



From the Pastor's Heart

The following is a quote from **William Mason** for your encouragement -

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

~**Philippians 4:13**

Before the believer arrives to the full enjoyment of Christ in eternal glory, he has . . .

many enemies to encounter;

many trials and troubles to conflict with;

a body of sin and death to be delivered from;

many lusts to be mortified;

many corruptions to be subdued;

a legion of sins to strive against;

graces to be exercised;

duties to be performed;

in one word he has to glorify Christ in the world, by his life and walk.

How is all this to be done?

Only by Christ strengthening him. Therefore he is constantly to put on Christ—to attain a greater knowledge of Christ—more rich and sweet experience of His grace and love—to be more strongly rooted in His love. He must have his heart, his hopes, his affections more with Christ, and his soul more swallowed up in the ocean of God's everlasting love in Christ that he may be more conformed to Christ's image; and that thus, as a good soldier of Christ, he may manfully fight under His banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, unto his life's end.

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*As the sunflower is
CONSTANTLY
turning its open
blossom to the sun,
so let your heart,
your thoughts,
EVER turn to Je-
sus, the SUN OF
RIGHTEOUS-
NESS!*

Anniversaries & Birthdays

1 July
Philip & Debbie Chandler
♥36 years♥

7 July
Jill Hirsch
Sherry Laird

10 July
Jim Davis
Erin Grace Hausgen

11 July
Richard & Frances Couvillion
♥45 years♥

12 July
Collin Elston

15 July
Tina Moser

16 July
Katie McLean

19 July
Ellen Bennett

21 July
Randy Stephens

22 July
Wendy Weido

24 July
Joe Hansen

25 July
Debbie Chandler

27 July
Philip Hirsch

28 July
Tata King

30 July
Paul Flowers



To have your birthday, anniversary, or another event listed in the Trumpet, contact Tina Moser:
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Ladies Tea
Mountains of Spices

Thursday, July 9
6.30pm
The Elston Home
7117 Gilbert Drive
Shreveport

RSVP: Shannon Flowers
318-686-8865

Women's Night Out
Tuesday, July 7th
6.30pm



1706 E. 70th Street

July
Nursery Schedule

5- Beth Burnham & Caroline Hirsch

12- Melanie Stephens & Vicki Wallace

19- Tina Moser & Rachel Wells

26- Michael & Christy Grayson

Women's Bible Study & Luncheon
with
Jemima Deutsch

Saturday, July 18
11 am

The Trinity Church-House
3142 Bert Kouns

Vacation Bible School at Olde Salem Village

June Rocked! Almost all of the Trinity children attended VBS and each night, more of the children from the apartment complex joined us. July 13th can't get here soon enough! We're excited to see what God will do!



If you are interested in volunteering your time, energy, and heart to this ministry July 13-17 (6-8pm), please contact Shannon Flowers (318-686-8865).

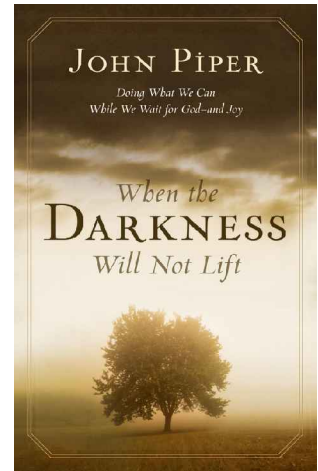
Recommended Reading

When the Darkness Will Not Lift Doing What We Can While We Wait for God—and Joy

Even the most faithful, focused Christians can encounter periods of depression and spiritual darkness when joy seems to stay just out of reach. It can happen because of sin, satanic assault, distressing circumstances, or hereditary and other physical causes. This book, which is an expansion of a chapter in [When I Don't Desire God](#), aims to give some comfort and guidance to those experiencing spiritual darkness.

Readers will gain insight into the physical side of depression and spiritual darkness, what it means to wait on the Lord in a time of darkness, how unconfessed sin can clog our joy, and how to minister to others who are living without light. Piper uses real-life examples and sensitive narrative to show readers abundant reason to hope that God will pull them out of the pit of despair and into the light once again.

You can [buy the book](#), or [read it online](#) at [DesiringGod.org](#).



"Yes, it is possible to be so overwhelmed with darkness that you do not know if you are a Christian—and yet still be one." page 38

Looking Unto Jesus

C. H. Spurgeon

"Looking unto Jesus." ~Hebrews 12:2

It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan's work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, "Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of his children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus." All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: he tells us that we are nothing, but that "Christ is all in all."

Remember, therefore, it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument—it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore,

"...for [Satan] is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ."

look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith.

We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by "looking unto Jesus." Keep thine eye simply on him; let his death, his sufferings, his merits, his glories, his intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wakest in the morning look to him; when thou liest down at night look to him. Oh! let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after him, and he will never fail thee.



"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness:
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name."

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through Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.



God of My Life, to Thee I Call

William Cowper



God of my life, to Thee I call;
Afflicted, at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail
Leave not my trembling heart to fail!

Friend of the friendless and the saint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor!

Did ever mourner plead with Thee,
And Thou refuse that mourner's plea?
Does not the Word still fixed remain
That none shall seek Thy face in vain?

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer hearing, answering God
Supports me under every load.

Fair is the lot that's cast for me!
I have an Advocate with Thee;
They whom the world caresses most,
Have no such privilege to boast.

Poor thou I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed,
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.