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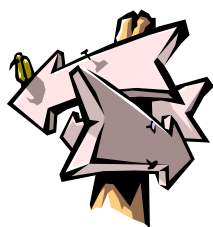
## Jesus Chose!

Kevin Cauley

I cannot think of a more encouraging thought than to think of the title of this article—Jesus Chose! We have the great blessing of being able to look back upon the events that lead up to the cross and learn from the life of Christ how we can live our life as well. The Hebrew writer states, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Let's look at a few things that Jesus Chose.

**Jesus chose to come to this earth.** In Philipians 2:5, 6, we read, "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." **He chose** to leave the form of God and empty Himself. **He chose** to take the form of a servant. **He chose** to be made in the likeness of men. If HE chose to be a servant, we can choose to be a servant too!

**Jesus chose to preach the gospel.** In Matthew 4:23 we read, "And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." **He chose** to leave the trade of His earthly father. **He chose** to leave behind his family and friends. **He chose** to teach and preach the gospel. Sometimes we have to do these things as well to preach the gospel of Christ. But if HE chose to do it, we can too!



**Jesus chose NOT to commit sin.** We read in 1 Peter 2:22 "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life. Admittedly, we don't (1 John 1:8-10). How-

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## Kevin's Korner



It was a great occasion for rejoicing last week when we gained a new sister in Christ. Chelsea Williams was baptized into Christ upon confession of her faith Friday, February 8th, 2002. We greatly rejoice with her and her family!

Friday night, we had the privilege of being able to see Quigley's Castle! The boys thought the place was spectacular. The place was literally a work of art. Our hosts, Ken and Debbie Smith were WONDERFUL! I would be amiss if I did not thank them for their hospitality and love.

This past Saturday morning, we had our men's breakfast. We had a good turn out. The food was good; the fellowship was great! This is a great opportunity for us to encourage one another in Christ. Our next men's breakfast will be March 9th, 2002 (the second Saturday of each month). Let's all us guys try to be a part of this wonderful time together in Christ.



Sunday morning, we worshipped God. I had so many good, supporting, comments regarding my sermon on Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage Sunday morning. Thank you for those words of encouragement. Thank you for supporting me in preaching the TRUTH of God's word on this VERY important subject.

Sunday night, we were privileged to go to Bill and Lucille Fort's house for the youth devotional. We sang some beautiful songs and heard a great message from God's word by Ray Duncan (good job Ray). We then enjoyed the food and fellowship of the evening. What a wonderful time to spend with our youth. IT WAS A GREAT WEEK-END FOR CHRIST!

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Monday morning, I awoke, but my eyes did not. I had been stricken with the dreaded PINK EYE. It is now Wednesday (as of this writing) and I still have it. There is also some kind of sore throat bug going around as well that I have, so for the sake of everyone's health and much to my regret, I was not at Wednesday night services.



The Olympics are here! My wife and I have been enjoying the winter sporting events each evening. It is so wonderful to watch these incredible athletes compete for the gold medal! These athletes make great sacrifices. They go to extreme efforts to be able to obtain the prize. It is no wonder that Paul would compare the Christian race with that of the athlete. He writes in 1 Corinthians 9:24, 25 "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." How much more effort should we give to be faithful Christians and to obtain that incorruptible crown!

## Abundant Life

**Shan Jackson**

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus' abundant life message is one of an overflowing, overwhelming, overcoming life. A life that satisfies, soothes, and sustains; a life that preserves, prepares, and penetrates. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

Many miss pleasure in this life because the ache of anxiety robs them. When we hear Christ say, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28,29), do we believe Him?

Christ was born into a world that was as bleak as any depression. Yet, He taught, "Take no thought [do not be anxious] for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on" (Matthew 6:25). In verse 34, He adds, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." Jesus is not saying that we

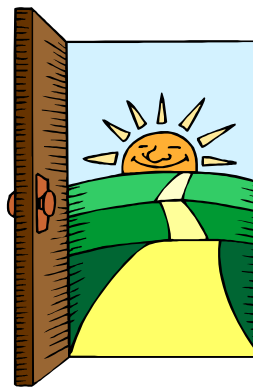
should fail to use an intelligent and thoughtful approach concerning the future. He says that a man who does not count the cost is foolish. Sincere concern and honest planning are not the same as doubt and anxiety.

Notice first that Christ promised to be with us: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). In the darkest days, or the most wearisome nights, Christ is with us. In Corinth Jesus said to Paul, "Be not afraid . . . For I am with thee" (Acts 18:9,10). The abiding presence of the Savior enabled Paul to cope with the situation, and not be broken by it.

Notice second that Christ has promised His pardon. The greatest single cause of anxiety might be unresolved guilt. Our grieving over sin has long been a cause of alarm in the body of Christ. Yet, here is the good news of the gospel. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

David wrote of his anxious moments, brought about by sin. In Psalm 6:6, he penned these words, "I am weary with my groaning, all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with tears. Mine eye is consumed because of my grief." David was drowning in his guilt. He later wrote, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that my bones which thou has broken may rejoice" (Psalm 51:78). And, that is exactly what the Lord did for the king and what He will do for all His repentant children.

Notice third that Christ has promised His provisions: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Colossians 1:16). Jesus made everything. He upholds all things by the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3). He can take care of us. Paul says, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). We can endure all things—overcome all things—because Jesus strengthens us through the precious promises of His unfailing Word.



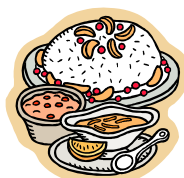
Notice fourth that Christ has promised His purpose. Paul says, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of

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## News, Notes and Prayer List

- Please remember the following in your prayers: Clay Bozarth, Kevin and Mary Lynn Cauley, Opal and Curtis Hull, Oleta Widener, Benjamin Windle.
- Matthew Bright, the 7 month old son of Austin Bright is in Arkansas Children's Hospital with seizures. Austin is a friend of Linda Moore.
- James Matthews (Trish Foster's brother) has a cyst on his brain. He lives in Washington D.C.
- Regina Horton (sister of Dena Williams) is awaiting a lung transplant. She is a member of the church in Jonesboro, AR. Please remember her in your prayers.
- Daisy Farmer was in our worship this past Sunday. We are glad she is doing better.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Our monthly fellowship luncheon is today! We will be saying farewell to the Nimmos and giving them a good send off. Everyone please plan on staying for the fellowship and to say good bye to the Nimmos.
- The Valentine party that was hosted by the Stevens was a BIG success. Let's all be sure to tell Brent and Shauna "THANK YOU" for putting this on for all the children of the congregation.
- This being the third Sunday of the month, there will be an Elders and Deacons meeting tonight after the evening services.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Grape Jelly.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	February 17, 2002	February 24, 2002
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ken Smith	Clyde Atchley
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bob Moore	Ray Duncan
<b>Scripture:</b>	Perry Foster	Brandon Foster
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Glenn Quigley	George Eddings
<b>(assist)</b>	Clyde Atchley	Clay Bozarth
	Brent Stevens	Perry Foster
	Bruce Foster	Raymond Kimes
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Brent Stevens
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bruce Foster	Dale Pinkley
<b>Scripture:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Brent Moore
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Ray Duncan	Ken Smith
	David Nimmo	Bob Moore
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rusty Windle	Glenn Quigley
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Leon Duncan
<b>Invitation:</b>	Leon Duncan	Rusty Windle
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Ken Smith	Glenn Williams

**Elders:** Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

**Deacons:** Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Rusty Windle

**Preacher:** Kevin Cauley .....870-423-6707

## Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: .....10:20 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: ..... 6:00 PM

Wed. Evening Bible Class: ..... 7:00 PM

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