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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Got An Attitude???"

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Expecting the Glow

The lighthouse, always a symbol of hope and stability, waits to guide

the voyager traveling the unpredictable coastline. The glow from the

Our Creator knows our path through life, even before we do. He

can bring us the hope and joy we need to traverse the future; He will

light our way! Isaiah 60:20 says, "Your sun will never set again, and

your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light,

Do you have faith in God's guidance and protection? Visit your

house of worship this week and let God light up your life.

beacon of light brings safety and guidance; ships are expecting it.

about your attitude:

very nature God,

to be grasped,

but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human

likeness. And being found in ap-

pearance as a man, he humbled himself

and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2: 5 - 11)

This is a message, a love letter from God if you will, for believers and unbelievers alike.

Believers, be challenged by the fact that Jesus, God in human flesh,

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Scripture says this came to this earth the first us. He willingly laid down He had all the power in the time to be a humble servant. his life on the cross for our universe at his fingertips He went about doing good, sins. He had command of yet restrained himself, Your attitude should be healing, delivering, feed- all the armies of heaven. even saying on the cross, the same as that of Christ ing. But all these things Jesus said at his arrest, "Do "Father, forgive them, for Jesus: Who, being in pale in comparison to his you not think I cannot call they do not know what greatest act of humility and on my Father, and he will did not consider equal-servanthood. No one could at once put at my disposal ity with God something have taken his life from more than twelve legions of him... He gave his life for angels?" (Matthew 26: 53)

they are doing."

attitude toward others? Your children/parents? Your spouse? Your siblings? Your employers/ employees? Your fellow Christians? Can you say you are truly living a life of service, or a life of self?

Unbelievers, for you there is a different message. If you refuse to willingly repent and receive Christ on this side of death, even so a day is coming where you WILL confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and you WILL bow before Him. Then, unfortunately, you will not be before a Humble Servant but you will tremble before the Righteous Judge who can throw "both body and soul into hell." (Matt. 10: 28) Won't you receive Christ now and go to eternal life or wait until death and judgment and be cast away forever? You still have time!

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Paul answers his critics and defends his ministry in 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 (The Bible Exposition Commentary; Matthew Henry Commentary; The Bible Knowledge Commentary; Tyndale Concise Bible Commentary; New Bible Commentary; A Commentary, Critical and Explanatory; The Pulpit Commentary; The Expositors Bible Commentary) Every Christian ministry moving forward in the work of the Lord has critics - Preachers of the Word like Paul have every right, just like Paul to vindicate their ministry and show that their work is called forth by God. (Barnes Notes; New Bible Commentary)

Since refocusing CrossRoads Ministries, we have had concerns expressed and questions asked. Therefore, we have created a new ministry on our website:

"Biblically Answering Concerns."

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