

Salvation – The Christian Life

Salvation is always by innocent blood.	Hebrews 9:22
Salvation is always through a person.	Acts 4:12
	1 Thessalonians 5:9
	Hebrews 5:9
Salvation is always by God's amazing grace.	Ephesians 2:8-9
	Titus 2:11
Salvation is always through faith.	Romans 5:1
	Hebrews 11:6

Great Grace!

What do you get if you cross a praying mantis with a termite? Give up? Wait for it...

"A bug that says grace before devouring your house."



Did you ever consider...

Did you hear about the psychic amnesiac? He knew in advance what he was going to forget.

Funny Eye Test

A short Polish immigrant went to Service Ontario to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test.

The optician showed him a card with the letters. On the bottom row were these letters:

'CZ W I X N O S T A C Z.'



'Can you read this?' the optician asked. 'Read it?' the Polish guy replied - 'I know the fellow.'

In my day:

- The 'grass' was mowed,
- A 'coke' was a cold drink
- A 'pot' was something your mother cooked in
- 'Rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby?

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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Spiritual Growth

I often think about the spiritual growth that is mine. It is an ongoing process of becoming more like Jesus that happens over time.

We live in a world that has different values than our beliefs we hold within;

We are transformed by renewing our mind and reading the Bible to keep from sin.

We will experience success but we will also have times when we don't succeed;

But don't get discouraged even though we may think we are not growing, the Holy Spirit is in the middle of the process of filling a great need.

Are we willing to change and give the Holy Spirit the time to let our faith grow?

We must trust God and have faith to believe this change will continue all our life until we see Christ Jesus and other fellow Christians we know.

Please help me to trust my needs and concerns in your perfect care; Help me to be a faithful servant and reach out to others everywhere.

By Kim Lang

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for Worship...**

3 p.m. worship and praise

22243 Allan Road

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Thot: "It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong."

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

New Employment Opportunities...

Steve Cleary was in his early 50's, retired and had started a second career. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late.



However, he was a good worker, really clever, so the owner was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, one day he called Steve into the office for a talk.

'Steven, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a top class job, but you're being late so often is quite a worry.'

'Yes, I realize that, sir, and I am working on it.' replied Steve.

'I'm pleased to hear that, you are a team player. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Navy. What did they say if you came in late there?'

'They'd say, "Good morning, Admiral." '



Something to Think About...

Have you ever gone for a walk in a nature area only to encounter a substantial rise, perhaps even a mountain climbing experience? Your vehicle's back in the parking lot and you're left with those two feet the Lord blessed you with and a long way to go. Spiritual growth can seem much like climbing that mountain. You must take it step by step, turn by turn, perhaps stopping from time to time to catch your breath.

The climb's not always gradual; some stretches can be quite steep. Though parts are shaded, it can turn to a sun-scorched barren trail. Yet we hear, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...let us run with perseverance...let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross..." ~ Hebrews 11:1; 12:1-2.

I've underlined a couple of sections that highlight the motivating factors of our journey experience with our Heavenly Father. The confidence we have because He has given us His Son, Jesus comes from being certain that what we believe gives us the hope for the future we know God is providing – an eternity with Him! Though we can't see it, or touch it, our faith, even in the midst of days which drain us and leave us restless and tired, keeps us going.

I'm reminded of the boy who each day would ride his bicycle to school – downhill and of course know the long up-hill climb was waiting for him to go home. One night, having stayed late for sports

after classes, he headed home. The light on his bike went out (probably the battery) and there were no street lights on his road. He continued to pedal waiting for the grind on his legs when he reached the incline near his home. Suddenly right in front of him was the front porch light his mother always put on each night. The boy had arrived home without any of the struggle normally associated with the hill – he hadn't realized he was on it and climbing. His focus had been on the little bit of ground in front of him which seemed quite level. On level stretches we budget our energy for the upcoming steep inclines. We prepare ourselves and draw from our resources. Spiritually this results in staying close to the Lord and godly friends who encourage you to pace yourself and assure you the ranger station at the top has not moved. *"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* ~ Hebrews 4:14-16.

Focusing on reaching the top, yet relying on what is placed immediately in front of us, we don't tire or fret. Even though we may stumble on the sharp rocks of life from time to time along our pathway, we'll feel as if we've been carried on wings. The Lord Himself promises, *"...how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself"* ~ Exodus 19:4. As you strive for the mountaintops of life, reminded of God's changeless, limitless majesty, let your focus be fixed on Jesus, *"the author and perfecter of your faith"* rather than looking at the rise. Remember Jesus has given us the promise *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* ~ Philippians 4:6. He'll walk each step of your spiritual growth journey with you. Each experience brings renewed focus to know and trust Him more.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday April 7th – Communion

Mondays – 3:30 – 4:30pm

Bible Study on Hebrews at 8771
Parkhouse Drive (Mt Brydges)

Saturday April 13th 8:30 am

Men's Breakfast (FBC Strathroy)
With the Ladies invited

COMPASSION CANADA

Sunday May 14th 11am

Mothers' Day

Combined service at FBC
Strathroy (no afternoon svc)
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