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I Have An Itch That I Want To Scratch **By Don Drake**

I am writing this from my heart. This is not an effort to correct or condemn anyone. I am grieved at how loosely we call Christians sinners. To say I am saved but still a sinner seems to me a contradiction.

While it is true God's people do sin at times in different ways. There are sins of the heart as jealousy, pride, revenge, bad attitudes, judging others harshly and easy on ourselves. There is the sin of prayerlessness, neglect and others as well. When God's true people sin we know it and repent, if not there's a question of whether we really know God in reality.

Sin is not a mistake or temptation, or an error in judgment. Sin is not an uh-oh, we don't sin by accident. Sin is not some wrong that just slipped upon us unaware, sin is by choice. The alarm clock called conscience goes off before we commit the sin, and we make the choice.

Paul in writing to the Churches in the Bible did not say, "To the sinners at Corinth or to the sinners at Ephesus or at Philippi, ect. He wrote to these Churches and called them Saints. We would not want to call ours selves Saints, that sounds too self Righteous, but that is what we are. What

is a Saint? A Saint is a believer (look it up). Every born again child of God is a Saint or a believer.

It seems Biblically correct to say I was a sinner, I now have been saved by Grace and am a believer, a Christian under construction, trying to learn better how to live for Jesus. My past is past, forgiven and forgotten. I no longer live a sinners life for I have been changed, old things have past away all thing have become new in Christ. My name is in His book and I have reservations made for Heaven.

I believe we need to consider the sinners point of view. If I were a sinner, knew nothing of the Bible and heard that after I became a Christian I was still a sinner, I would believe the Church had nothing to offer me. I already belong to that class of people. Do you think we might be confusing the poor sinner that is looking for a way out of sin?

For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. Titus 2:11- 12

Just an itch I have wanted to scratch.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 22 - 24:
Radio Revival
- ◆ March 30 & 31,
April 6 & 7:
Passion Play -
Danville First
Church Of God
- ◆ April 8:
Easter Sunday
- ◆ May 4 - 13:
Spring Share-A-
Thon
- ◆ June 23:
Anniversary
Celebration
featuring
"Set Apart"

From Mildred Drake

Happy Spring! Yes, it will soon be here and as the green shoots are up now and will soon give beautiful blooms, after being dormant all winter, it reminds us of the Resurrection. New Life! Isn't it wonderful?

God is so Great and Good. He lets us enjoy all the seasons He has created and He wants us to enjoy ALL the seasons of our life. Birth, Babies, Children, Youth, Young Adult, Midlife, Mature and Seniors! Every stage in life, God has a plan for us. Let's seek God's will for us everyday and do what we can to advance His Kingdom.

We have so many blessings to count....just look for them and be thankful and enjoy every day of life. I have sweet potatoes sprouting....will be planting tomato seeds....getting ready for Spring. I'm looking forward to working outside. If God calls me today, I'm ready to go, if not I'm ready to stay...till He calls me. Just learn to enjoy life no matter what happens.

I was reading in the book of Acts about the disciples, they were beaten, stoned, imprisoned ...punishment we know nothing about, yet . "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worth to suffer shame for His name" Acts 5:40-41

Ac 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Let's be faithful to God. He is so faithful to us.

We don't understand why things happen as they do, even to God's children. Let's stay sweet in our souls and ask God to use us through the sickness, treatments, family that have broken our hearts, loved ones going home to Heaven or whatever comes our way.

I want to thank each one of you who prayed, fasted and came out to pray for Don.

After his heart cath, we were making plans to go to Lexington for surgery. Dr. said surgery would probable take place the next Tuesday and would be very critical. When the other cardiologist looked at the pictures and test results, it was so critical; they wanted Don to have a stress test first. Many prayed and fasted. Don was anointed and prayed for the last Saturday night of the Radio Revival. He felt like God touched him. Monday when we went for the Stress test, he was able to stay on the treadmill the full time and Dr. said everything was normal. He no longer needed the stint where the graft from the open heart surgery was. We praise God for His touch and your prayers.

Let's continue to pray for one another and win the lost.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. III John 2 & 4.

God Bless You,
Mildred

From Jr Fields

Have you noticed how things are changing? All around us we see technology making things faster, smarter, easier, cheaper, "better", notice I singled out better. Just because something is faster, smarter, easier, cheaper, it doesn't automatically make it better. There is no store bought cake that can compare to grandma's home made cake, she poured more than ingredients into the mixture, she poured love into it too. That's why the gospel message is so effective, the message hasn't changed in 2000 years, and the love in which it is shared with the lost and dying world hasn't changed either. Now I will admit that technology has helped get the gospel out to parts of the world that have not heard of Jesus Christ, WDFB is proof of that, but the message, like grandma's cake, is this the same. Come to think of it, if I could somehow produce grandma's cake faster, smarter, easier, cheaper I could be a zillionaire, but it wouldn't be better. Thanks for helping WDFB get the gospel out!

Prayer

By: Don Drake

Things right in them selves may become wrong when they take the place of prayer. It is not only the sinful things which hurt prayer, but it is things which are right in their places, but which are allowed to sidetrack prayer and shut the closet door.

Often discontent, complaining, and division are the result of work with far too little prayer in it.

Moses prayed forty days and nights for Israel. Not one moment did he let go of God nor stop his pleading for Israel. Moses would not let God alone.

Persevering prayer always wins. God yields to importunity praying. He had no heart to say no to such praying as Moses did.

God has of His own motion placed Himself under

the law of prayer and has obligated Himself to answer the prayers of His righteous saints.

When we say that prayer puts God to work, it means that we have power by prayer to move God to work in His own way among men in which way He would not work if prayer was not made. Prayer moves God to work at the same time God puts prayer to work.

Jesus commits Himself to the force of prayer, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

To no other energy is the promise of God committed as to that of prayer. Upon no other force is the purpose of God so dependent as this one of prayer. The work of God stays or advances as prayer puts forth it's strength. (E.M. Bounds)

**This is pure fact
Not a bit of fiction,
A selfish Christian,
Is a contradiction.**



**He that's content hath enough.
He that complains has too much.**

**Sometimes we may need assistance.
Sometimes we can do it ourselves,
But please run in his direction
When Bro. Drake yells for help.**

Written by Mae Presley

From Cindy Pike

March has arrived and April is just right around the corner and guess what that means???? Easter is coming!!!! The time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We have been busy at church preparing for our Annual Passion Play "Forgiven....The Last Days Of Christ". I'd like to personally invite you to come...I know that you will be blessed. Bring your lost friends and family, this may very well be a turning point in their lives. Stay tuned to WDFB for ticket information or visit www.danvillechurchofgod.org.

WDFB is busy, as usual 😊 We are so blessed to have so many faithful volunteers...Bobby Abbott has learned to operate the controls which is such a blessing. Vyvyan Wilson continues to answer the phone for Family Altar on Fridays. Joyce Gambrel has been able to start coming back on Thursdays. Jr Fields comes each Monday and Wednesday for Family Altar and Lisa answers the phone on Monday. Other local ministers rotate each Tuesday and Thursday. Carolyn Hawkins helps however she can, but has had to miss a lot lately because of the health of her Mother (keep her in prayer). Also Susan Williamson helps a couple hours on Tuesdays. There's something to be said for unity....everyone working together for one cause.....CHRIST....bringing the gospel to Central Kentucky and all around the World! So many people say, "Cindy, I could never do what you all do out there." But there's something you can do in the ministry of WDFB.....Pray for us and tell others about the station (We have several of the little calendars left, come by...pick them up and pass out to your friends). And if you have any extra time and would like to volunteer in other ways, let us know! We can always use you!!!



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From Lois Wilson

It's hard to believe we're already into March of 2007. We thank God for the wonderful holiday seasons of Christmas and New Year. I'm so thankful that God gave the greatest gift that was ever given when he sent his son Jesus to die that we could have everlasting life. It's so good to know when we confess our sins and accept Him as our savior, He washes us with His precious blood, then we become a part of that great kingdom of God. God is so good, we have seen His power at work, healing bodies, saving souls and putting homes back together, its like the song that we play by Set Apart, There'll Never Be A Giant That My God Cannot Bring Down, Praise the Lord !! There are so many giants that we face every day as a nation, war, same sex marriage, drugs, alcohol, abortion, the list goes on. Our greatest weapon is prayer, 2 Chronicles 7: 14, If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. We are so thankful for the Family Altar, where people pray together from all around the world for the request that is called or e-mailed in. We had winter in February, I am ready for spring, when everything comes to life, the trees, the flowers start blooming, and we can get outside and get some exercise. HA!! Continue to pray for us as we strive to send out his light all around the world.

**The more time you spend with God the less you will need to spend
taking care of your reputation.**

Turn your worries over to God every evening. He stays up all night.

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