

Many people are afraid, angry or ignorant of what the church actually offers.

It is not some "magic elixir" that makes life all better. This is the Truth not a snake oil sold on the side of the road.

We each deal with our own insecurities and are, at times, afraid even to admit to ourselves that we can not deal with life on our own.

Here is the secret, the great mystery of the church. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANYTHING ALONE!**

The church is a group that is founded on the blood of Christ that washes us clean of all our wrong doing and makes us brothers and sisters in Him!

When you are brothers and sisters in Christ you don't have to worry about things like the color of your skin or the things you have done in your past!

You are loved and needed in the Body of Christ which is the church!

Over 70 years ago my grandpa, Roy Burgess, delivered this tract as part of a lesson on WHOT radio. He sincerely wanted each and every person to turn their life over to Christ and begin a true and lasting relationship with him, God the Father and the Holy Spirit!

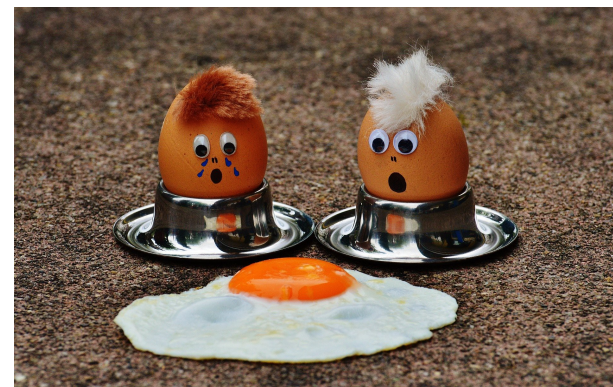
Today I want the very same thing for you. I love you and we haven't even met yet more than likely! I can say that because I know the value of each and every soul! You are precious to God because He gave His son as a sacrifice so that you could be saved by Jesus blood!

If you have any questions or would like to study more about Jesus and the church then please do not hesitate to contact the person who gave you this tract!

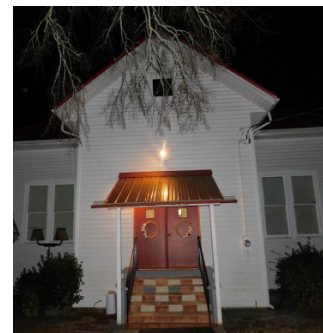
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FIGHTING FEARS AND EXCUSES PART 1



"What's the excuse for THIS!?"



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If you are tired of excuses from people who are supposed to be born again Christians and still do not act the way they should regardless of teaching morals come visit with us!

Why are you not a member of the church?

Luke 14:16-24

“Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto

the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

People make up stories and tell to themselves, they call them excuses. These excuses can cost you a lot. An eternal reward hangs in the balance!

I.

I met a man one day who said he was, “good enough”; however, if one fails to keep the laws of the land we would mark him as “not a good citizen”. Tell me then, how can one be “good enough” when he lives in open rebellion to God's law? The law, laid out in the Bible says that we must HEAR BELIEVE REPENT CONFESS and BE BAPTIZED to be obedient to the Gospel.

II.

Another man I met said that he is “too mean” to live a Christian life! Paul said that he was the

chief of sinners! He was a willing participant in the murder of Christians! (1 Timothy 1:15) But that same man said, “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH!” Your sin can not be so big that God can not forgive it!

III.

Yet another man sauntered by me and said “I am too young!” Do you know that it is easy to straighten a crooked twig when it is still green but when it ages it remains solid. Also, a footprint can be made in cement when it is freshly poured but after awhile it hardens. The human heart does the same thing. It hardens as the sins of life bombard it until it is a stone that can not be moved by any feeling. God told us to remember our creator in the days of our youth! (Ecclesiastes 12:1) While we are young is a better time to seek the kingdom! (Matthew 6:33) At twelve years old Jesus was about his “Father's business”!