

Beautiful Are The Feet



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Summer and sandal season have me re-thinking Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring

good news..." No doubt, the "good news" is Jesus and God's love, but "beautiful feet"? For real?

I try to share the good news, but my feet aren't even cute. They are wider than they used to be due to an infatuation with "Earth Shoes" in the 1970's. On one foot, my toes spread apart in what I'm sure is a hereditary trait. On the other, my second toe sort of hangs over my big toe in an unglamorous way. After online research, my beloved calls it my hammer toe, but I really think it's arthritis.

Speaking of my beloved. He LOVES to share the good news. His feet are...well, he's flat-footed. While I adore them now, after the first sight of said flat-feet when we started dating, I had to work through some things.

When I think of the people in my life who have brought me the good news, now I'm pondering their feet. Bro. Bob Norman brought good news of the gospel to our house in Jerry Bottom of Huddy, KY in August of 1971. (I was probably wearing Earth Shoes.) My sister and I gave our hearts to Jesus that day! I never got a good

look at his feet.

Rev. Thurmond Coleman, pastor at Jeffersonstown Baptist for decades, was my beloved's first mentor. Talk about some good news! He brought it loud and clear and usually added a song! Praise the Lord for our Bro. Thurmond! He always wore dress shoes so I never saw his toes.

God called Steve Rice to be our pastor around 1991. He brought with him a crazy thing called an NIV Bible. Good news was proclaimed all over! The Lord used Bro. Steve to get us involved in serving at church and then serving on mission trips. It changed our lives! I'm sure I saw his feet at times, but don't recall their beauty.

Todd Gray, Executive Director/Treasurer of the KBC and Paul Chitwood, now President of the International Mission Board are two of the best good news sharers I know, working Jesus into conversation with any stranger, anywhere! They both led revival services at our church in the past. We feasted on the Word every night! They always had shoes on, so I have no clue about their podiatric status.

Add to them Dan Garland...LifeWay

retiree, former Evangelism Director of the KBC, mentor of my beloved, treasured friend and one of my favorite preachers. Another super guy and all, but beautiful feet?

What about the apostle Paul who wrote most of the New Testament? Sharing good news was his passion! His feet carried him along dusty, rocky roads through miles and miles of missionary journeys, stonings, floggings and a ship-wreck! I'm picturing dry and crusty feet with callouses! (He might have even had a hammer toe, like me!)

Luke 2:10 shares the story of unsuspecting shepherds who received the best announcement mankind had ever heard and it changed their lives: "The angel said to them, 'I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today...a Savior has been born to you...'"

As followers of Christ, let's be busy today sharing the good news of Jesus. There's never been a better time. There's never been a bigger need.

He will give us the words to say and He will direct our feet-beautiful or not.

Seeds of Hope



Sunday church bulletins quite often reveal more than the words printed on them. Other than the date on the front of the bulletin the order of service changes very little. There seems to be three important words that appear in every order of service: Invocation, Offering and Benediction. And in between those words the hymns, Scripture and special music will be "recycled" from week to week. But there is little new or different. Even contemporary worship services seem to follow the same format and formula week after week.

Sounds boring, doesn't it?

Perhaps that's why Psalm 96:1 explodes with a challenge: "Sing

to the Lord a NEW SONG!" - which literally means "NEWTINGS!" If God is alive and well in our lives and in our churches we will surely be seeing new things and singing new songs because we will see Him at work in our lives and in the life of our churches. Prayers will be answered and lives changed, sinners will be saved and His disciples will be called to serve Him in new and different ways showing His love and care to those around us. We will have to rearrange the order of service to make time for public praise to share what He is doing and sing new songs because He is doing new things!

And then in verse two we read, "Proclaim His salvation day after day!" When the proclamation of His salvation is the centerpiece of our work and worship, we will be overcome with His joy and "sing new songs!"

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What is Wrong Within This Seemingly Religious World

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Some may not be aware that within this present world there are as many, and growing, a listing of 2500 different institutions, all having a peculiar doctrine pertinent to that order. So, all can see that this is all wrong in the view of Christ's teachings found in Matthew 16:13-18, where he claimed that he would build his church and that the gates of death would not overcome it. So, that seals the deal for me. He has his church in most every country, city, suburb; that still believes this. So, where did all these others come from? Now I have several books that have the historical facts that none except the Lord's church can trace their beginning further back than the sixteen hundreds. Then, along came the printing press and the escalation of many thoughts or ideas began to fill the earth.

But, this did not have its beginning in 1600 alone. We can read about it in **Romans 10:1-4**, where Paul wrote these words, "Brethren," (so his warning is to the saved in Christ Jesus) "my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Does this not elude to the fact that they were lost or unsaved? Yet, they practiced religion. What then was the problem? He proceeds to give them the answer: "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." Why not? "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about (2500 different ways) to establish their own (plans) righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." "For Christ is the end of the law" (of Moses to which they were still clinging) "for righteousness to every one that believeth" unto the righteousness of God.

Let me submit this idea to our readers at this time, 'When one does not accept all the teachings of God's Word, they are aligning themselves with the very ones Paul is describing: First of all, there are some that do not believe that Jesus actually lived, was crucified and rose again from the grave. There are many, this is self-evident, that most do not believe he is going to return to Judgment. There are very many that do not believe that God is a jealous

God, because he built through Christ his church and adds only one wife contributed of all the saved into it. Acts 2:47 says that the Lord added to the church daily such as were - should be saved.

So the facts remain, one cannot lawfully be married to many women at the same time; if they do, they are guilty of bigamy or adultery.

In Romans 7:1-4, Paul gives here the requirements of a lawful marriage in relationship to the church. When one obeys the Gospel of Christ, they in a spiritual sense become married to Christ. They will take his name only (Acts 11:26). Just "a Christian" is the only name the Bible allows us to be entitled to. Now, to illustrate kindly, many claim to be Methodist Christians, Baptist Christians or Pentecostal Christians, etc.; the list is seemingly long, and they proudly write their claims upon their doors or sign post. But, where is the authority for this? Does this not invoke the jealousy of God. Read very carefully 2 Corinthians 11:1-4. See if I tell the truth! He fears that having espoused them to Christ that they may be led astray, corruption lies of the devil.

Now, what can be some examples of the corrupted actions. First, I have already mentioned the name of Christ-only church. But, what about the modes and methods of water baptism. First, some do not practice any form of baptism at all, replacing it with the altar route. Some take a small vessel, put minutes of water in it to sprinkle on babies or new converts, calling it baptism. So, there are many practicing methods given for substitution of the ones that you can read about in the Bible. So, in the Bible when one had heard all he need to hear related to baptism, they were taken down into enough water to bury one in, so that they could arise to newness of life as they did so. But many practicing baptism fail to relate the true purpose of its meaning by not doing it for the remission of sins, claiming that by faith and believing one's soul was secure in this action only. But, Friend, the Bible did say in Acts 2:38 that baptism is for (unto) the putting away of sins. Acts 8:24-35 gives a complete example of this teaching.

So, today, I want to encourage our readers to examine how you claimed to be saved in respect to what the Bible really teaches. So, read, abide and obey the truth for your hope of eternal Heaven fully depends upon it.

Call or attend with us at Cornerstone. We will try to help you along with ourselves get to heaven.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Romans in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 8, who tried to buy the Holy Spirit after he saw people receiving it from the apostles? Stephen, Timothy, Caiaphas, Simon
3. With whom did Lot escape the city of Sodom before it rained down

brimstone and fire? Wife, Son, Two daughters, Three friends

4. In 2 Kings 9, who was thrown from a window and struck the ground dead? Hezekiah, Jezebel, Joash, Abner

5. From Genesis 2:12, which was good and found in Eden? Sapphires, Rubies, Diamonds, Gold

6. Who was the wife of Joseph? Tamar, Rebekah, Asenath, Taphanes

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STICKELERS
by Terry Stickels

A boy was asked to find the value of 3/8 of a sum of money. Instead of multiplying the sum by 3/8, he divided it by 3/8. His answer exceeded what should have been the correct answer by 55.

What is the number?

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Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil, to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! Isaiah 64:1,2

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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