

end of the world (Mat. 28:19-20).

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The kingdom of God is eternal. "For thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:11). To work for it, to extend its influence, to please its King—these are the greatest achievements in life. Are you working, extending, and pleasing?

—Terry Hightower  
Vega, TX

## Announcements

### Those in need of prayers...

**Lavonne McClish**—toe and eyes, Uncles and Aunts

**Janice Parks**—back, new job, mother, and family

**Rick & Sheila Beauchamp**—his job hunt, mother, and co-workers; her ears and mother

**Jerry Smith**—grandfather

**Waynette Davis, Sharon Harp, Karla Dobbs**—health problems

**Michael Hatcher, Rick Heimberger, Dub Mowery, Darrell Conley**

### Our Numbers...

Sunday Morning Worship	9
Sunday Evening Worship	9
Wednesday Evening Worship	Canceled
Contribution	\$425.00
Average Contribution	\$313.61

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Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 1:00 PM  
**Wednesday**  
Worship 7:00 PM



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## SCRIPTURAL "RED FLAGS"

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When we read, *Be not deceived*, in Scripture, a special "red flag" of warning is being given. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Paul raised one of these "red flags":

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

We do not know for sure what prompted the foregoing warning, but its message itself is crystal clear. Note some observations on this passage:

1. Purity of life is a fundamental requirement of God in His children. The ten acts of "unrighteousness" listed by Paul are but examples of the kinds of things that are reprehensible to God and to all His faithful people. He delights in those who are "pure in heart" (Mat. 5:8). Keeping oneself "unspotted from the world" is part of "pure and undefiled religion" (Jam. 1:27). None shall enter heaven having lived impenitently in fleshly defilements on earth (Rev. 21:27). Let us live pure lives.
2. While modern sociologists and psychologists call the items on Paul's list "sicknesses," the Bible calls them "sins"—soul-damning sins. How sad and revolting it is to see fornication treated as a laughing matter and homosexuality as merely an "alternate lifestyle" by our society. God's attitude toward such abominations has not changed, even as His Word clearly teaches and as the Judgment shall finally settle. We must both avoid and expose such sins.

3. Paul believed in Heaven (here styled “the kingdom of God”). We live in a world in which men (even many who claim to believe in God) have decided there is no Hell. With the disbelief in Hell it was predictable (and logically necessary) to likewise discard Heaven. We feel sorry for those who neither hope for Heaven nor fear Hell. Paul was not among such infidels, nor are we.
4. This passage (if there were no other) is decisive against the Calvinistic error of perseverance of the saints (i.e., “once saved, always saved”). Paul was writing to people who had been washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Cor. 6:11), thus saved. Yet, if they lived in those sins of verses 9 and 10, although God’s children, they would be “disinherited,” even as the brother described in chapter 5 would be, if he did not repent.

Let us not be deceived about the damning effects of impurity.

—Dub McClish  
Denton, TX

## "I'll Stay at My Post Until..."

Pailo Cemetery near the city of Tacloban, on Leyte Island in the Philippines, was very still. Officers and men of the United States Navy stood silently in long straight lines, each heart was deeply stirred. The minister, William Prigger, was finishing the burial service for one hundred thirty-one men, killed when a Japanese kamikaze suicide plane devastated and nearly destroyed the American battleship Nashville.

The men present watched and listened; they knew that, so easily, they also might have died with their comrades. Suddenly the plaintive notes of "Call to Colors" rang out and the flag that had been flying at half-mast slowly rose to the top of the flagpole. The honor guard had paid their tribute to fallen compatriots. The men stood at the salute, never to forget that tragic day when destruction burst from the Pacific skies (Ivor Powell, *Bible Highways*).

To these Americans it seemed inconceivable that fanatical Japanese pilots would willingly sacrifice themselves for their Emperor. Their U.S. superiors had said such would be the case. They were told that the kamikaze flyers would be a menace to all Allied ships. When the enemy launched the treacherous attack, the sky seemed filled with planes, and bombs were soon falling everywhere.

Then came that horrifying screaming sound of a plane hurtling toward the ship's deck and one hundred thirty-one men died. They rushed the wounded to the hospital, and the grim fight to save lives continued day and night. In the quietness of the Pailo Cemetery, the unfortunate victims of enemy madness were buried with full military honors.

One young man, Harold Adams, seemed more upset than the rest, and with face intensely grim he said: "Chaplain, those men died for us!" "Yes, I know. What do you think we should do about it?" Adams said,

I don't know what you are going to do. I don't know what others are going to do; but I'll tell you what I intend to do. When the ship is out on the ocean again and general quarters sound, I'm going to my battle station. I'll stay at my gun till every enemy plane is shot out of the air and every enemy ship sunk to the bottom of the ocean. Yes, I'll stay at my post until that for which these died becomes a reality in this world.

Can you honestly say you are "looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:13–14)?

Are you fighting the good fight as His soldier? Are you finishing the course? Are you keeping the faith? "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). After being immersed into Christ the True Emperor (Gal. 3:27–28), every Christian must stay at his post until every evil agency is swept from the battlefields of life, until each hateful thing in national and international life is destroyed, until those glorious principles for which Christ died sway all who will listen.

Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ (Col. 2:8).

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the