

## Sermon for the Lord's Day

### “The Eternal Security of Believers” (Part 1)



## Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

**Charles Barry** will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Paul McCollum** will present the **Lesson**.

Our Lord's Day  
Plan...

may God bless their efforts!  
~ Happy Lord's Day ~

*I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*  
Psalm 40:8

**We are praying for you!**

**Rose Johnson**- for healing from her back and Siatic nerve problems and other health issues.

**Don Blackwell** - for strength to carry on God's work and a cure for his physical injuries.

**Charles Barry** - for good health and God's blessings as he labors for the church.

**Sunil Gollapalli** - for God's blessings and support for his work for the Lord.

**Lost Souls** - for God to open their hearts and minds to the gospel message.

**The Lord's Church** - for sharing the Word and being a living example.

**God's Blessings to Everyone!**

### Saul's Obedient Conversion

Charles Box

The conversion of Saul is told in Acts 9:1-19; 26:9-18; and here in 22:1-16. He gave us many details about what happened on his trip to Damascus to persecute Christians. We should study carefully what the Bible says about conversion and not be swayed by our preconceived ideas. Saul was wrong religiously, but he was sincerely trying to serve God. He followed his conscience, which sadly had been taught wrong. He was religious but religiously wrong, sincere but sincerely mistaken.

God sent Ananias to tell Saul what he must do to be saved. God does not tell people directly how to be saved. Those that have already become Christians deliver his message to others. When Ananias came to Saul he asked, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Saul was a believer in Christ that had repented of his sins and now he needed to be baptized into Christ.

After Saul's conversion he became an apostle to the Gentiles. The Jews listened to Paul until he said the word “Gentile.” “And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live” (Acts 22:22). National prejudice is a sad and destructive thing. The anger of the people caused the chief captain to assume Paul had done some terrible crime. He threatened to beat Paul until he found out that Paul was a freeborn Roman citizen. The captain did not seem to respect God, but he did respect the law of the land. Paul was willing to suffer and to die for Christ but if his Roman freedoms could prevent his suffering he would thankfully use that citizenship.

Let's live our life in such a way as to be fit to live with God in eternity!

## BENDING WITH THE WIND

Raymond Elliott

There are times when an individual must stand and be steadfast, not giving ground but remaining unmoving in doctrine and in morality (I Cor. 15:58). The writer James (1:6-8) condemned the double-minded man, unstable in all his ways and compared him to the surge of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. Jesus, in praising John the Baptist, asked the question, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?" (Mt. 11:7) The apostle Paul encouraged spiritual maturity and that Christians should no longer be tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:11-16). There is a great need for stability among the saints in this present age.

However, there are times when an individual needs to bend with certain winds of circumstances. If he doesn't, he is liable to break. Some people are so set on being stern, no matter what, that they have become miserable in life. Confucius wrote, "The grass must bend when the wind blows across it." We have to learn to be flexible concerning things that we cannot control or change. There are disappointments that we must accept in life.

Most of us have planned a trip at one time or the other and something happened that prevented us from doing so. There is the example of an individual who seemingly was in perfect health but contracted a crippling disease, which prevented him from participating in sports. He either learns to bend or he will eventually break.

There are events that occur in our lives that truly test our adaptability. Joseph stands out as an example of one who learned to bend with the winds of bitter trials. If we truly believe that God is able to make all things work out for our eternal welfare (Rom. 8:28), we will indeed enjoy life better.

Adversities come and go. No one is immune from diseases and disappointments. How you accept them and learn to live with them is the true test of how flexible you really are in life. "O God, give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other." - Reinhold Niebuhr, the Free Wikipedia Encyclopedia

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### Meeting Days and Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) ..... Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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