

Flying With the Wings of the Gospel

by David R. Ferguson

I recently ran across a powerful little poem written by John Bunyan. It's one of the best statements I have ever heard about the difference between the Law of Moses and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please read below to see how it relates.

"Run, John, run, the law commands,
But gives us neither feet nor hands.
Far better news the gospel brings:
It bids us fly and gives us wings."

In other words, in the Old Covenant God gave commandments, but by and large did not give the divine procedure that would overcome the deadness and rebellion of the heart. But in the New Covenant, which God set up at the cross of Christ, God gives even harder commands, but He also gives the power we need to fulfill them through faith:

"that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:4-6)

... remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

To this end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and every work of faith, with power.. (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We are duty-bound to run, even though our feet are willfully frozen in the ice of sin. We can't run in ourselves, and so the commands of the law condemn. And the gospel is not different in having no commands, no conditions. Flying is harder than running. With the gospel, however, we can not only fly, we can soar! Although this sounds difficult, with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). Some glad morning I'll gladly take my wings of the gospel and fly away to be with the Lord forever!



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Bringing Back the Fruit of the Land.*

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Scripture: Psalm 78:12-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will study Day 3 of Lesson 8 on the 5th. We will meet at the building at 10.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** March 6th. Paul will be teaching Ephesians chapter 4.
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day-** Saturday, March 16th. Sandy will be the speaker for the day. The text is Psalm 1. There is a flyer in the foyer.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be March 31st at Horseheads.
- **Men's Revival- Putting "man" Back in the Hood-** June 1st here at Valley Cities.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel meeting at this time and Kittanning may decide to do the VBS then, also.

Next Potluck: Sunday, March 17th.

Make something green!



- **Arthur** has started **volunteering as a chaplain at the hospital** here in Sayre on Tuesday mornings.
- **Arthur and Sandy** will be **traveling to Seattle, WA** on March 20th for their son, Kevan's retirement from the Air Force, along with a family reunion in the Cascade Mountains. **Paul** will be standing in for Arthur while he is gone.

PRAYERS

- Little **Kane**, Dara's new grandson, came home from the hospital in Syracuse on Monday. Prayers for his continued good health.
- Continue to pray for **Peyton** concerning the seizures she has been having. Pray that the doctors can figure out what is causing them so she can be treated.
- **Mark Elsbree**, Doug's older brother, has been put on the national list for kidney donors. Please pray that he finds a donor match soon so he can stop depending on dialysis.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Jackie** securing an apartment in Sayre!
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.

- Continue to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain).
- Pray for our **prayer ministry**.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.