



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

ARE YOU AN *ING* OR AN *ED*?

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Transitioning. The dictionary gives the definition, “Change from one form, state, style, or place to another.” To get into the grammatical weeds for a moment: it is a present participle (accomplished by adding *ing* to the verb). It is occurring at the moment.

Grammar lesson aside, it is important to note in the New Testament we find a great deal more about *transitioning* than we do *transitioned*. Christianity ought to effect ongoing change so that all of us are transitioning day by day from the sinful nature of man to the sinless nature of God.

Paul writes, ¹⁷ **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.** ¹⁸ **But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit** (2 Cor. 3:17-18).

In contrast to disobedient Jews who cannot see the glory of the Father (which is beheld in the Son—Jn. 1:14, 18), the veil that hides the Father’s glory is lifted for those in Christ. This image of God’s glory that we behold transforms us as we continue to behold Him. Paul reminds his readers that God changes us. Put another way—by God’s power and grace we are transitioning towards His glory. Our role in this transitioning is to maintain our obedient faith. But the cause of our transitioning is the Spirit of the Lord at work within us.

We are constantly bombarded with suggestive statements and thoughts to the effect that God changes or transitions toward us. It is a pleasing but deceptive statement that God “will meet you in the middle.” God is fully righteous and perfect in His holiness. He does not shed those attributes to meet us where we are. Instead, He makes it possible for *our* transitioning toward His righteousness and holiness to occur.

Of course, it begins with being in Christ. Until we have clothed ourselves or put on Christ (Gal. 3:27), we cannot draw near to the Father. If the false teachers of our day could be silenced on this one subject, the ranks of the obedient would multiply. We cannot put on Christ except by baptism. Could Paul have stated the case any better than what the Spirit instructed him to write in that verse?



Once we have put on Christ in baptism, we walk a lifelong walk of reconciliation. Reconciliation is related in meaning to transitioning. But reconciliation points to the source of this change. God reconciles man to Himself (Rom. 5:10). He doesn’t leave His holiness; He draws us to Him. He makes us holy in the blood of Christ and then commands us to remain holy in our behavior (1 Pt. 1:15).

Here again, the worldly view of God falls short of what the Scriptures teach. He NEVER reconciles Himself to us. And He NEVER co-reconciles together with us. He ONLY reconciles us to Him!

Estranged husbands and wives are reconciled when both admit wrong and agree to put their marriage above everything that each had put ahead of the marriage. God does not do that. He hasn’t put anything ahead of His desire to have fellowship with us. He made possible what we could not—a way to have eternal fellowship with Him. He provides everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Pt. 1:3) and every spiritual blessing that we need (Eph. 1:3). He gives us His living and abiding word (1 Pt. 1:23) and through it makes us complete and adequate (2 Tim. 3:16-17) so that we might become, day by day, more like Him.

Transitioning: a present participle meaning to change from one form, state, style, or place to another. Are you? Do you still keep the *ing* on the end or have you been satisfied with an *ed* at the end?

Weekly Bible trivia question. Please submit answers to the elders. The first correct answer reported to the office will be recognized and published in the next bulletin. Here goes...I've been worn but only by a few and never as a fashion statement. I've been used to strike. I've been thrown on another, and I've fallen and been picked up. Who am I?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule,
beginning Thursday, May 19, 2016:

Thursday—1 Corinthians 13-14

Friday—Exodus 5-8

Saturday—1 Samuel 21-25

Sunday—Psalms 42-44

Monday—Job 29-30

Tuesday—Jeremiah 12-16

Wednesday—Mark 9-10

The correct answer to last week's question was:

Sea of Chinnereth (Num. 34:11; Josh. 12:3; 13:27)

Lake of Gennesaret (Lk. 5:1)

Sea of Tiberias (Jn. 6:1; 21:1)

Sea of Galilee (Mt. 4:18; 15:29; Mk. 1:16; 7:31; Jn. 6:1)

Melissa Jones gave the first correct answer.

Camp Bandina (for 7th-12th graders) will be June 5-11, 2016. Applications are available from Paul, or you can register online at <https://campbandina.wordpress.com/full-registration/>. Please sign up quickly, as space is filling up fast.

Camp Twin Oaks Ranch for 3rd-6th graders will be July 27-31, 2016. Applications and scholarships are available; please see Paul Cartwright.

The family of Minnie Harris would like to express their gratitude for all of the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and other expressions of concern during her illness and following her death.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Minnie Harris**. Minnie passed away on May 15, 2016. The arrangements are on Saturday, May 21, 2016 as follows: visitation from 9 AM to 10 AM and service at 10 AM at the Pearland Church of Christ, 2217 N Grand Blvd, Pearland TX 77581 (281-485-2436); graveside service following at Ryan Cemetery, Tarkington Prairie (between Dayton and Cleveland); meal served at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex at 3 PM.

Tom Langford has gone to New York City to be with his mother, who is dying.

David Smith is doing well in his recovery from successful surgery. All of the cancer was removed. He is still in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, but is not ready for calls or visits. The family is grateful for the prayers and thoughtful acts of their Christian brothers and sisters.

Carolyn Knight Head, Barbara Shock's cousin, is now in Room 410 at The Colonnades at Reflection Bay, 12001 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland TX 77584.

Audrey Simpson, Mary Means's sister in Granbury TX, has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiation.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Wanda Knight, Jan Lemoine, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Lincoln Backward, Mike & Cindy Barnhill, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Carolyn Knight Head, Bo Herrington, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Mary Means, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Larry Thornhill, Kinnie Warren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for **May**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Greg**.

May 2016

25 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

We will not have a Friends & Family Day in May.



Graduating Class of 2016!

May Birthdays

4 Josh Hundley	5 Charlene Bagwell
5 Karissa Bouillion	6 Hailey Hopkins
7 Peggy Story	8 Heather Brown
8 Demetris Kelly I	9 Jean Adams
9 Murrell Hill	9 Janice Pearson
12 Kaya Lindelof	13 Jeremy Cook
14 Daniel Brown	17 David Clayton
18 Audrey Nelson	19 Adam Parker
19 Jojimon Puliyampallil	20 Fran Barnhill
20 David Blair	23 Audrey Townzen
24 Morris Dyes	26 Gena Coe
30 Melissa Jones	31 Atticus Brown
31 Zack Williams	

May Anniversaries

5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof	9 Zack & Meredith Williams
13 Brandon & Patricia Stafford	14 Gary & Jean Adams
17 Derek & Tracey Mauney	18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale

Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening May 18	Wednesday Evening May 25
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Adams

Morning Worship May 22	Morning Worship May 29
Opening Prayer Zack Williams	Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Demetris Kelly	Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale
Jacob Carriere Nathan Scarsdale	Charlie Story Josh Hundley
Derek Mauney Daniel Brown	Gheath Alatrash Brandon Stafford
Matthew Fabian Jimmy Terry	Zack Williams James Maxcey
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Tracey Mauney Angela Parker	Nina Layton Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Russell Genaro, Grayson Townzen	*Phil Godwin, Lynn Adams, Bobby Parker
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Williams	Williams
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Charlie Layton, Bobby Parker	Communion Zack Williams, James Maxcey
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

*Gary Adams 281-797-2575
Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866*

DEACONS

*James Maxcey
Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams*

MINISTERS

*D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister*

MISSIONARIES

*Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Gobé
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
Paul Kouagou - N'Dali
Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain*