says, "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Prov. 6:20).

You'll see this same order again when one of the Ten Commandments tells us to "honour thy father and thy mother" (Ex. 20:12).

Do you see the pattern here? These verses teach us that it isn't right to allow the children to choose to obey one parent while disobeying the other. If your child is displaying this type of selective obedience, it is because you have allowed it. It is wrong when Dad can't get instant obedience, but Mom can just shoot the look and the kids jump and ask, "How high?" on the way up.

If you allow your children to be selective in their obedience, you are setting them up for future failure in life. If they don't obey Dad, what in the world makes you think they will be able to hold a job? That boss will say something they don't like, and if they are not used to paying attention to Dad, who's the head of the home, they will not pay attention to the head of the company.

## THE KING JAMES BIBLE



The Lord Jesus Christ is the Author of the Bible, He is also the one and only Saviour. While He was on this earth. He occupied Himself chiefly with the exposition of Scripture. He made it plain that the DOCTRINES of Scripture were the only and final AUTHORITY for truth concerning life, death, eternity, Heaven, Hell, forgiveness for sins, and salvation from the wrath of God.

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When He referred to the Scripture, He ALWAYS referred to a Book that the people that He taught could HOLD IN THEIR HANDS. Once more I remind you that Jesus NEVER referred to the 'original manuscripts," and He NEVER corrected the Aramaic TRANSLATION that He held in His hands. BEWARE OF MEN (and women) WHO CLAIM TO BE SENT FROM GOD WHO REFER YOU TO THE "ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS" WHICH THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN, AND WHO MAKE THEMSELVES THE AUTHORITY BY "CORRECTING" THE WONDERFUL OLD TIME-TESTED, GOD-BREATHED, HEAVEN-BLESSED, INERRANT, INFALLIBLE, INSPIRED AV1611 KING JAMES BIBLE!!!

Just as Jesus called the Aramaic TRANSLATION of His day "SCRIPTURE" ... He has shown in many wondrous ways that He considers the KING JAMES ENGLISH TRANSLATION "SCRIPTURE." In English, the only and final AUTHORITY is the KING JAMES BIBLE!!!

A MAN HATED HIS WIFE'S CAT, MR. PEEPERS, SO HE DROVE THE CAT TO A PARK AND LEFT HIM. WHEN THE MAN GOT BACK, MR. PEEPERS WAS WALKING UP THE DRIVEWAY.

THE NEXT DAY, HE DROVE MR. PEEPERS TO ANOTHER TOWN AND BOOTED HIM OUT.

THE MAN ARRIVED HOME TO FIND MR. PEEPERS ASLEEP IN HIS CHAIR.

FINALLY, THE MAN DROVE 20 MILES AWAY, TURNED RIGHT, THEN LEFT, OVER A MOUNTAIN, DOWN INTO A VALLEY, THROUGH A RIVER, INTO A THICK FOREST, AND DUMPED THE CAT. HOURS LATER, HE CALLED HOME TO HIS WIFE: "IS MR. PEEPERS THERE?" "YES," SAID HIS WIFE. "WHY?"

"I'M LOST, AND I NEED HIM TO GIVE ME DIRECTIONS HOME."



Saturday June 4 Cooking Saturday June 11 **Growing In Christ**  Heritage Highlanders June 2016 Schedule

Proverbs 31:14-15 Saturday June 18 Honoring Dad

2 Peter 3:18 Saturday June 25 Soulwinning

Ephesians 6:1

**Romans 10:13** 

"WHAT CAN I GET YOU TO DRINK?" THE WAITER ASKED. "A COKE, PLEASE," ONE CUSTOMER SAID.

"ME, TOO," THE OTHER CUSTOMER ADDED. "AND MAKE SURE I GET A CLEAN GLASS." WHEN HE CAME BACK WITH THE DRINKS, HE ASKED, "WHICH ONE WANTED THE CLEAN GLASS?"

## **BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE EVER**

## Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour 1/2 cup vegetable 2 cups granulated sugar shortening 1/2 cup unsweetened 1 cup milk

cocoa powder 1/2 cup cold black coffee 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. vanilla extract

1/4 tsp. salt 2 large eggs

## **Frosting**

1 cup unsweetened 1/4 cup warm water cocoa powder 4 cups confectioners'

1/2 cup softened butter sugar

1/2 cup light corn syrup 1 cup chopped walnuts,

1/2 tsp. vanilla extract divided

1/4 tsp. salt

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9-inch cake pans. In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.
- 2. Beat in the shortening with an electric mixer on low speed. Beat in milk, coffee and vanilla until combined. Increase speed to high and beat for 2 minutes. Add the eggs; beat for 2 minutes. Pour the batter into the prepared pans; smooth with a spatula. Bake the cakes in the middle of the oven until a toothpick inserted in the centers comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Cool the cakes in the pans for 5 minutes, then turn the cakes onto wire racks to cool completely.
- 3. For the frosting, combine the cocoa powder, butter, corn syrup, vanilla and salt in a large bowl. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add the warm water; mix well. Beat in the confectioners' sugar in two batches. Beat until smooth.
- 4. Place one layer top side down on a large, flat plate. Spread with 1 cup of the frosting; sprinkle with 1/2 cup walnuts. Top with the remaining cake layer, top side up. Frost the top and sides with the remaining frosting, swirling with a small spatula. Garnish the cake with the remaining walnuts.

## Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silo!

## Preschooler Expelled When Parents Object to "Gender" Education

A four-year-old student was kicked out of a Colorado preschool after her parents questioned the administration's controversial curriculum that openly promotes homosexual behavior and transgenderism in the classroom.

Wanting the opportunity to opt her daughter out of the classroom discussions focusing on sexuality, same-sex relations and gender issues at Montview Community Preschool and Kindergarten (MCPK) in Denver, Colorado, R. B. Sinclair made it clear that she believes her four-year-old is too young to participate in sex education at school....

She maintained that it is her parental right to judge when, where and how her daughter is exposed to sensitive issues.

"It's not that she isn't exposed to diversity because it is the world we live in, but how are they having these conversations?" Sinclair asked.

The concerned mother shared that her fear about the sexual indoctrination program arose when her daughter returned home from school and expressed that she was worried that her father might not like girls anymore.

"She met with the principal over concerns about the books being read in class, including ones that told the stories about same-sex couples and worms unsure about their gender," CBN News reports. "School officials from the privately run parent cooperative explained the stories were part of the school's anti-bias curriculum; and because the discussions are sprinkled through the day's activities, they told her that opting out was not possible."

Sinclair found it ironic that as a result of the so-called tolerance training to which students must be subjected throughout the school day, her child was discriminated against because she came from a home with divergent views on the issue of sexuality. Being singled out, the preschooler was kicked out of the school two days after Sinclair met with MCPK's principal....

The frustrated mother argues that tolerance needs to go both ways.

—Michael F. Haverluck for OneNewsNow.com

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

MY WIFE, A PHLEBOTOMIST AT THE DENVER VA HOSPITAL, ENTERED A PATIENT'S ROOM TO DRAW BLOOD. NOTICING AN APPLE ON HIS NIGHTSTAND, SHE REMARKED, "AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY, RIGHT?" "THAT'S TRUE," HE AGREED. "I HAVEN'T SEEN A DOCTOR IN THREE DAYS."

## The Dangers Of Social Media—Sexting



Dr. M. H. Tabb

Sexting is defined as the sending of sexually explicit photos, images, text messages, or emails by using a cell phone or other mobile device.

Two sixteen-year-olds from Fayetteville, North Carolina, were in a romantic relationship (something no sixteen-year-old is mature enough to be involved in; we wonder about the stupidity of some parents). They sent each other nude photos. This is more common than one might imagine. This writer has known of several cases in the past few years, most involving girls sending boys nude pictures of themselves.

Research shows that at least one third of teenagers have done this to some degree. Even more appalling, however, is that many young people under the

age of 18 who participate in "sexting" have created and distributed child pornography. That is a very serious crime that could cause them a lot of trouble.

The North Carolina case I stated previously made headlines, not because these young people had done something particularly unusual, but because prosecutors in the case did something unusual. Both of the sixteen-year-olds were charged with possessing naked images of themselves. The young man was charged with four counts of sexual exploitation of a minor for two explicit images he made and possessed of himself. An additional count of sexual exploitation was added because he possessed a picture of his girlfriend.

# **Our Statement of Faith**

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23** 

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Matt.* 28:19-20

We believe in the deity of Christ- His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

## I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. Romans 3:23

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

## Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15* 

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. *John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22* 

# **Baptist Beliefs**

## **B**iblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- T wo ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- T wo officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

# **Baptist Heritage**

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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