

Church of Christ George

Gazette

08th March 2020

The Power Of Things Unseen



In comparing temporary affliction to an eternal weight of glory, Paul divided life into things we can see and things we cannot see (2 Cor. 4:16-18). Similar terminology is used by the writer of Hebrews when he explains the existence of the universe by saying, "what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" (Heb. 11:3). This means that our present material universe is the result of unseen forces at work in the creation process. It is only fitting, then, that the Bible should begin in "the beginning" when "God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

Concerning the nature of God, John says, "No one has seen God at any time..." (1 Jn. 4:12). God is a spirit (Jn. 4:24) and, as such, is One "whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Tim. 6:15). Faith opens our eyes to what is unseen. We can believe in the eternal nature of things that are seen or we can believe in the eternal nature of things not seen—but we cannot believe in the eternal nature of both. In the final analysis, which makes more sense? That the universe has always existed? Or, that there is an eternal God of sufficient power and intelligence to have created all things?

Walking "by faith, not by sight" means that we acknowledge the existence of great things promised in God's word—things which are yet

unseen (2 Cor. 5:7). These spiritually appraised things are overlooked by those who will not acknowledge what is unseen (1 Cor. 2:14-15). However, even in the material universe, there are unseen things universally accepted as existing in spite of the fact that they are unseen. For example, both wind and gravity are unseen forces known only by their influence on the things around them.

In the spiritual realm, there are many unseen things impacting our lives every day in dramatic ways. Hope is precious. Prior to obeying the gospel, the Christians at Ephesus had "no hope" and were "without God" (Eph. 2:12). But, in being raised up with Christ, they were made alive again and seated with Him in the heavenly places (vss. 5-6). Christians are those who have been "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Pet. 1:3). Hope influences our daily lives. That is why we must be prepared to answer those who ask us about our hope (1 Pet. 3:15). Hope, itself, is unseen. Paul says that "hope that is seen is not hope" (Rom. 8:24). Yet, along with faith and love, hope is one of the most powerful motivations known to man (1 Cor. 13:13).

Memory Verse

2 Cor. 5:17

17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.



Please don't forget to
support our
**BENEVOLENCE
MINISTRY!**

Non-perishable food
items will be appreciated.

**Think of what you
need in your house,
buy extra and bring
to Church**

08 March	DUTY ROSTER	15 March
AM		AM
Walter	SONG LEADER	Walter
Rupert	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Robert
Rupert	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Robert
Rupert & Walter	AM SERVERS	Robert & Levson
Leroy	LORD'S SUPPER	Walter
Reinhold	PREACHING	Danny
Walter	CLOSING PRAYER	Levson

Today's Order of Worship

Song 1 (730)	He Gave Me A Song
Song 2 (563)	There Is Power In the Blood
Song 3 (302)	Far and Near
Song 4 (643)	Count Your Blessings
Song 5 (203)	I Am Thine, O Lord Vs 1 (Softly)

Ethan
Christine
Quintin
Estelle
Rain
Levson (Work)
Lynn vd Walt
Marclen & Family
SA Bible College
George Congregation



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leroy will be away the Sundays of 22nd and 29th March 2020

Title & Opening Scripture	"Judgement on the Rejectors of Christ" Matthew 12:38-42
Other Scriptures	.

Attendance Figures

26 Jan	48
02 Feb	44
09 Feb	38
16 Feb	44
23 Feb	44
01 Mar	41



Sunday School Teachers

08 th Mar	Antoinette
15 th Mar	Sandy
22 nd Mar	Jacqui
29 th Mar	Combined

Kiddies Class

08 th Mar	Derese
15 th Mar	Tannie Stef
22 nd Mar	Antoinette
29 th Mar	Combined

12 March



Kristy

Rupert



Harry
Richard

11 Mar
27 Mar

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