

A Hindrance To Spiritual Growth

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, "What do you consider a hindrance to spiritual growth?"

One hindrance to spiritual growth would have to be the problem of neglect (see Hebrews 2:3). It's been said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions, and there's more truth to that saying than we might realize.

Because of the fast pace many of us experience in today's society, it's very easy to become careless in leaving undone the proper study of God's word, praying in behalf of others, visiting the sick, or any number of other spiritual priorities that might be considered.

In Hebrews 2:3, the Hebrew writer says that if no "transgression and disobedience" went by unaccounted for under the Mosaic law delivered by angels; and since the Lord's message deserves more respect than the message of angels, what hope is there for those of us who would neglect "so great salvation" under the New Testament law of Christ? To ask the question is to answer it.

Note that the Hebrew writer doesn't say "if we reject" but "if we neglect". The Greek word ("ameleo") also appears in Matthew 22:5 KJV, where the guests "made light of" their invitation to come to the marriage feast of the king's son. For men to ignore their sole means of deliverance from sin (salvation) is to incur God's judgment (Matthew 22:7).

We can certainly "make light of" our salvation as well through an attitude of neglect.



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Lord's Table-** Rick Cook
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-**

September 18th

Announcements- Travis Rodgers **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Lyle Russell

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series: October 2nd** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection baskets are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer. Please help our kids help others!



Please Pray For:

Dwayne Flowers, Bobby Simmons, John McDaniel, Vee Boren, Theresa Moody, Billy Granger, Joanna Quincy, Renita Thomas, Gracie Aaron, Benny Freeman, Roy McDonald,

Bereaved: Families of Charlie White, Donald Pennington, Eloise Smith, Johnny Keen, Andy McBroom, Bill Guraedy.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Cindy Eaton, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



September Birthdays

- 1 - Todd Chapman
- 9 - Carlton Hollis
- 17 - Sherry Miller
- 18 - Wanda Simpson
- 19 - Linda Herlong
- 22 - Jodie Chisley
- 27 - Shirley Goodwin

September Anniversaries

- 5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
- 25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

