

Snow Covers a Multitude of Ugliness

While watching the snow blanket the ground on Sunday, the comment was made, "It sure covers a multitude of ugliness". How true it is. Trash on the roadways, in yards, and in our cities just seems to disappear. I couldn't help but think of the statement James made, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:19,20). Conversion hides a multitude of sins. James is not trying to tell us to disclose our sins from view, but to cancel them.

Guy N. Woods wrote:

"To cover is to hide, put out of sight. Thus, by enabling a brother to obtain forgiveness, we bring him back from a situation, which must, if permitted to proceed, result in eternal separation from God; and his sins are put away, hidden, covered. There appears to be in the statement, 'and shall hide a multitude of sins,' a clear allusion to a common Hebrew concept associated with the cover of the ark or, as it is sometimes called, 'the mercy seat.' 'Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity.' (Psalm 32:1,12) 'Even as David also pronounceth blessing upon the man, unto whom God reckoneth righteousness apart from works, saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.' (Rom. 4:6-8) To 'cover' sins is, therefore, to put them away, cancel them out, forgive them" (Woods, New Testament Commentaries, James, 314).

From time to time we need to examine our lives to see if there is any spiritual trash that might be cluttering our spiritual landscape. Paul stated, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). Paul also warned the Corinthians to "...take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:13). James also speaks of a man who looks at himself in a mirror and forgets who he is. "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was" (James 1:23,24). The mirror will not allow us to deny our sins. As Christians, to cover those sins, we must first recognize where we are. The prodigal son "...came to himself..." (Luke 15:17), when he was sitting in the hog pen. How low must we go before we come to our senses? Secondly, we must ask God to forgive us. John affirmed, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Do you want to cover those sins? Then come back to Christ! Isaiah wrote, "...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Ronnie

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Remember in Prayer

Mickey Goolsby is now at home.

Charles Patton (Dan Kilgore's brother in law) is at Princeton in room 3113. He is scheduled for open heart surgery on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Helen Reinhardt (Bob Daniel's sister) is scheduled for surgery on Thursday for cancer.

Eugenia Barker (Bob Daniel's sister) is continuing to take radiation and chemo.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of our beloved brother, Jimmy Russell. His funeral was on Monday, March 9, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to the friends and family of Carolyn Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell was Becky Kersh's mother. She passed away on Saturday her funeral was on Wednesday.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to the friends and family of Ruth Ellenburg (Stentsen Ellenburg's grandmother). She passed away on Sunday morning.

Long Term Needs

David Burford, Sara Morgan, Ramona Yeilding

Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #3 which includes their Captain, Dusty & Heather Parker and members: Gary & Doris Weaver, C.A. Prater, Cecil & Sue Gilbert, Jenenne Boyd, Jamie & Kim Gilbert, Bernard & Teresa Majerik, Butch & Donna Myers, Ron & Mary Hudson, Cheryl Gafford, Nancy Ingram, Sandra Burford, Clay & Linda Blackwell, and Ashley & Candace Kizer will meet Sunday after the morning service. Visitors will be invited as an honored guest to share this meal with Team #3. This is a great opportunity to work in God's Kingdom. Continue to make your plans to prepare food and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Mark Your Calendar/2009

Mar. 15 -- Area Wide Devo @ Adamsville

Mar. 19 -- Housewarming for Chance

Mar. 21 -- K-5 Devo

Mar. 26 -- Keenager's trip to George Washington Museum in Columbiana

Apr. 10-11 -- Lads/Leaders Nashville

Apr. 17-18 -- Prom Alternative

Apr. 25 -- Ladies' Day with

Cindy Colley

June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: Ken Tyler

July 5-10 -- Ronnie's week @ICYC

July 26-29 -- VBS

Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting:

Curtis A. Cates

Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill

Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

Remember the Adams House Devo on Sunday at 2:00 PM. Your presence will be as much of a blessing to you as it will be to the residents of the Adams House.

Keenagers, your next trip is to *George Washington Museum* in Columbiana on Thursday, March 26, 2009. The bus will leave at 8:00 AM with a biscuit on the way. We will eat lunch at the Golden Corral. The cost will be \$3.00. See the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer.

LAD/LEADERS

Lads/Leaders, your hotel money is due by March 29. Please give your check to Ray or Jane Skelton.

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of
Jimmy Russell
by
Eulan & Robbie McCaleb

