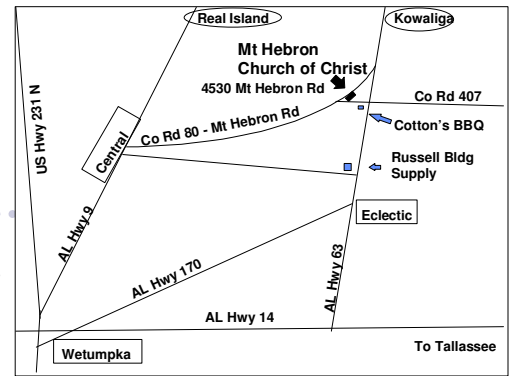


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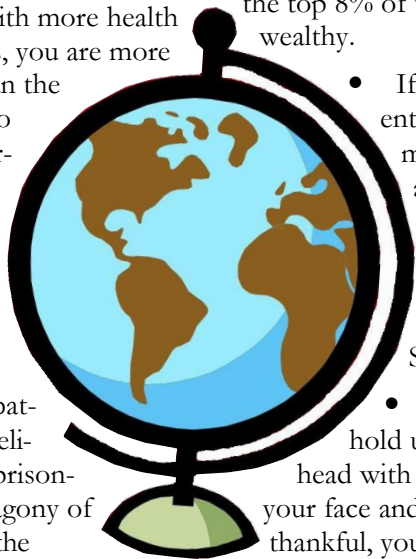
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Take a look at these blessings

We're So Blessed

- If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed. 1/3 of the world does not have access to even one.
- If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people around the world.
- If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest or torture of death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world..
- If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your



head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy.
- If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, even in the United States.
- If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.
- If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.
- If you prayed yesterday and today, you are in the minority because you believe in God's willingness to

hear and answer prayer.

- If you believe in Jesus as the Son of God, you are part of a very small minority in the world.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

Be thankful to the Lord!

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." -Colossians 3:15

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Come and visit us

Sunday
Bible Classes 10:00 AM
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& 6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Christians

Who They Are:

Disciples	Acts 11:26
Children	Galatians 3:26-27
Priests	1 Peter 2:5
Saints	1 Corinthians 1:1-2
Branches	John 15:1-8
Soldiers	Ephesians 6:10-18
Stewards	Matthew 25:14-30
Pilgrims	1 Peter 2:11

What They Do:

Study
Grow
Sacrifice
Live Holy Lives
Bear Fruit
Fight
Use Talents
Long for Home



"The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and a man is tested by his praise. Crush a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, yet his folly will not depart from him." - (Proverbs 27:21-22)



Syntax—and other wisdom

Some grade school teachers keep journals of amusing things their students write in papers. A few examples:

Syntax is the money collected at church from sinners.

The future of “I give” is “I take.”

The parts of speech are lungs and air.

The inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.

Define H₂O and CO₂. H₂O is hot water and CO₂ is cold water.

The general direction of the Alps is straight up.

A city purifies its water supply by filtering the water then forcing it through an aviator.

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve opossums.

The spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom.

The four seasons are salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

The word "trousers" is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plu-

ral at the bottom.

A person should take a bath once in the summer, not so often in the winter.

“In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.”

—Luke 10:21

Get rid of the silver cup

Leonard da Vinci was famous for many paintings; however, his most significant work was the “The Last Supper” painted in a church building in Milan. This monumental fresco took four years to complete.

An interesting story is told as to why it took so long to finish. When da Vinci was almost finished, a friend commented on how incredibly moving the painting was—especially the silver cup on the table. “It was brilliant, beautiful!”

he said. “My eyes were immediately drawn to it.”

Da Vinci got so angry that he immediately painted over the cup, blotting it out. The focus of the painting was to be Jesus, not the cup. All attention had to be drawn to Him; any-



thing that detracted from Him had to be removed.

What is the focus of our lives? We must remove anything that comes before Christ or hinders us from serving Him. Each day we’re faced with many distractions. Literally hundreds of things vie for our attention. Is your life centered on Christ? Is He your focus?

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” —Philippians 1:21

We don’t advise this to end an argument



A man left work one Friday afternoon. But instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend playing golf with the boys and spending his entire paycheck. When he finally appeared at home, Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade for his actions. Finally his wife stopped the nagging and simply said to him, “How would you like it if you didn’t see me for two or three days?” To which the husband replied: “That would be fine with me.”

Monday went by and he didn’t see his wife.

Tuesday went by and he didn’t see his wife.

Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Finally on Thursday the swelling went down just enough so he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

“Be angry, and do not sin.” —Ephesians 5:26