

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brad Shaw's brother Steve-health issues.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health (heart & kidney).
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Ana Bouchard - Serious shoulder injury.
- ◆ Terry Schmidt's Father passed away.
- ◆ Brenda Butler - Health Issues and seizures.
- ◆ Victor & Rita Balsamo - Health issues.
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Loss.
- ◆ Marescot Family - Fix Our Eyes on Jesus.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Attendance

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song # 23 Our God, He Is Alive

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Robert Balsamo

Song # 122 The Love Of God

Song # 334 Tis Midnight,

And On The Olive's Brow

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Lenny

Spano, Joe Romano

Song # 381 Years I Spent In Vanity

Contribution

Song # 71 As A Deer

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song # 453 Love Lifted Me

Scripture Reading - Mark Foley

Luke 22:41-46

Lesson- Dennis Godin

He Learned Through Suffering

Lesson text: Hebrews 5:7-10

Song # 539 Higher Ground

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 50 Contribution: \$ 1658.35

February Financial Reports
Posted and available on back counter

THE BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

Jesus Christ is...
the brightness of
His glory.

Heb. 1:3



The law
is only a
shadow of
the good
things that
are coming...



...not the realities themselves.

Hebrews 10:1

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Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

This Week's Events

Today 3/12: Pot Luck after service.

Tuesday 3/14: Bible Study 7-8 PM

Tuesday 3/18: Ladies Day 9AM-2PM

Guest Speaker-Peggy Coulter

Happy Birthday!

March 12 Bradford Shaw

Happy Anniversary

Stephen & Glory Parker

New Address

Brenda & James Butler

16B Railroad Avenue
Springvale, Maine 04083

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Lord's Supper - Chris Stephenson,

Antonio Balsamo, James Butler

Prayer - Abraham Damuth

Scripture Reading Angel Velez

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

He Learned Through Suffering

As we have rightly done already this year, we have purposely focused a couple lessons on the truth of the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice. When it comes to the Old Law, Paul said it plainly, "***And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross***" (*Colossians 2:14*). Through the work of Christ, man has been released from the burden of performance (that check list) and set free to walk confidently with Christ. Interestingly, this new-found freedom in Christ is not the absence of obedience; but rather, the awareness that our hope does not rest in our obedience. This enables us to look to Jesus, the "***author and finisher of our faith***" (*Hebrews 12:2*) with the idea that He can empower us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (*Hebrews 12:1*).

...though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8

As I thought about this, I couldn't help thinking about the above text. To think that Jesus *learned* anything can be challenging since He has always been part of the Godhead (*John 1:1, 14*). This word *learned* means *to learn by use and practice; to be in the habit of, accustomed to.* What did He learn about? He learned about obedience. *Obedience* here can include the idea of *compliance* and *submission*. The words of Jesus in the garden mean a little more now, "***Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My***

will, but Yours, be done" (*Luke 22:42*). Jesus, confronted with such suffering, had the ability to merely ask the Father to provide protection (*Matthew 26:53*), but He did not. As one commentator put it, "He [Jesus] set out from the start on the path of obedience to God, and learned by the sufferings which came his way in consequence just what obedience to God involved in practice in the conditions of human life on earth."

And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Hebrews 5:9

This process, Christ went through, enables Him to "sympathize with our weaknesses" (*Hebrews 4:15*) and shows us that we can "***come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need***" (*Hebrews 4:16*). Often times, that need is strength to lovingly obey Him in the midst of suffering. Lord, may our freedom in Christ empower us as we seek to learn to lovingly obey you.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
