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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (3) “ALL THOSE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION”

“And she was a widow of about four score and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:37–38).

Jesus did not begin to have impact on the lives of others when he became an adult. His birth was a moment of celebration and reflection on the promises and salvation of God (Luke 2:28–35). From the moment he was born, those who had been in prayer and expectation that God would again visit and redeem his people, began living life differently. Hope in Jesus always changes the way people live.

The Jews learned that hope in God made life easier to live each day. They lived fully persuaded that the promises of God would one day be fulfilled. One of their hopes was that God would redeem his people. Redeemed, they would continue to maintain their calling as a light of the world. Redeemed, they would not have to tolerate the humiliation of being looked upon as a troublesome people. Redeemed, the nations would seek counsel from the children of God. The Jews lived each day with this hope. Their lives were structured around this hope.

The Jews looked for God to make their lives, their very existence, different. Sure, there were some who fared sumptuously every day (Luke 16:19). There were times when nets brake from an abundant catch of fish. There were some whose ground brought forth plentifully (Luke 12:16). There were rich men who kept the law from their youth up (Luke 18:19–25). There were people who could come and go as they pleased, where they pleased, and when they pleased. There were numbers of people among the Jews who lived well. Life was better for very many of those persons than a host of people believe it is for their lives today. Regardless, however, of how good life was, there was still something missing in Jeru-

salem.

We must remember that there are many who seem to have it all: financial security, fabulous rides, spacious living quarters, beautiful and breathtaking spouses, successful children, exotic pets, vacation anticipating itineraries, clean health records, community respect, family reunion leadership, and untapped potential; but with all they have they are not happy. There is something that is missing, not in place, out of line. This cannot be denied; evidence is everywhere and documents abound that capture this regular occurring phenomenon. And the world is baffled. The people of God should not be.

Children of God understand that life is never really right unless a life is at peace with God through Jesus Christ. Among many disappointing philosophies and orientations to life is that which insists that if people could just have their physical needs addressed and taken care of, then men, women, boys, and girls would be whole, healthy, and happy. People accepting these thoughts spend their lives trying to build happiness by accumulating possessions and wealth, by equating security with bank accounts, and hope with portfolios. How does one explain the sadness, depression, and disillusion evident among these?

Disappointment awaits the person who convinces himself that after college, after marrying the girl of his dreams, after securing position on the job, after being rewarded top salary, after buying the dream home, after rearing the children, spoiling the grandchildren, paying off the mortgage, entering retirement, and having enough to live well, then one can

have peace in the morning, rest comfortably during the day, and sleep well at night.

God has so created men and women that their yearnings for security, hope, and peace can only be satisfied in him. Life is never what it should be until it finds its place in God. And life is possible in God because of the redemption that comes through the Christ, Jesus.

Redemption came. Jesus redeemed. Redemption brought peace with the Father through the shedding of the blood of Christ (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 1:17). The blood was the redemption cost (1 Peter 1:1–20). We have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Knowing this, our praise should be greater than that of Simeon’s. Our rejoicing should be more visible than that of Anna’s (Luke 2:27–28). What they looked for as they lived in hope, we have received.

The children of God are the redeemed with those who looked for it in Jerusalem. And our Jerusalem is greater than the Jerusalem whose streets were walked on by man; that city that was the home of the physical temple. We are children of the heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22). It is God’s work with this Jerusalem that becomes the focal point of determining one’s path in life, one’s sense of direction, one’s security in hope.

The heavenly Jerusalem is the dwelling for all whose lives are about more than the mundane affairs with which worldly persons occupy themselves. The heavenly Jerusalem is God’s representative refuge of hope for the faithful.

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2015 THEME: "IN ALL THINGS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS" (TITUS 2:7)

CHURCH LEADERS

PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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JOHN FOXWORTH
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WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

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ROSCOE BURGESS
MICHEAL CURRY
JAMES E. GADSON
GEORGE MCNAIR
ROY OLIPHANT
BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on September 20th—9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

Gospel Meeting (September 27th–30th)
Community Church of Christ
533 N. Graham Hopedale Rd.
Burlington, NC 28083

Gospel Meeting (September 27th– 30th)
Kivett Dr. Church of Christ
1726 E. Kivett Dr.
High Point, NC 27260

Fall Fellowship Meeting (October 4th)
Capernaum Church of Christ
8806 Lasater Rd.
Clemmons, NC 27012

Gospel Meeting (October 11th– 16th)
Highland Acres Church of Christ
1301 McLaughlin Street
Statesville, NC 28677-8350

CARVER ROAD LADIES' DAY



SEPTEMBER 26TH

Theme: "Women of God...Wearing Many Hats...Doing Good Deeds (Titus 2:7; Proverbs 31)
Carver Road Ladies: \$10 registration fee (youth and adults)
Other congregations: \$15.
Continue to register if you have not already! Registration forms are located in the foyer. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Volunteers are needed so be sure to sign up for a committee to help with preparation of this wonderful event.



Mature Saint's Recognition

October 11, 2015

All seniors 62 and above please sign the list on the Kuriakos Table if you would like to be honored during our Mature Saint's Recognition on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Welcome

**ALL VISITORS!
YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**

CORNELIUS CORNER: The GI Bill can be used for training at non-college degree institutions. This includes training in HVAC repair, Truck Driving, Emergency Medical Training, or Barber/Beautician school. For more additional information visit our website at www.benefits.va.gov



STATE EVENT

North Carolina State Lectureship
(November 12th-14th) Charlotte, NC

Theme:

"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"

Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more information.

NATIONAL EVENT



National Lectureship
(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit www.nlcoc2016.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



(48 years) Leroy & Lillie Nelson– 2nd
(14 years) Rogers & Annie Brimfield– 22nd
(41 years) Ronald & Rosalyn Evans– 26th
(13 years) Michael & D' Tonja Foster– 26th

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Elisabeth Latten; 3rd Timothy Pilson; 7th James Samuel, Mellany Scott; 10th Tabatha Burgess; 12th Constance Rumph; D'Asia Williams; 13th Lillie Holmes, Edwena Kirby; 15th D' Onna Williams; 16th Kristina Woodruff; 17th Claudette Eldridge; 20th William Holmes; 21st Saroya Brown, Rashaad Davis; 22nd Hazel Gordon, Treva Loyd, Tonya Oliphant; 23rd Bryce Correll, Wendy Thomas; 26th Rayven Dulin, Dollean Johnson; 28th Michael Terry; 30th Leah Adkins, Jarvis Warren



PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
 Sis. Immogene Bray
 Bro. Leroy Nelson
 Bro. Barry Harper
 Sis. Georgia Glenn
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

Bro. John Foxworth
 (336) 924-5029

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 4: 25-30

READER: For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

CHURCH: But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

READER: For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; breakforth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she hath a husband.

CHURCH: Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of the promise.

READER: But then as he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

UNISON: Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we praise you again for freedom from the bondage and condemnation of sin. Help us to rejoice to your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.



PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Marleisha Young, Sis. Emma Westbrook,
 Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro. Victor Baldwin,
 Sis. Latesha Page, Sis. Teresa Love,
 Bro. Walter Weathers, Sis. Gail Jones, Bro. Anthony Price,
 Sis. Sherry Price, Bro. Anthony Clinton, Bro. Adolphus Coplin,
 Sis. Cynthia Judge, Sis. Dollean Johnson, Sis. Yolonda Crim,
 Bro. Howard Brown, Sis. Liz Latten, Sis. Alicia Latten,
 Bro. Roscoe Burgess, Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Sis. Cindy Dulin,
 Bro. Ron Jessup, Bro. Joseph Transou, Bro. Juan Williams,
 Sis. Tamah, Williams, Sis. Kathy Eichelberger,
 Bro. George Eichelberger & Bro. Kwali Bunker

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
 SERMON

Adolphus Coplin
Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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 SONG DIRECTOR
 SCRIPTURE
 RESPONSIVE
 PRAYER
SERMON
 OFFERING
 LORD'S SUPPER
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

Joe Wilson
 Ron Jessup
 Randy Dulin
 Doug Crim
 Victor Baldwin
 Richard Jones
Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 Roscoe Burgess
 Bernard Terry
 Randy Dulin
 James Gadson

6:30 P.M.

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Joe Wilson
 Howard Brown
 Timothy Pilson
 De Anthony Miles
 John Foxworth
 Roy oliphant
Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 Harold Brown
 Anthony Clinton
 D. J. Crim

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:46)

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Tevin Loyd	George Eichelberger
A.J. Crim	James Cherry	Stanley King
Novell Hall	Isaiah Black	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

D.J. Crim Elijah Gibbs
 Kolbe Adkins Michael Terry

COMMENTARY CORNER

Nothing stands above the heavenly Jerusalem. No government has more to offer. No university gives greater knowledge. No medical complex sustains life more effectively. And no retirement plan gives more security. The nature of the heavenly Jerusalem allows for daily peace and fulfilled hope even when life is not what we desire it to be.

The heavenly Jerusalem, the place for the redeemed, is life affirming. It provides the ability to endure hunger and thirst, disappointment and sorrow, famine and poverty, declining health, and

psychological challenges. All who are looking for something more than the temporary and the momentary, all who are looking for what lasts, what endures, what overcomes, what gives victory, find these in the kingdom of the redeemed.

Let us rejoice in the calling we have accepted. As the redeemed, we help the world through its troubles. As the redeemed, we give counsel to the world. As the redeemed, we lift up saddened and troubled people. As the redeemed we convince others that they don't have to give up, give in, quit, walk away, lose hope, welcome despair, accept fate, throw in the towel, take their last breath.

As the redeemed, we assure that the one who cleanses us by his blood, purchased our redemption, secured our salvation, intercedes on our behalf, and returns in glory has come for everyone.

All who put their trust in him have their hopes fulfilled. They can move on with assurance and with confidence. They can live again, hope again, plan again. Praise the God who continues to bless us through redemption.

Jesus came into the world for the purpose of redemption. He departed this life having accomplished redemption. He will return to gather the redeemed to himself. Let us continue to praise him.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group...	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(4th Friday)	

**WORSHIP TO THE
SICK & SHUT-IN
SEPTEMBER
Roscoe Burgess**

BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.



Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.
Thursdays @ 2 P.M.
1340 AM
1400 AM
103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

September 6th Alfreda & Alaqua Howell
September 13th Alfreda & Alaqua Howell
September 20th Tamah & D' Asia Williams
September 27th Leah Adkins &

NURSERY DUTY

September 6th
September 13th
September 20th
September 27th

GREETERS

September 6th Cindy Dulin
Mary Robinson
September 13th Cynthia Judge
Indya Rucker
September 20th Delores Reaves
Eshe Johnson
September 27th Diane Foxworth
Kiona Wilson

COMMUNION PREPARERS SEPTEMBER

Mary Terry & Wendy Thomas



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER

Diane Foxworth,
Diane Robinson
Wendy Thomas

ZONES

ZONE #1 Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)
ZONE #4 Co-Capt. Bro. B. Terry (720-9694)
ZONE #5 Capt. Bro. J. Gadson (650-9693)
Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)
Co-Capt. Bro R. Oliphant (765-3105)
ZONE #8 Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052)
Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)