

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

May 22, 2016

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Word Of The Week: Complete

Yesterday was my final sermon as the located preacher at the Hickman Mills Church in Kansas City. We leave the brethren with mixed emotions, fond memories, and special bond forged in faith and fellowship. My parting sermon was based on 2 Cor 13:11 where Paul bade farewell to the Corinthian church. "Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."

Among the exhortations I shared with the brethren was the admonition to "become complete," our word for the week. Complete seems like a simple word and maybe a rather uninteresting word. But it is rich in meaning. Deep in thought. And profound in application. Other versions render the word "Perfection." "Restoration." Or "mend your ways" in the RSV. The Greek word, *katartizo*, means to "make fit." "To render sound or complete." "To put in order, to arrange, to adjust." Ethically the word means "to strengthen, to perfect, to make one what he ought to be." *Katartizo* was used in surgery for the setting of a broken limb or for putting a dislocated joint back in place. In politics it referred to bringing opposing factions together. And in the military it was used of outfitting a soldier with the equipment necessary to go into battle.

In the New Testament the word was applied in a variety of ways to speak of something being put in order or made to function properly. For instance *katartizo* referred to:

- (1) Fisherman "mending their the nets" (Mk. 1:19).
- (2) Disciples who are "perfectly trained" to be like Jesus. (Lk. 6:40).
- (3) Spiritually minded Christians seeking to "restore" a fallen brother (Gal. 6:1).
- (4) Brethren being "*perfectly joined together*" in unity (1 Cor 1:10).
- (5) Pastors and preachers "*equipping the saints for the work of ministry*" (Eph. 4:11-12)

Becoming "complete" is the personalized goal of discipleship. It is not a single event where you can say, "I am finished." It is a journey. A process. A life-time progression of spiritual development. Shepherds and churches can provide many activities to assist Christians in becoming complete.

- (1) Teachers' Workshops that train teachers to share God's Word.
- (2) Men's classes that equip men to lead in public worship.
- (3) Ladies classes than instruct women in their special role as wives, mothers and workers in the church.
- (4) Song worship training that improves our singing and elevates the level of praise in our assemblies.
- (5) Teen gatherings and devotionals that ground them in the truth, provide opportunities for fellowship and inspire teens to Christian service.
- (6) Preacher training programs that guide, model and mentor young men to preach the gospel.
- (7) Marriage seminars that teach couples how to love one another as Christ loved the church and grow in their intimacy.
- (8) Parenting courses that instruct mothers and fathers how to "train their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
- (9) Leadership training to equip men to Shepherd the Church of God.
- (10) Sermons by preachers to educate, motivate, and inspire us to be transformed from the world to become like Christ.

Complete is a great word. A challenging exhortation. A worthy endeavor. A noble goal. And a spiritually fulfilling enterprise.

Brethren, let us each labor in the Lord to "become complete."

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 5-22-2016

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christian

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Confident In _____ As _____ (I John _____)

Confident In Our _____ (I John _____)

Confident In _____ (I John _____)

Confident In Our _____ To _____

(I John _____)



Speaker:
AUSTIN LEWIS
Sunday PM Notes 5-22-2016

When God Stirs Hearts

Why renewal was required

God promised _____

God promised _____

God promised _____

Spiritual renewal required _____

Required _____ to stir kings heart

Required _____ to protect them

Spiritual renewal required _____

Required _____ before God

Required _____ of God's word

Required _____ faithful providence of God

Spiritual renewal required for _____

Required for _____ for a generation

Required for _____

Need for for spiritual renewal today

God _____ for renewal in the New Testament

God desires _____ today

Challenge and Application

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3)

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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

5:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....108

Last Sunday PM Worship.....83

Last Wednesday Bible Study.....##

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Spring & Paisley McDonald...Paisley was born May 6th at 11:20am. She came in weighting 7lbs 5oz and was 20 inches long. Thankful to God for a healthy momma and baby!

-Jonathan Gateley...awaiting results from some recent tests.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)...was tunable to begin cancer treatments as scheduled due to low white blood count. Drs are hoping to get those levels raised so that she can begin her treatments.

-Helen Lovell's Family...Helen's brother passed away after a long with illness. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

-Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)...undergoing cancer treatments.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Our expecting mothers: Katie Angel & Melody Brown.

-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)...still struggling with his health.

-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...young man struggling with his health.

-Barbara Leonard...shut in and struggling with her health.

-Christian Shadburn...20 yr. old Christian in Bowling Green battling cancer.

-Robin Hill..... battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)...Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Men's Bible Class - June 4th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 6 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - June 7th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 8 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - June 5th** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lessons 5 & 6 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

Area Gospel Meetings

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Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Deuteronomy 1-7

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**