

Christians face persecution but have a bright future

Christians face times of trouble but have a great future to look forward to. We live temporarily in a world that may hate us for doing God's work, but the rewards will be eternal.

The apostle Peter said at 1 Peter 2:11: "Beloved, I exhort you as aliens and temporary residents to keep abstaining from fleshly desires, which are the very ones that carry on a conflict against the soul."

He referred to Christians as aliens and temporary residents — they would stand out from the world around them because of their morals and their goals in life. Most people in the world today seek prominence and want to make a name for themselves.

Advertising on television and in magazines push people to seek a glamorous life, fine homes, material possessions. Many young people grow up not knowing there is anything else to pursue in life.



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Christians, on the other hand, obey Jesus' command at Matthew 6:33 to "Keep on seeking, then, the kingdom and his righteousness."

In seeking the kingdom, Christians realize they need to do as Jesus said at Matthew 10:7: "As you go, preach, saying: 'The kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.'"

Jesus warned his followers that some would hate them for obeying his commands. At Luke 21:12, he said, "But before all these things people will lay their hands upon you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, you being haled before kings and governors for the sake of my name."

Jesus' apostles found those words to be true. Acts 4:1-3 says, "Now while the two (Peter and John) were speaking to the people, the chief priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, being annoyed because they were teaching the people and were plainly declaring the resurrection from the dead in the case of Jesus; they laid their hands upon them and put them in custody till the next day, for it was already evening."

Acts Chapter 7 relates Stephen's preaching and concludes with people casting stones at him until he died. Through the early chapters of Acts, the scriptures show that many people listened to the apostles and were baptized and joined them in their work.

While many people recognized God's work and joined the apostles,

their work stirred up hatred among people who didn't want to obey His commandments.

Jesus' warning at Luke 21:12 was part of his answer to his disciples' questions about the "time of the end." His warning about his followers being hated was fulfilled upon his apostles and other Christians before the end of the Jewish system in 70 C.E. They also have a future fulfillment during Jesus' presence and the "conclusion of the system of things," as it is called in Matthew 24.

The accounts in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 describe the time of the end saying there will be wars, great earthquakes, pestilences (infectious or contagious diseases) and food shortages.

The world around us is filled with such problems. Besides the "war on terror," there are other wars raging in many lands around the globe. There have been many "natural" disasters; besides earthquakes, tor-

nadoes and hurricanes have also been devastating.

New illnesses crop up faster than cures can be found for the old ones. HIV/AIDS has become old news but is no more curable now than 25 years ago when it was the latest scourge. And now many are worried about West Nile virus. Cancer is certainly still a threat, and despite medical advances, no one is sure what even causes Alzheimer's Disease.

Christians today can also expect fulfillment of the hatred and persecution directed at them that Jesus warned would happen in the "time of the end." Not necessarily will all people hate them, but it will be common.

Anyone who obeys all of Christ's commands will at times find themselves at odds with the world at large. Seeking the kingdom rather than wealth and prominence will make Christians stand out and make others, who may find their own

lives empty, angry.

After the warning in Luke 21:12, Jesus told his followers in verses 17-19: "and you will be objects of hatred by all people because of my name. And yet not a hair of your heads will by any means perish. By endurance on your part you will acquire your souls."

Christians would be protected, though they would endure difficulties, and would live to be subjects of God's kingdom which they have sought.

Revelation 21:3, 4 describes what Christians can look forward to: "With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: 'Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.'"

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Virginia M. Starkweather, trustee of the Ernestine M. Marshall Trust, of Clay County, to New Horizon Associates, LP, DBA New Horizon Farm, all of Sec. 1, T10S, R38W.

Randall R. Carlson, trustee of the Ernestine M. Marshall Trust, of Clay County, to New Horizon Associates, LP, DBA New Horizon Farm, all of Sec. 1, T10S, R38W.

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Lloyd A. Starkweather, trustee of the Virginia M. Starkweather Trust, of Clay County, to New Horizon Associates, LP, DBA New Horizon Farm, all of Sec. 1, T10S, R38W.

Mary Lou Slaughter, trustee of the Virginia M. Starkweather Trust, of Clay County, to New Horizon Associates, LP, DBA New Horizon Farm, all of Sec. 1, T10S, R38W.

Jesus Manuel and Patricia Cano

to Alonso Perez and Elda Medina, Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 26, First Addition to the city of Goodland.

David and Isabel Cano to Alonso Perez and Elda Medina, Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 26, First Addition to the city of Goodland.

Helen S. Sanders to Patricia E. McGoyne, of Kit Carson County, Colo. parts of Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 68, original town of Goodland.

Robert E. Notz to James and Sharrie Emahizer, of Thomas County, a tract in the NW/4, Sec. 29, T8S, R39W.

Ann Louise Burr and Tara Renee Avelar, co-trustees of the Myron Gay Miller Revocable Trust, to John A. and Bruni C. Naylor, Lots 3 and 4, and the north eight and one-half feet of Lot 5, Block 9, Third Addition to the city of Goodland.

Carlos and Mario Elene Loya to Patrick L. and Margaret L. Arasmith, the north 50 feet, Lot 14, Block 6, Sharp's Addition to the city of Goodland.

Robert E. Notz to Carl and Sue McCracken a tract in the NW/4, Sec. 29, T8S, R39W.

John Paul Gregory Williams to Lynn D. and Barbara Abbott and

Duane S. and Alberta F. Coash, Lot 14 less the north 4.7 feet, Block 4, Sharp's Addition to the city of Goodland.

Larry B. and Janice R. Minner to Ester Montoya, Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 23, second addition to the city of Goodland.

Rusty and Wendy Fritz to Rose Cody, also known as Rosalie J. Cody, Lot 7, 8 and the north six and one-half feet of Lot 9, Block 13, third addition to the city of Goodland.

Elmer R. and Joyce S. Purvis, individually and as trustees of the Elmer R. Purvis Revocable Trust, quitclaim to Stan and Becky Purvis a tract in the SE/4, Sec. 3, T10S, R41W.

Sidney A. and Colleen N. Unruh to Joshua A. and Koren M. Dechant, Lot 4, Block 6, Rosewood addition to the city of Goodland.

Benjamin Hubert Duell to Benjamin Hubert Duell as trustee of the Benjamin Hubert Duell Trust the E/2, Sec. 9, T8S, R41W.

Viola Burk to Heriberto and Pamela Galindo, Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 5, Sharp's Addition to the city of Goodland.

CD Farms LLC, Richard E.

Emig, presiding member and manager, quitclaims to Nathan A. Emig a tract in the S/2, Sec. 33, T9S, R40W.

The north 5 feet, Lot 16, and all of Lots 17 and 18, and the south 15 feet of Lot 19, Block 4, Second Addition to the city of Goodland was seized from Philip M. and Diane E. Thompson by the Sherman County Sheriff.

Lee A. Starkweather, trustee of the Ernestine M. Marshall Trust, to Karen A. Brinker the N/2, Sec. 12, T9S, R37W.

Virginia M. Starkwather and Randall R. Carlson, trustees of the Ernestine M. Marshall Trust, to Karen A. Brinker the N/2, Sec. 12,

T9S, R37W.

Lloyd A. Starkweather and Randall R. Carlson, trustees of the Virginia M. Starkweather Trust, to Karen A. Brinker the N/2, Sec. 12, T9S, R37W.

Mary Lou Slaughter, trustee of the Virginia M. Starkweather Trust, to Karen A. Brinker the N/2, Sec. 12, T9S, R37W.

Donald K. Schwendener and Eugene P. Zuspahn II, trustees of the E.F. Schwendener Revocable Trust, to John and Rose Marie Hoevel a tract in the SW/4, Sec. 25, T7S, R39W.

Chad D. and Gwen Mai, of El Paso County, Colo. to Mai Enterprises 1023, LLC, of El Paso

County, Colo., Lot 13, Block 60, original town of Goodland.

Judith Ann Evert to trustees of the Melba Curry Revocable Trust the NW/4, Sec. 26, T7S, R40W.

Rosetta Lindsten to Rosetta Lindsten, Rodney Lindsten and Karen G. Nickel, trustees of the Rosetta Lindsten Trust, Lots 19 and 20, and the S/2 Lot 21, Block 14, Third or College Addition to the City of Goodland.

Robert W. and Geraldine R. Helman, of Maricopa County, Ariz. to Robert W. and Geraldine R. Helman, trustees of the Robert W. Helman Trust, Sec. 13, T6S, R40W and the N/2, Sec. 18, T6S, R39W.

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