



**Windmill church of Christ  
Newsletter**

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*Search the  
Scriptures Daily  
Acts 17:11*

Sunday Morning Bible Class:  
9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30

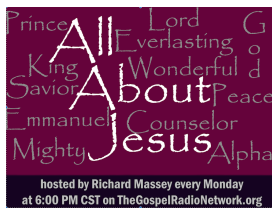
Sunday PM Worship:  
6:00

Wednesday PM Bible Class:  
7:00

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday PM-Singing  
7:00



*Bring your Bibles  
to Bible class.*



Listen to "All About  
Jesus" on  
TheGospelRadioNet  
work.org each  
Monday at 5:30 pm.  
And our Sunday  
morning sermon at  
8:30 am Sunday.

# Keep It In Perspective

Have you ever had a bad day as a Christian? Have you ever suffered some slight, some insult, some mild form of persecution because of your faith? ("Mild" in comparison to what we read of New Testament Christians suffering.) Have you ever allowed that experience to be magnified out of proportion to the point that it became "the worst thing ever" or a "faith-debilitating attack"?

May I suggest that we keep things in perspective? First of all, contrast what we endure as Christians with what the apostle Paul endured. He was "afflicted in every way...persecuted...struck down...in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often" (2 Cor. 4:8-9; 11:23; cf. v. 24-27). What we endure is not worthy to be compared with what the faithful of old endured!

More importantly than a contrast with Paul, we need to keep things in the same perspective as Paul did. Regardless of what he suffered, Paul announced, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). What determination! What contentment! Two verses later, he continued, "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (4:18). Now that's keeping things in perspective!

But, I want you to consider the verse in between these two verses. Notice carefully the outlook that Paul kept in the midst of all that he endured. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Paul referred to his excessive persecution as affliction which was (1) momentary and (2) light. We wouldn't think of it that way, but Paul did! Momentary (i.e., for a limited and short time) and light (i.e., easy to bear)! We need to adopt that mentality!

Then, he said that these afflictions were not working against him but they were working for him! They were producing something far greater than could even be described! Rather than focus on the "affliction," Paul focused his attention on the "glory" awaiting—a "glory" that was (note the sharp contrast) (1) eternal (not momentary) and (2) weighty (not light)! Paul uses a double expression to emphasize that this glory is "beyond all measure and proportion." There was no human way for him to describe the magnitude of the glory!

So, the next time that we have a bad day as a Christian, let's put it into perspective and focus our attention on the awaiting glory that is "exceeding exceedingly" glorious!

~David Sproule

## NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors: If you are visiting, please know that you are an honored guest. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the collection plate or give it to one of our members so that we can have a record of your visit.

### Remember in Prayer:

Remember In Prayer: **Brenda Blair, Cathy Massey, Ruth Kerkstra, Wayne Proffitt & Edith Proffitt, Samuel Gilbert, Ruth Smithey, Tilmon & Paula Bonner, Lola White** (all the shut-ins)

Friends and family: **Brady Adair, Mark Balke, Roscoe Davis** (prostate cancer), **Reta George** (will receive infusion Tues), **Kinman baby girl-Susie's patient, Francis McCluskey** (heart), **Kenneth & Mary McConnathy, Janiece Melcher, Debra Bowser, Michael Klembus** (lung cancer), **Stephanie & Anthony Jr.** (children of Anthony & Becky; that they can become faithful Christians), **Sharon Petrosky, Rae Lynne Swopes, Darius Warren, Donna Nevel, All the lost in this world** (If you know of anyone who needs to be on the prayer list, please let us know.)

Mission work: **Parker Webster** (preacher student), **Johnny Robertson, Banard Kagaga** (Kenya), **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart, Correspondence Courses, World Video Bible School. Expedition Through The Bible** (radio program), **Caleb Robertson, Josh White, TheGospelRadioNetwork.org**

*Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

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