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FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS

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When people were out there in the world before coming to Christ, it was easy to relate to the world's way and be accepted by the camaraderie around them. But when new believers come to Christ, many may have a hard time adjusting to the church's system or Christian's attitudes, and feel it's hard to fit in or even be accepted in this unfamiliar arena.

You've heard the education system's motto: *"No child left behind!"* George w. Bush signed this Act into effect in 2001 where the standardized tests are the main means of determining whether schools are living up to the standards that they are required to meet. In other words do your best, go out of your way to see to it that every child understands all they need to pass in their subject or grade. However, the minority students are still behind. When you don't

have that outgoing meet and greet personality, one can easily fall through the cracks whether in school or in their local church. And when we don't aid others, they sometimes fall through the cracks of rejection. They leave school or they leave church. A crack can start small, sometimes enticingly leading them into another direction or they're not fitting into the clicks around them and no one is talking to them to make them feel welcomed. It's so sad that there are clicks all around us.

We as the sheep or the body of Christ are forgetting to strengthen our brethren. That's what Jesus told Simon Peter because Satan desired to have him in his grasp. Satan will always pull us into another direction from God, when there's a crack open. Jesus said, I've prayed for you that your faith fail not.

Now after Jesus prays, He says when you are converted, strengthen your brethren. Do we think others have it all together because we see them every now and then? Did you exchange phone numbers to call them? Have you been praying for them lately when you haven't seen them in a while? If you haven't seen them or spoken to them that's God's way of showing you that they are missing in action, like the lost sheep or the missing coin. Yes Simon Peter did fall, but he had someone praying for him. The crack sucked him in but the Savior raised him up. We are not doing anything alone, we're to give all our concerns to God through Jesus.

We have such a great opportunity to get involved to do kingdom work: just calling one person everyday might be all you can do; or sending a card with your thoughts inside; or

save up money for a donation for them. The intention is to make them feel apart of the family of God.

What do children need? They need **Love**, well so do adults. That's why so many "big" churches have so many organizations for people to be involved in, but when you're in a small church, one may not find their niche. That's how cracks come, because one does not take advantage of what it takes to keep the crack closed or what is available to keep the cracks from opening. Just as a child would be in school to study, one must take advantage of the Bible Study in their local church or the things that has to do with enhancing

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## Con't **FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS** love your neighbor. This

their fellowship with other believers to keep them strengthen and balanced. Knowing God's Word and having the camaraderie with other believers will keep believers from going backwards and falling through the cracks. In this, you will find that serving one another will strengthen and complete you; then in turn you are able to strengthen your brethren.

That brings me to Luke 10, where Jesus tells a certain lawyer of the Parable of the "Good Samaritan!" The lawyer wanted to know how to inherit eternal life. He knew the Law but wanted to know who his neighbor was or in other words, which neighbor is Jesus talking about? He saying, well, I have my next door neighbors and I have my influential neighbors. Jesus is not impressed, but goes on to teach a lesson to him—*'a man on the road went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, attacked, robbed and stripped by thieves, and left for dead.'*

The gist of what the man was asking — who is his neighbor?, should have been—to whom can I be a neighbor to or how can I be a neighbor? **"Love"** was an important key to receiving eternal life. And the point is to love God and

would be the duty of individuals who are of the body of Christ where many members reside, so none would fall through the cracks.

The church cannot stay locked up praying behind closed doors, but they will have to go beyond the walls to find those neighbors and when new members become a part of the church, accept them for who they are—a part of the body of Christ. It's not enough to bring them in, they will need to feel much more love and acceptance after they have made that most important initial step to come in.

In the parable, the priest came down "by chance", saw him, but passed by on the other side after doing his priestly duties in the Temple. The Levite who is assistant to the priest came by, looked at the man and passed by on the other side also. Both viewed the circumstances but did nothing. But Jesus had one who would do the unthinkable, go beyond and above what was needed and stop to aid the man.

I was presented with a similar situation years ago:

1. The hours of my job was 4AM. I would drive by this bus stop every morning and see this homeless man with long hair talking

out loud. Now I was led to do this by the Lord the next morning. I prepared a sandwich, fruit, and water; stopped and gave it to him along with a scripture of God's Word. That was it, as I prayed for him driving to work. I didn't see him again. Strange!

2. Another time I was on my way to an early morning bible study, and there was a man laying on the side of the curb of the road. I drove by at first, then I made a u-turn back to see if anyone had called the police because there were other people near by. I stayed to see the police come; he was drunk on the side of the road. Wow!

You know that show on TV, **'What would you do?'** This reminds me of these God interruptions of not wanting others to fall by the wayside or not allowing them to fall through the cracks. No matter how God uses you, Love is an important element in strengthening your brethren. I apologize to those who have fallen through the cracks of life in the church. This should not be. My hope is to those who still feel in limbo after coming to Christ, to know you have been **Accepted by the Almighty God** long before you were born! Don't fall into the trap of despair. Just know friendliness goes both ways. **God Bless!**

## JUST A SIDE NOTE: ON REJECTION

When a Christian shuns fellowship with another Christian, the devil smiles; When Christians stop studying the Bible, the devil laughs; When Christians stop praying, the devil shouts for joy.

Many come to church to be a part of a family when their own family can't

or don't love them; when their family can't stand them; When their family disconnects with them. It's enough when they reject them but even worse when God's people reject one another. You are only with them for a little while, passing as angels with a purpose, to show the love of Jesus

even if you might be the one who needs that same love.

We must altar our lives in order to altar our hearts, for it is impossible to live one way and pray another. Our awesome connection is Jesus, in whom we are allowed to grow in grace together!

God Bless!

# HEAT RELATED PROBLEMS

Many of us live in or visit regions where sunburn, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke occur as the Summer's potential health risks. During hot weather, especially with high humidity, sweating just isn't enough. Your body temperature can rise to dangerous levels and you can develop a heat illness. Some Heat Related Problems are:

1. Heat Cramps,
2. Heat Exhaustion, and
3. Heat Strokes

- Cool pale, and clammy skin.
- Heavy sweating.

## HEAT RELATED SYMPTOMS:

- Dilated pupils.
- Headache, nausea, dizziness, faintness, rapid pulse, and breathing.

**Heat Cramps** can be in the muscles being used while exercising or working in warm temperatures, or there can be abdominal cramps. Sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture. The low salt level in the muscles causes painful cramps.

## TREATMENT OF HEAT CRAMPS:

- Stop all activity, and sit quietly in a cool place.
- Get out of the heat.
- Drink cool water or sport drinks in small amounts-not big gulps.
- Eat some salty food.
- Massage the cramped muscle, gently stretching it for 20 seconds.

**Heat Exhaustion** occurs when people work or exercise in hot humid conditions.

- Get the person to a

cool area.

## TREATMENT OF HEAT EXHAUSTION:

- Loosen or remove the persons clothing.
- Have the person lie on his or her back with the feet slightly raised.
- Give cool water or electrolyte sports' drink.
- Call the doctor's office for advice if you don't notice an improvement within a half hour.

**Heat Stroke** This is where the body temperature rises rapidly to 104° or higher. There is a strong, rapid pulse, confusion or unconsciousness with vomiting. Heat Strokes are life threatening. It requires immediate medical attention. Call for an ambulance immediately.

## Health Awareness Wellness For Life From The Kelsey Korner by Sis. Esther Corners

While waiting for help, wrap him or her in wet sheets and fan them until help arrives. Give the person water if he or she is able to drink.

- Wear loose fitting, light-colored, lightweight

## PRECAUTIONS:

clothing.

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Take extra precautions with certain medications.
- Don't stay in a parked car.

Now have a wonderful STAY COOL SUMMER. God Bless!

*Psalm 91:1-2— He who dwells in the secret place of the most high, shall abide under the shadow. I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, My God, in Him I will trust. Amen!*

Father I pray that You will continue to bless the nation of the United States of America and its people. We have come a long way!



I pray for Your continued blessings upon President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden of the United

States of America and their families. I pray for optimum health, mental clarity, and political prosperity upon their lives. I pray that what they lack in political experience, You make up for with supernatural wisdom and power.

When their enemies come upon them, may these enemies stumble and fall. May Your complete Will be

done through them.

I pray mightily for their protection. I ask that You dispatch Your angels of protection all around them and that no hurt, harm, or danger will come nigh them as they serve in their appointed positions, answering the call You have placed upon their lives. I plead the blood of Jesus over their minds while

they are determining the nation's fate. May they see favor coming into their lives that keeps them firmly standing on solid ground.

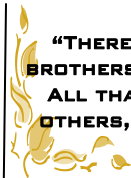
Father, in the name of Jesus, give them the joy of the Lord and Your peace of mind, knowing that at the end of the day, they have done the best they knew how. May they always trust You for their Salvation, in Jesus' Name Amen!

**POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY**

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

**MY MISSION:** Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

**MY VISION:** Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.



**Quote**

"THERE IS A DESTINY THAT MAKES US BROTHERS, NO ONE GOES HIS WAY ALONE; ALL THAT WE SEND INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS, COMES BACK INTO OUR OWN."

EDWIN MARKHAM

**IT CAN HAPPEN**

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

**MY MISSION:** Use this God-given gift for His glory!

**MY VISION:** Teach others to reach for those God given gifts in them!

**Scripture**

"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."  
Proverbs 18:24 NIV

**DATES TO REMEMBER 2013**

Independence Day July 4  
Parent's Day July 28

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**BIBLE STUDY: CHURCHES IN THE BIBLE**

When you think of a church, you may think of a building or a place where people gather to worship God. Below are five sentences that list some things the Bible tells us about the church. The words shown in **bold print** will appear in the puzzle.

The word church may refer to a local **congregation** of believers (Acts 11:22).

The word church may refer to the whole **universal** body of believers (Eph.1:22-23).

The **church** was **purchased** by Christ's blood (Acts 20:28).

**Members** assembled on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

**Christ** is the **Head** of the church (Eph.5:23).

Today churches are often given special names. When the bible speaks of a church, it often refers to the city where they met. Match the information below with the names of the churches listed. Then find both the names of the churches and the words in bold print in the puzzle. Note that the word church appears in **bold print** for the second time.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Church where **believers** were first **called** "**Christians**" (Acts 11:26).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church that followed **legalistic** Jews (Gal. 1:6-9).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Church** that **began** on **Pentecost** (Acts 2:42-47).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church that began in **home** of **Lydia**, **seller** of **purple** (Acts 16:12, 40).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church that was "**neither** hot nor **cold**" (Rev. 3:15-16).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church given the most **praise** in **Revelation** (Rev. 3:7-13).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church where **wicked** books were **burned** (Acts 19:17-19).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church where believers **took** one **another** to **court** (1 Cor. 6:1-4).

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| <b>B. Corinth</b>   | <b>F. Ephesus</b>      |
| <b>C. Antioch</b>   | <b>G. Philadelphia</b> |
| <b>D. Jerusalem</b> | <b>H. Galatia</b>      |