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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### "The Battlefield Wounds Of Christ"

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Matthew 27:28-31 says, "They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand and knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put His own clothes on Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him." The prophet Isaiah enlightens us with this description of our Lord's battlefield wounds, "Just as there were many who were appalled at Him - His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and His form marred beyond human likeness" (Isaiah 52:14).

The Word of God gives us numerous details of the "Battlefield Wounds of Christ" which were inflicted upon the Savior of the World. "Jesus came to rule in the hearts and souls of man, and the rebellion of man's soul wounded Him. He came to rule the wills of His people and the resistance of self-will hurt Him. He came in righteousness to cast out unrighteousness and the wickedness of the world turned against Him." (unknown)

Though the Roman soldiers inflicted Him with a crown of thorns meant to cause pain, mockery and morbid enjoyment, God was allowing the proclamation of some powerful truths. Thorns were introduced with willful sin and were part of the curse spoken by God, "Cursed is the ground because of you [Adam]... It will produce thorns and thistles for you..." (Genesis 3:18). Figuratively, thorns signify affliction, the

adversities of the wicked and the evils that spring up in the heart to choke out truth (Numbers 33:55; Proverbs 22:5; Matthew 13:7). Jesus' "crown" represented all our sin that He came to die for.

Another battlefield wound that was laid upon Jesus was flogging. Among the Romans it was customary to viciously whip a slave or criminal to cause even more excruciating pain for the victims about to be crucified.

The power of sin puts a person into bondage and causes him to become a criminal before the eyes of God. All sins are acts of rebellion against God's laws and decrees. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). Sin is in the heart of every criminal and unsaved sinner. Therefore, Jesus was stripped and flogged, His body afflicted because of our sin.

A third battlefield wound that was laid upon Christ was crucifixion itself. On the cross Jesus saw two classes of people, those whose hearts will remain hard and those who would repent and call out to Him. He not only bore the physical pain, but also the entire torture and suffering that are the consequences of human cruelty.

In Isaiah 53:6 we read that, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all." Through the Battlefield Wounds of Christ sinners are offered forgiveness. Which class of people will you be in? Be like the repentant thief; put your trust in Christ for the salvation of your soul and receive Him into your life.

### Easter is Special




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Is Easter still special when the services are over and the eggs have all been found? Will it be special Monday morning? Jesus Christ dies again for each of us every day of the week. When we feel guilty, He is our Redeemer; He forgives us again and again. Sometimes our weaknesses remind us of just how human we are. It is then we can remember that He rises above our humanity; He gave His life on the Cross to save us from ourselves and our sins. Let His goodness and salvation flow from our hearts on Easter and on every day!

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Matthew 21.1-17	Matthew 21.18-26	Matthew 26.1-35	Matthew 26.36-75	Matthew 27.1-36	Matthew 27.27-56	Matthew 27.57-66

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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## OBITUARY

### Clyde L. Kinsey

Clyde L. Kinsey, 75, of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, passed away Thursday, March 27, 2014, at Hamilton Medical Center.

several nieces and nephews. The funeral to honor the life of Mr. Kinsey was held at the Grove Level Baptist Church with Dr. Charlie Bridges officiating.

He was preceded in death by Ernest and Tommie Kinsey, Kenneth Kyle Kinsey, Grady and Opal Defore. Mr. Kinsey was a member of Grove Level Baptist Church.

Burial was in the United Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers were Van Kinsey, Mark Kinsey, Kevin Kinsey, Eric Kinsey, David Jones and Mike Kinsey. You may leave the family a message on the tribute wall, upload photos or light a memorial candle at www.julianpeoples.com.



He is survived by his wife, Virginia (Ginny) Kinsey of the residence; sons and daughter-in-laws, Van and Darline Kinsey of Nashville, Tenn., Mark and Angie Kinsey of Calhoun, Kevin Kinsey and David Jones of Alisa Viejo, Calif., Eric and Toni Kinsey of Chatsworth; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Margie Kinsey of Dalton; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, James and Jeanette Coker of Dalton, Grady and Carol Defore of Tunnel Hill; April and Lauren Kinsey; great-grandchildren, Carlie Castleman;

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Winship Cancer Center, 1365 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta, GA 30322; Gideons International, P.O. Box 3922, Dalton, GA 30719; or a charity of your choice. Arrangements were by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton. For more information, call (706) 259-7455.

I first met Clyde about 25 years ago when he began his twice a year visits to the town of Norton where he became a part of the community for that week. Many of the area businesses became familiar with his cheerful face as he contacted area businesses to see if they would support the local church page that is a part of Friday's edition of The Norton Telegram. Clyde was not just a salesman -- you would find Clyde at many area events in the evenings. If it were a local benefit, sporting event, dance, 4-H event, something at the senior citizens center or at a local church on Sunday morning you would find Clyde present. Clyde became a part of our family during the time he spent in Norton. He wanted to know what events my daughters would be participating in for the week. He would attend softball games, basketball games, track meets, music events and I remember one time when I saw him walk into a 4-H club day that was over an hour away from Norton. I was surprised to see him and asked him, "What are you doing here?" He said, "I told you I would be here! Clyde also was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the newspaper business. He enjoyed talking about photography, newsprint, ink, and couldn't wait for the press to start rolling. Making new friendships was very easy for Clyde. After his first, "Hello, I'm Clyde", an instant friendship began. He truly cared about everyone he came into contact with and would never forget anyone's name. His friendship list was massive. We are all very sad at the newspaper office that his familiar voice will not be heard in the future.

— Vicki Henderson

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