

CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for August 2020

Some elements of life come to us simply by being born. For example, the law in the United States provides citizenship to anyone who is born in the country. In ancient Israel, the birthright of the oldest son was to be the head of the family after the death of the father and to receive the biggest portion of the father's estate. Isaac's firstborn son, Esau, had a bountiful birthright until he made a tragic decision. We see this in Genesis 25:29-34:

"Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright."

The last sentence in that passage of Scripture is devastating. "Thus Esau despised his birthright." A man who had everything he could ever want, the love of his father, physical strength and vitality, a powerful position, and wealth beyond what most of us could ever imagine, gave it all up for a bowl of stew! Esau, like Adam and Eve, gave in to temptation, and in doing so lost everything in an instant. In the time it took him to gulp down his lunch, his future was wrecked and there was no going back.

It is easy for us to look back with 20/20 hindsight and pity Esau, but we are no different. All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. None is righteous; no, not one! All of us have given into temptation and despised our birthright of a relationship with God. Esau's story is our story too!

How can we be restored to favor in God's family? Seek God through Jesus and allow Jesus to make us a part of God's Family and heirs to the great blessings that come from being a child of God. As 1 John 1:9 teaches us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." When we have been forgiven and purified, we are adopted into the Family of God.

The story of Esau despising his birthright is one of the saddest stories known to humanity, but it also the oldest. Ever since Adam and Eve chose fruit over obedience to the God that gave them life, people have been making the same bad decisions repeatedly across and within every generation. People have not changed, but, again, praise God He has not changed either! As 1 Corinthians 10:13 reminds us, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

Let us turn to God from whence comes our help and the ability to be forgiven of our sins and enjoy our inheritance as the children of God.

Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Praying for Each Other in 2020

In Paul's teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 6, he told us we should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, . . ." In 2020, I'd like you to join me in praying for a different one of our churches each week. Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

AUGUST 2020

August 2: Northern Heights
August 9: Northside
August 16: Oak Grove
August 23: Oakey Ridge
August 30: Pigeon Creek



AUGUST FOOD BANK DONORS

Hopewell, Oak Grove, Sweet Home,
Westview-Opp, Bethany, Red Oak, Buck
Creek, Judson, FBC-Gantt, Liberty Home,
Lockhart, Sweet Water, River Falls



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following churches who are without pastors:

Brooks Baptist Church
Enon Baptist Church
FBC, Opp
Lockhart
Mobley Creek
Southside – Opp
Victory

The Baptist Faith and Message

In the year 2000, the SBC adopted a revised statement of faith. This is what the BF&M 2000 says about the Ordinances Church which are Baptism and the Lord's Supper: Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

The entire Baptist Faith and Message can be downloaded from:

<http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp>



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

"Jesus turned, saw them (two of John's Disciples) following him, and asked, 'What are you looking for?' (John 1:38)

Whatever you are looking for, someone probably has it or can help you find it. My friend, a garage sale scavenger, finds all kind of things out of the ordinary in unusual places. Frequently, these bargains turn out to be something special that he or someone he knows is looking for. The two disciples who came to Jesus had been looking for the "Lamb of God." When He was pointed out to them, they sought Him....instantly, exclusively, and unwavering. After an evening with Jesus, Andrew could not keep his discovery to himself. He brought his brother, Peter, to meet the Lamb of God also. What is the chief aim of your life? Are you seeking Prestige? Comfort? The easy Life? Family? Success? Possessions? Or, is your focus seeking Jesus and staying close to Him? Are you sharing what you know about Jesus with others?

Father, please help us to be unselfish with what we know about You.

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