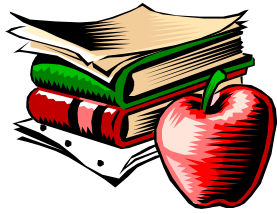


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“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Proverbs 7:2

Matthew 5:6

John 8:32

II Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 4:2

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Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. We are about to get into the heat of summer! Temperatures will be scorching hot. Lord willing, each and every one of our lives will be on fire for God.

In This Issue: you'll find two great devotionals from a dear friend and

brother in Christ Andrew Lacroix entitled “Cause for Rejoicing” & “A Salvation Cry”. You will also find a devotional called The Danger of Jealousy.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the

newsletter are available to view, print or save at www.studytoanswer.net.

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God's precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)

Cause for Rejoicing (By: Andrew Lacroix – 4/7/11)

Andrew D. Lacroix is a member of the Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA (Pastor Steve Hathaway).

“Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice.” Philippians 4:4

How many of us each day have a cause for rejoicing? Well, if you're a born-again Christian, you ought to be rejoicing. Every day I have to rejoice because it's another day I can live for the Lord, and so can you.

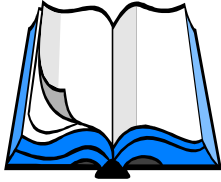
This precious verse of Scripture shows us that despite all the trials the great apostle Paul went through; there was still cause for him to rejoice. I see three areas in which Paul could truly have cause for rejoicing:

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Cause for Rejoicing (By: Andrew Lacroix – 4/7/11) (Cont.)

First, he rejoiced in his *salvation*. In Acts 9 we see the once blaspheming, injurious man COMPLETELY changed into a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17). A lot of people can't rejoice in their salvation either because they completely forgot they are saved, whether by trials or temptations, or they have never been born again (John 3:3). Paul had a fresh, new, God-given perspective and just yielded himself to the Lord. Becoming a Christian is a cause for rejoicing.



Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

John 8:32

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

“A jealous person is doubly unhappy—over what he has, which is judged inferior, and over what he has not, which is judged superior. Such a person is doubly removed from knowing the true blessings of creation.”

-Desmond Tutu

Next, we see Paul rejoicing in his *service* for Christ. Paul enjoys the blessings (and trials) of the Christian walk as he goes on four separate missionary journeys. Over this time period many souls were saved, baptized, and added to local churches (Acts 2:47). Many Christians were strengthened in God's Word (2 Tim. 2:15) and a few left to plant other N.T. churches or take over struggling, existing candlesticks (Rev. 2). We can experience the same joy no matter what capacity we serve in through our local church. Service for Christ is a cause for rejoicing.

Finally, Paul rejoiced in his eventual *sentence*. During his journeys, Paul had been **stoned** (Acts 14), saw **separation** (Acts 15), been **shackled** (Acts 16) and then **seized** by the unbelieving Jews (Acts 21). They tested and tried him before great men of his time, including Felix (Acts 24), Festus (Acts 25), and King Agrippa (Acts 26). Finally, he was whisked away to appeal unto Caesar (Acts 27 and 28). He was beheaded for the cause of Christ. He went through his entire walk to have a final earthly sentence of death. Unless we are raptured (I Thes. 4:17), Enoch (Gen. 5), or Elijah (2 Kin. 2), we will all face the earthly sentence of death. For the born again Christian and the apostle Paul, our greatest rejoicing will come in our eternal sentence—forever in Heaven with Jesus Christ. No matter what happens in each and every part of our lives, God is in control, reigns supreme, and everything has a divine purpose. Heaven is truly a great cause for rejoicing.

Make today, fellow Christian, a cause for rejoicing.

The Danger of Jealousy (By: Craig Glickman)

Galatians 5:26 tells us to not envy one another. James 3:16 says that where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work! James 4:5 says that the spirit that dwelleth within us lusteth to envy! Deuteronomy 5:21 speaks of desiring and coveting things that are not ours. Envy and jealousy cause us to take our eyes off the Lord and onto self and we are not able to be content with what we have. It causes our hearts to boast of what we want, what we think we need and we can even start blessing those that are covetous, which the Lord abhors (Psalm 10:3, James 3:14)! Prov. 3:31 says “envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.” We must be content with what we have and not murmur and complain about what others have. If our heart is sound trusting the Lord to provide all our needs and realizing all we are and have are His, we will be joyful and content in Him and not envying the world and what they have (Psalm 37:7). Envy is the rottenness of the bones and brings no joy (Prov. 14:30)! Proverbs 27:4 says “...who is able to stand before envy?” The answer is NOBODY! Jealousy and envy of others and what others have will cause us to fall into sin and thus break our fellowship with the Lord and we will not be content with what we have. Do you have a problem with jealousy and envy?

How can we get victory over jealousy and envy? We need to consider others needs, be giving, be charitable and desire to focus our hearts and minds on what we can do for others which is pleasing to the Lord (1 Cor. 10:24). In closing, we need to wait patiently for the Lord's will to be done in our lives and not focus on what others have or who they know that is “better than you or I have” (Psalm 37:7).



A Salvation Cry (By: Andrew Lacroix) (5/11/11)

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“He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40: 2-3

Last December I was playing the outdoor sport Frisbee golf. It is played like ball golf except you throw Frisbees into chain-link baskets. While searching for an errant throw in about three inches of snow, I felt the soft ground give way and I could not muster the strength to get out. Somehow or another I was in the marsh. I was not sinking, but I could not get out without assistance. Thankfully I was playing with two other men that day, and it took both men and my own remaining power to get out of the cold, swampy, snow covered marsh and place my feet on more solid ground (we did find the Frisbee though). Without the help of these two men I may have been there for a while.

I find salvation to be the same way. Although our text highlights a key portion of David’s prayer, I see it as salvation and the reminder of our Christian lives. Before we are saved, we are all in horrible pits. The most horrible pit imaginable is the everlasting lake of fire (Revelation 20:15), and hell its predecessor, prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). Well before these are the horrible pits of the average life. Life without Christ is like being in a horrible pit and unable to get out on our own. The Bible speaks of salvation in Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”. Many like to think that our self-righteousness will be good enough for heaven, but Isaiah said otherwise in calling our righteousness as filthy rags (64:6). Jesus said in John 14:6: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” A horrible pit is the same thing as miry clay. If you fell into a well several feet down, even avoiding injury, can you get out on your own? More than likely not. You will need to cry out for help. God is the One to whom we cry out for salvation. Romans 10:13 says “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Come truly repentant and truly believing and He will bring you out of the horrible pit and the miry clay.

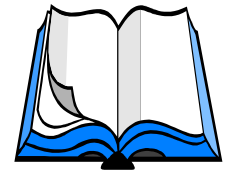
He does not stop there though. He will set our feet upon a rock and establish our goings. When I was lifted from the cold marsh that December day, I was not set back in the marsh, but on more solid ground. God will not let us go back to that horrible pit again; rather we will be established on the Solid Rock, Christ (I Corinthians 10:4). Upon a Rock was His church established (Matthew 16:18) and where the wise man built his house (Matthew 7:24-25). Jeshurun forsook his Rock and esteemed it lightly (Deuteronomy 32:15). Goings is often translated as steps. Our steps will no longer be our own; but God, the Rock of our salvation, will move us in the right direction in our Christian lives.

We do not sing the old songs of the old creature once we are saved. We are new creatures (II Corinthians 5:17); therefore, the Lord will give us a new song in our mouths. These will not be songs of lament and sorrow, but rather a “joyful noise” (Psalm 95:1). These are songs of praise, which will cause men to “see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.” Paul and Silas’ singing in the jail led to an earthquake, and the trembling Philippian jailor asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30) Paul said, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19)

My friend, if God has brought you out of the horrible pit, He has no doubt set your feet upon the Rock, established your goings, and you should respond with overflowing songs of His praise which will draw men not to you, but to Christ.

In conclusion, what God did for us should drive us to sing His praises, which will bring lost men unto Him. Our song can be something like this:

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim; but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On Christ the Solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.



II Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”



Quotes of The Month

(Sources Unknown)

*“Lord, in times of self
pity, trials, trouble and
sorrows, please let your
Spirit work in me & move
me to you & not to sin.”*

*“Is your church prayer
conditioned?”*

*“This generation of
Christians is responsible
for this generation of souls
on earth.”*

*“God looks on your heart!
Man only sees the outward
appearance.”*

*“You can get what you
want, but you wont want
what you got.” (Prov.
14:12)*

*“The destination always
determines the route. The
goal always determines
the plan.”*

*“Base your convictions
from the Bible up, not the
world down.”*

*“The goodness of God
leads people to
repentance.”*

☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “Standing on The Rock”

Memory Verse:

Psalm 40:2 --- “He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.”

1. Look at the memory verse again. What is the horrible pit that the Lord brought you out of?

Believer, praise God today that He saved you by His grace through faith in the precious sin cleansing blood of the Lamb. What a joy it is to know you are saved and know for sure you are going to heaven because of Calvary!

2. True or False: Because we are sinners saved by grace, there will be pits in a believer’s life that we will fall into. ___True ___False
3. What are some pits of sin that you have fallen into? Have you confessed them to God?
4. Our text verse says He brought me out of the miry clay. What is the miry clay referring to? _____

5. How has Jesus Christ set your feet upon a rock? _____

6. True or False: Jesus is our Rock, our Strength, and our Fortress! ___True ___False
7. True or False: Jesus is the Rock that the church is built upon. ___True ___False
8. Our text verse tells us that He will establish our goings. This means He wants you and I to trust and obey the preaching and teaching of His word, study his word and allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our lives. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you and let God work His perfect will for each step of your life? _____
9. What do you desire to do for the Lord today, tomorrow and beyond? _____

10. Write down at least 7 prayer requests and pray for each one carefully. (People you know, needs you have, etc.)

National Heritage

“We, whose names are underwritten, do here solemnly, in the presence of Jehovah, incorporate ourselves into a Body Politic, and as he shall help, will submit our persons, lives, and estates unto our Lord Jesus Christ: the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and to all those perfect and most absolute laws of his given us in his Holy Word of truth, to be guided and judged thereby.”

John Clarke (1609-1676) Quoted from the colony charter of Rhode Island of March 7, 1638, and attributed to the hand of John Clarke.



Song of the Month – “Be Strong in the Lord”

This great hymn by Linda Lee Johnson and Tom Fettke is a song that greatly portrays that God is our refuge and strength and we need Him always. My God is my Rock and my Strength and victory is indeed in Jesus. Amen!

So put on the armour the Lord has provided; and place your defense in His unfailing care. Trust Him, for He will be with you in battle, lighting your path to avoid every snare.

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; your mighty defender is always the same. Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending; victory is sure when you call on His name.

(CHORUS)

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle, for the victory is always His; He will protect you wherever you go.

CHORUS: Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; and be of good courage, for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; and rejoice, for the victory is yours.

(CHORUS)



If you have a praise, prayer request, study, devotional or article you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at svtdtday@yahoo.com

Praises

- I praise God for my family, friends, and all the rich blessings He daily bestows upon me. What a Savior!
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way.



Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Expectant mothers all across the globe to know the Lord and raise the children for the Lord
- Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA and for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben • Local New Testament churches with building needs
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts' Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Souls devastated by the recent earthquake & tsunami in Japan. Pray for souls to be saved.
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

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In Next Months Issue

A great article on home school and public school. You'll find several studies plus a devotional in the "Children For Christ" column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

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