

could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty.

Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" the old man said. "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

Thus, we must "Give diligence [study] to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth"(2 Tim. 2:15). "Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3). "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psa. 119:9). "For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Are you being cleaned from the inside out?

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MEAFORD MESSAGES MEAFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Cleaning from the Inside Out

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old, worn out Bible.

His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day, the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING & SHARING

Joyce Franklin is in Owen Sound hospital. Paul was able to go home this past Monday. Please pray for continued healing for both. Continue to remember Ada Binkley, Gord Cramp, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch, June White and Edythe Williams.

SPEAKER THIS MORNING

Darren Book will be bringing us the lesson this morning.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Please join us for our Wednesday shuffleboard and Bible study. First shuffleboard at 12:30 followed by a social time (drinks and snacks) at 1:30, then Bible Study at 2 pm.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

There will be a fellowship breakfast this Saturday at 9:00 A.M. We will have a Mennonite singing group performing for us after the breakfast is served.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The next congregational meeting will be May 6 at 10:00 A.M. If you have any items for the meeting please let Dave Ellis know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Al Whitfield (19) Chad McDonald (21) Sue Cramp (22)
Ruth Rennie (22)



**Friday morning 8:30 am –
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV

Rogers 173

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KEY TO THE KINGDOM SUNDAY

May 7 is the Sunday the Key to the Kingdom program set aside for special contributions to the program. If you would like made a donation to this cause please put it on the plate marked "Key to the Kingdom".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 11—Trustees Meeting

May 27—Fellowship Breakfast, Dave Knutson speaking

May 28—Area Hymn Sing in Collingwood

*Doubt sees the obstacles,
Faith sees the way;
Doubt sees the blackest night,
Faith sees the day;
Doubt dreads to take a step,
Faith soars on high;
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I!"*

~ Unknown

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 17: April 23 — April 29 — **Peace**

23) Isaiah 26:3-4, 12

24) Psalm 119:165; Romans 8:5-6

25) Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:19-20

26) Colossians 3:12-17

27) Matthew 10:34-39

28) Ephesians 6:13-18a

29) Galatians 5:22-25

Questions to consider:

1. How can you summarize this passage in two to three sentences?
2. What does this passage teach you about peace?
3. What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this passage?