

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

March 26, 2023

*Sunday Morning:*

**Call to Worship:**

Philippians 1:27-30

Barry Phillips

**Song Leader:**

Ralph Brown

**First Prayer:**

Dennis Blanton

**Presentation/Lord's Table**

Dwight Mullett

**Servers:**

Austin Miller \*\*Mark Claypool

**Speaker:**

Johnny Felker

**Prayer & Announcements:**

Larry Miller

**Usher:**

Walter Culbreth

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*Sunday Evening:*

**Call to Worship:**

Luke 9: 49-50

Austin Miller

**Song Leader:**

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**First Prayer:**

Doug Driver

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**Prayer List and Announcements**

**Jeanette Aldridge** continues to feel well. She is staying in but feeling good.

**Deborah Grigsby** has been dealing with a lot of dental pain. She is taking antibiotics, and will make an appointment with the dentist on Monday. She saw Mike the week before last and hopes to see him again this week.

**Fred Duggin** continues to struggle. He said Elaine has been dealing with some dizziness this week. They both have doctor's appointments next week.

**Betty Travis** remains about the same this week.

Please keep **Sue King** in your prayers. She lost a close cousin recently, and her brother died last week.

\*\*\*Many have asked about the addresses for Sister King's family, so I am passing along these addresses: Sheila Erwin, 5021 Sunset Way, Hermitage, TN 37176, and Dan King, 3841 Stonecrest Dr., Columbia, TN 38401. Also, per her obituary, the family requests donations to St. Jude's Hospital.\*\*\*

**\*\*Let us continue to Remember in Prayer\*\***

Chelsea Gilliam (friend of Betty Copley), Paige Toxey, Susie Martell & Allison Barton, Neal Smith, and Dalton Gregory.

**Birthdays:**

No birthdays this week

ELDERS: Johnny Felker & Doug Driver

DEACONS: Ralph Brown & Mark Claypool

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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*"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"  
Heb. 10:24*

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## Counting The Cost

*"And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it — lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish!" – Luke 14:27-30*

Jesus once asked the multitudes who followed Him about the need to count the cost. Jesus wants the people following Him to give serious consideration to both sides of their spiritual life. The commitment needed to follow Him and the loss that will be suffered by not following Him. Let us consider these costs that Jesus asks the multitude to consider.

## The Value of the Soul.

We must think about the value of the soul. Jesus asks, "For what is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Or, what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). The question Jesus asks is rhetorical. There is no profit to the man who has everything the world offers but is void of any spiritual value. Jesus says that man's worth is great. In Matthew 6, Jesus points out that man is the crowning glory of God's creation. Man has far more value than any other thing that God created. When God created man, He "breathed into his nostrils the

**"Your lovingkindness, Oh Lord, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies." Psalm 36: 5**

## Incentives to Faithfulness in Opposition

*Jesus wants His disciples to be prepared for opposition.*

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**We must recognize that Jesus our Master was h\_\_\_\_\_ before us (Mt. 10:25-26); see also Ac. 5:41; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 4:12-13).**

*"If they have called the h\_\_\_\_\_ of the house Beelzebul, how much more the m\_\_\_\_\_ of his household!" (Mt. 10:25)*

**We must trust that God will p\_\_\_\_\_ His people (Mt. 10:26-27; see also Ac. 23:12-35; 2 Tim. 1:7).**

*"Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing c\_\_\_\_\_ that will not be r\_\_\_\_\_, and hidden that will not be known." (Mt. 10:26)*

**We must fear G\_\_\_\_\_ more than we fear m\_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 10:16, 28; Rev. 21:8).**

*"And do not fear those who kill the b\_\_\_\_, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both s\_\_\_\_\_ and body in hell." (Mt. 10:28)*

**We must be assured that God v\_\_\_\_\_ the lives of His disciples (Mt. 10:29-31).**

*"Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many s\_\_\_\_\_." (Mt. 10:31)*

**We must know that however we treat J\_\_\_\_\_ in this life will determine how He treats u\_\_\_\_\_ at the judgment (Mt. 10:32-33; see also 2 Tim. 1:8; Jn. 12:42-43).**

*"Everyone therefore who shall c\_\_\_\_\_ Me before men, I will also c\_\_\_\_\_ him before My Father who is in heaven." (Mt. 10:32)*

**We must be aware that the gospel judges the hearts of men and thus inevitably d\_\_\_\_\_ the closest of relationships (Mt. 10:34-36; 37-39).**

*"Do not think that I came to bring p\_\_\_\_\_ on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a s\_\_\_\_\_." (Mt. 10:34)*

**We must realize that those who do receive the m\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, receive both Christ and the Father (Mt. 10:40; 2 Cor. 2:14-16).**

*"He who receives y\_\_\_\_\_ receives M\_\_\_\_, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." (Mt. 10:40)*

**We must believe that the promised r\_\_\_\_\_ of eternity cannot fail (Mt. 10:41-42; see also 1 Cor. 15:58).**

*"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his r\_\_\_\_\_." (Mt. 10:42)*

**Let these incentives encourage you to a courageous and bold disciple of Jesus!**

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breath of life; and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). The man was given the eternal side, a soul that would exist for eternity. God valued man's soul so much that He did not want to see man's soul be lost in hell forever. The value is seen in God sending His Son to die on the cross so that man could be saved (John 3:16). The soul is precious, and we need to see it for the value God has for it.

### The Value of the Inheritance.

Peter speaks of the "inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4). It is the value of the inheritance that Jesus says, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20). Suppose we count the cost of our inheritance. We will see that the greatest value is the opportunity to dwell together with God in heaven forever.

### The Cost of Our Soul Being Lost.

There is an old song we sing that asks the question, "Have you counted the cost if your soul should be lost?" What is the cost if one is lost? (1) His soul is cast into hell (Matthew 25:41; 10:28). (2) A loss of great joy; life has frustrations, but to be saved will give us the greatest joy (2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Romans 8:18). (3) No hope of heaven as our eternal home. As we live as Christians doing the Lord's will, we look with hope to a better and eternal day (Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 6:18-20). But this hope is lost for the soul that is lost eternally (Luke 16:19-31). Let us all count the cost should our soul be lost. Then, understanding the tragic loss of our lost soul, let each determine to seek after the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). Truly giving ourselves daily as a living sacrifice to God.

(David A. Cox, Market Street Messenger, March 13, 2022)