

Pay Attention to the Adjectives

By Edd Sterchi

It's been a long time since I have been in English class. I sure do wish I had paid better attention then – I honestly believe that it would have greatly improved my Bible reading and study today. One aspect of grammar I do not remember studying much is the adjective (I must have slept through that whole semester!). An adjective is “a word used to describe or modify a noun,” such as “white” in the phrase “a white house.”

Now that our English primer is over, let's go to the Bible. I wonder sometimes if we pay too much attention to the nouns and too little to the adjectives when we read the Word of God. Contemplating the adjectives can bring the message of the Scriptures into full flavor.

Take for example 1 Peter 2, where we read that each Christian is a stone (v.5), house (v.5), generation (v.9), priest (v.9), nation (v.9), and person (v.9) of God. While these should hold great meaning for us, please don't skip over the adjectives. Pay attention to what they add to the text. Christians are living stones, spiritual houses, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and His own special people.

Through the sacrifice of Christ, God is the one who can make us alive, immortal, elect, important, blameless, and exceptional. Because of this, it shouldn't be hard to remind ourselves of another adjective in 1 Peter 2 – that of concerning His “marvelous light” (i.e. salvation), and that should give us reason to “proclaim the praises of Him.” (v.9).

"The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men" (E. M. Bounds).



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: Got Your Head in the Cloud?

Arthur will be preaching today

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 4:2-6

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul has begun a study of the book of James.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm via Zoom, continuing in chapter 12 of Hebrews.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** August 21st.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class - Tuesday July 26th, Lesson 10, Day 2.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- July 31st @ Horseheads**
NEXT SUNDAY @ 4:30pm.
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30th – August 11th**



MAGI BOXES

Please be on the lookout for summer items such as **girls' sunglasses, boys' ball caps, boys' shorts (size 10-12). We need plastic bins and cardboard boxes to organize the donations, and money** toward items we order in bulk. Remember that we are now collecting things for **ages 11+ (about size 12, or 10-12)**. Hygiene items and underwear are always on sale somewhere.

We had a great BRING-A-FRIEND/POTLUCK SUNDAY last Sunday! Almost like old times before covid!

SOJOURNERS ARE COMING!

Larry and Kay Little from Moulton, AL, team leaders
Paul and Diane Hutcherson from Prosperity, SC
Martin and Debra Buchanan from Worland, WY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TIM...SATURDAY!

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** There is still a war going on there and people are still in danger!
- **Pray for Carrie and Mike Walls.** They flew back to Los Angeles yesterday for Mike to have a procedure done. Things are looking up though, and the dementia seems to be receding!
- **Chris Barry, Arthur's brother in England, who is suffering from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's** has had a sharp decline in his health and is in the hospital. He can no longer swallow or speak or stand. They are considering putting him in hospice care. Please pray for him.
- **Molly and Jose Rivera of Nicholson, PA, will have to find a new place to live, as the house they have rented for many years is being sold. Please pray for them and for the Endless Mountains church that now meets in their home.**
- **Amy's friend Ann Stasny** needs our prayers. She has shingles in her eyes, and it is causing her a great deal of pain.
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer) moving in with daughter
 - **Henry Rounsville** (recovering from cancer surgery)
Also pray for Henry's sister Caroline.
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Dan Myer (lung cancer has spread, needs chemo)**
 - **Jerry Lowe (recovery from heart attack)**
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, taking part in a study as last resort)
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** liver cancer
 - **Steve Noble (lung transplant difficulties)**
 - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer, he is doing much better and the cancer is shrinking, liver and lymph nodes are now clear)

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.