

Colton's Basketball



Times Remembered
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Colton's "game face"

I missed writing my article last week due to ear and sinus infections. I'm feeling better but still battling a cough. Maybe when spring gets here I'll be much better!

The Saturday before I got sick we were in Georgetown to watch our Grandson, Colton play basketball. He has games every Saturday morning and we try to make them all.

Like his Mom and Dad he loves basketball and he's a gym rat already. Anyway, on that Saturday morning his team, the Knicks played the Lakers. The way the rules are in the 4-6 age category you can only play two quarters unless someone is out and then they can play more.

Colton didn't have a great first half, he had two points and three rebounds and he took a tumble under the basket and didn't get a foul called on the other team. Needless to say he was angry; he thought he got fouled and became very upset. Of course, Momma Tara, the assistant coach, took him out and he got a good chewing. But he deserved it; he has to learn the rules and to control his anger.

His team, the Knicks were down at the beginning of the second half; 13-7. Colton went back in and he is ready to play. He is fired up and wants the ball; he and his team mate, Carson dominated the second half. Colton was awesome; he had settled down and was taking the ball to them and scoring. He was also getting rebounds and getting fouled. He hit his foul shots and scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the game. He

got his first double double in his career. He scored 11 of his 13 points in the 4th quarter.

The final score was 22-16. He was one happy kid; he ran up to me after the game and hugged me and said, "Nonna, I took over the second half and we won." I told him, "Yes, I know, you were awesome after you quit getting upset and started playing ball." He said, "You owe me thirteen dollars for my points." I give him a dollar for every point; he's about to break me. He saves his money and is really thrifty with how he spends it.

Your grandchildren seem like your own; you just have more time when you are older to dote on them. I know I spoil Colton but he has to mind me and I don't let him by with anything when I keep him. I was as upset with him when he got mad in the ballgame as his Mother.

He will be 5 years old on Friday, the 14th February; Valentines Day. I can't believe he's already five and will be starting kindergarten in the fall. My, how fast they grow, he weighs 58 lbs and in is 47 inches tall and he's in the 95% for height for boys his age. I think he's going to be tall; his Dad is 6'6; maybe he'll be at least 6'4 and be a great point guard.

He sure spends a lot of time practicing at the gym. When his Mom and Dad are practicing the girl's team he is shooting on the side and playing pick up games with other kids who are usually older. That's the secret to being a great ball player; practicing, working hard and being tough. Many kids think they can just show up and play and never pick up a ball on week-ends or after practice, but it don't that way. If you really want to be a great player you got to work hard for it.



Colton's team the Knicks; He's #12.

Colton is like his Momma, who never tired of playing basketball, she practiced in 90 degrees or 20 degrees outside and Colton is the only kid that equals her in stamina that I have seen; he goes and goes like the energizer bunny. I am so proud of him!

I'll be heading to his first game of the tournament on Thursday the 13th February in Georgetown at Southern Elementary. Good Luck Knicks!!

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of Frau mit aufgelöstem Haar by Kark Schmidt-Rottluff (1913)

...If a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:15

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Seeds of Hope



Lord Kelvin is recognized as one of the greatest Scottish engineers, mathematicians and physicists of his day. He had a profound influence on the scientific thought of his generation.

On one occasion, while he was conducting an experiment with his students, it turned into a disaster. Looking at each of them he said, "Gentlemen, when you are face to face with a difficulty, you are up against a discovery."

This is not only true in learning, it is true in living. When David was face to face with a major difficulty, he made a discovery that lasted throughout his entire life. Faced with a dilemma he cried to God,

"Give me relief from my distress, be merciful to me and hear my prayer, O God."

If it had not been for the pain he experienced, we would not have his Psalms of praise. If he had not been tested and tried through his trials, we would not understand the triumphs he enjoyed. If he had not struggled to survive, we would not understand the strength he received from God.

Joseph began his path to a palace from a prison. He became the prime minister of Egypt after he served a sentence as a prisoner. And remember Job's boils? Ultimately, they became a blessing to him.

Whatever God brings into our lives is not to destroy or defeat us, but to develop our faith and to enable us to discover His goodness and grace.

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The Thief on The Cross

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Some time back Jack McElroy announced that the next evening he was going to preach about the greatest thief in that particular town. At this point one might think of several people that he would talk about. The next evening he spoke about "the thief on the cross," and indeed he is the most popular thief in any city. At this point one might wonder why did one become so popular, or significant. After over 40 years of attempted gospel preaching, I have encountered many whom when the plan of salvation is mentioned, his argument is: what about the thief on the cross? How sad it is to see well meaning people sweep aside many passages that plainly teach that one must be baptized in order to be saved from their sins, such as **Mark 16:15-16**, **Acts 2:38**, **Acts 22:16**, and **I Peter 3:21**, and others we will mention in the lesson. If one can be saved without being baptized for the remission of sins, then we must have a lot of errors in the New Testament, but of course it is just not so! In **Matthew 27:38**, **Mark 15:27**, and **Luke 23:33** we find the story of this event. At this point of his repentance, our Lord announced his forgiveness, saying: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." So no honest Bible reader can deny that this man was saved from his sins. So today many will use this passage in an attempt to avoid baptism for the remission of their sins. But the avid Bible reader also knows that at his birth, his crucifixion, that our Lord was living under the Old Testament Law of Moses, and while living and working under that Law had the power to forgive anyone of their sins (**Mark 2:10**). But when our Lord died upon the cross and shed his blood it ushered in a new plan for the redemption of all sinful mankind. When our Lord was baptized he set a new precedent, or example for all of mankind. Before his ascension into heaven he commanded his apostles to preach and to baptize every obedient sinner unto the remission of their sins. If there were no other places where this was taught in the New Testament, it would still be enough. Therefore, baptism is made a condition of salvation under the New Testament but was not a condition under Abraham, Moses, or David.

In order to verify that baptism is a part of conversion in the New Testament, we can read the accounts of 3,000 on Pentecost in **Acts 2**, the Samaritans in **Acts 8:12**, Saul of Taurus in **Acts 22:16**, Cornelius in **Acts 10:47**; Lydia in **Acts 16:15**; the Philippian jailer in **Acts 16:33**, the Corinthians in **Acts 18:8**, and those of Ephesus in **Acts 19:3**. How many more would the Lord have established to make his point? Even in the days of John the Baptist there were those that sought to avoid John's baptism (**Luke 7:30**), "But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him." I am all too afraid that most are repeating history all over again failing to obey the Lord's simple plan given to save them, but sadly, it will be to their own destruction. No one will be to blame but themselves, your parents, your preacher, even your spouses, because if you can read the Bible all these plain teachings are given to save you. It will be your fault, think about it! The Hell of fire awaits all the disobedient (**Revelation 22:8**). Let us help you to avoid this tragic end. Attend with us this Lord's day at 262 Broadway.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Daniel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 8:44, Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and a "what"? Thief, Warlock, Heathen, Murderer
3. Who built an altar

calling it Jehovah-shalom, meaning the Lord is peace? Noah, Gideon, Jeroboam, Moses

4. From Acts 17, who said, "Surely the Lord is in this place"? David, Solomon, Paul, Stephen
5. In Matthew 3, who was anointed by the Holy Spirit? Jesus, Mark, Luke, John
6. Who had a vision of a fiery stream? Daniel, Job, Jude, Peter

Bible Trivia answers are at the bottom of Page 12



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