



Whispering Hills

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Growing Together

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class **09:30 AM**
Morning **10:30 AM**

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Our Religious Conviction

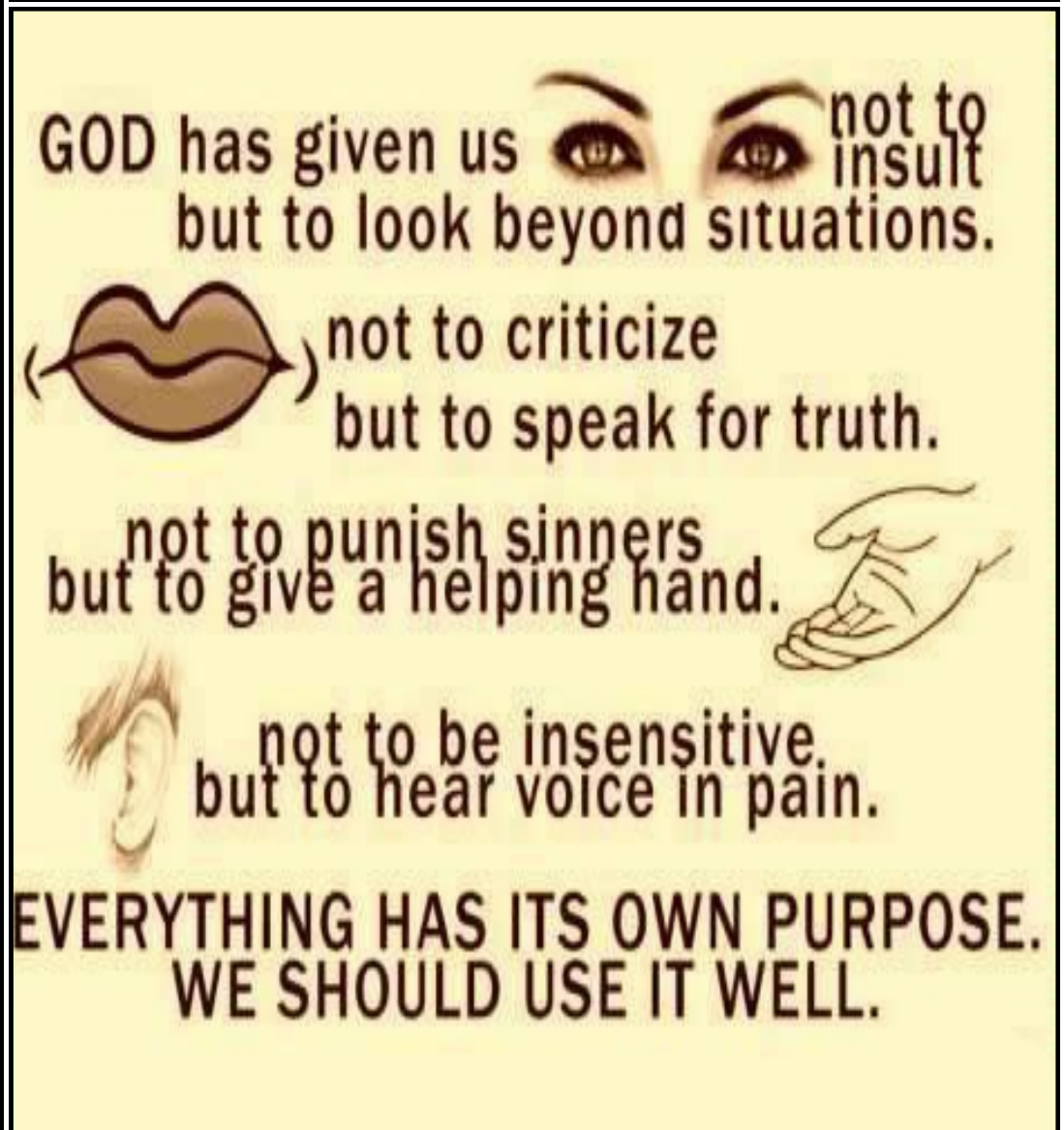
God chose to save the world
by sending His Son,
Jesus to die on the cross
for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen
and obey the Gospel
message SHALL be saved
(Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the church
of the Bible, which His Son is
coming for because it was
purchased with His Blood
(Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)





Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Patricia Skinner,
Ron Forge, Curtis Ward



General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)
Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)
Ronnie Sims (Sis Kaye's brother)
Miguel Graves, Jr (friend of Bro Owens, Jr)
Mark Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis for God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted continuing to live up to His Expectations and Commands through OBEDIENCE (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] **B**IBLE **S**TUDY (**S**unday, 24 **A**pr 22 @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **C**olossians 1:15 - 29
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesdays in **A**pril @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): **c**onducted **v**irtually [**D**uncanville]
- [4] **M**other's **D**ay (C**e**lebrated: **S**unday, 08 **M**ay 22): **1**st **Y**ear of **C**elebration: 1908)





**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

God Is Still In Control

The rapidity with which major events happen in our world and the quickness which information is conveyed to us leaves us shaking our heads in disbelief. Our world is in a constant state of change gives us pause to help us realize our need to place our trust in God as never before. He is our trust and the One who is in control: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose” (Rom 8:28). Paul reveals God is working out His Plan. When Christians are faithful to Him, He works out all circumstances together for their Spiritual good. This does not mean one will be spared temptations, hardships, sufferings nor any other negative encounters, but all these experiences will work together for their good. A good example of this is Joseph (Gen 37:1-50:26). He was despised by his own brothers, sold as a slave; thus, eventually being sent to prison in Egypt. Yet, he remained faithful to God. All these encounters assisted in building the appropriate character in Joseph. In due course, he was made Prime Minister of Egypt and protected his family from the famine. **Them that love God** are those who love, believe in and obey Him. Love, automatically, includes faith and obedience. **Called according to his purpose** means those called by the gospel, obeyed it. This ultimate good established by God is for every man and woman to become a Christian striving to make heaven their home. Circumstances, may not be controllable, but if one lives right under these circumstances (believe, trusts and obey Him), God will ensure all things work out for one’s ultimate Spiritual good.

Is God in control of human events when things seem to be heading in such catastrophic directions? Yes. Is He Responsible for the actions of sinful men? No. But, one can be assured He works providentially bringing about His Ultimate Purpose for mankind. How can we know such is the case? Because the Bible tells us so.

In the days of Daniel, when the wise men of the land were threatened with death unless they could reveal the content and meaning of the king’s dream, Daniel received a revelation from God and was able to save the lives of those advisors commonly known as “wise men”. In thanking God for the revelation received, “Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:” (Dan 2:20, 21). Notice it is God who changes the times and the epochs—who removes and establishes kings. In other words, God is in control of human history.

Those in positions of authority have a sacred trust from God. Paul points this out, saying, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God” (Rom 13:1). **Every soul** (every person). The **higher powers** (civil governments). Thus, every Christian is to obey the civil government. The reason Paul gives first is: ordained of God. One must be a good citizen and be obedient (1 Tim 2:1, 2; Tit 3:1; 1 Pet 2:13-17). One must obey whether they are good laws or not, like or not. The only exception is to obey God rather than man when the civil government commands are contrary to God’s Law. He continues in saying those resisting authority are opposing the ordinance of God. The only time we are obligated to violate the laws of the land is when those laws are contrary to God’s Will. In such cases “...We ought to obey God rather than men” (Ac 5:29). Governing authorities are God’s servants for good, a responsibility to be taken seriously. If one proves unfaithful to their trust, in His Appointed Time, will remove one from power. The rulers of the kingdoms of the world are accountable to the great King of the universe.

When things in this world seem to be rapidly headed in the wrong direction, remember God’s Overruling Providence. As the Psalmist says, “God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;” (Psa 46:1, 2). Place yourself in the hands of the living God. He is in control of the universe. Why not give Him, also, the controls of your life?

