

Good News From Chardon

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That Familiar Ring of Truth

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The preacher's topic: "The Conversion of Saul." But why that topic? Aren't most of us familiar with that? Shouldn't the preacher choose something new and more challenging?

Why preach what is familiar?

1. It confirms convictions we have formed through the years. Most of us have strong beliefs concerning what a sinner needs to do to be saved, what constitutes the pattern set by the apostles for each local church, what the Lord wants of us on a daily basis, and on many other issues. When we hear sermons confirming these convictions, it builds our confidence that we are indeed doing the Lord's will and strengthens our hope of eternal life.

2. It conforms our teaching to the example of the apostles. Peter wrote that he was reminding his readers of certain things, that he would continue to do so, and that he would see to it that they would continue to "have a reminder of these things after my decease" (2 Peter 1:12-15). Peter knew that Christians need to hear the truth - familiar truth - again and again.

3. It builds convictions in those who are young and those who are new in the faith. There are reasons why we who have been Christians for many years are familiar with these scriptures. It is because of the preaching we have heard since our youth. Today's young people and newer converts need this same opportunity.

4. It thrills listeners to hear again that which has brought joy to them in the past. A sports fan views a rerun of an exciting game his team has won. He knows exactly the moment when the running back scoots through the defense and scores a touchdown. He knows when that moment is near, and he can't wait to see it again. It never gets old to him. So it is when we love the scriptures. We rejoice to hear the message. It never grows old. We anticipate certain scriptures and points that are about to be presented. We never tire of the old, old story.

Catherine Hankey said it this way:

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seems hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest;
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

Our purpose is not "to tell or to hear some new thing," as seems to be the trend. Our purpose is to preach truth. If we are bored with that message, something is wrong with us spiritually. If we need to apologize anytime we preach it, something is wrong with our audience. The ring of truth! The familiar ring of truth! Preach it, Brother! We thank God for the joy of hearing it again and again.

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
346—Heaven Holds All To Me
Opening Prayer: Ray
Hymn:
274-A—Jesus Loves Me
Scripture Reading: Larry
2 Peter 1:12-21
Hymn:
301—He Loved Me So
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
459—The Gloryland Way
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
624—Why Keep Jesus Waiting
Closing Hymn:
261—Love Lifted Me
Closing Prayer: Jared

PRAYER LIST

- *Tom and Nina’s friend Ken and his wife Brenda.
- *Bonnie and her family .
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family.
- *Kathy, her sister, and her friends.
- *Zarna’s family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their family.
- *Juanita’s sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara and their children.
- *Ray and Barbara and their family.
- *Dale and his family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family.
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans



CALENDAR

- Oct. 1—(b) Ron
- Oct. 3—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
- Oct. 3—Business Meeting
- Oct. 3—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
- Oct. 7—(b) Alayna
- Oct. 10—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
- Oct. 10—Bible Study
6pm on-line
with Dale
- Oct. 10—(a) Carl & Mary
- Oct. 12—(b) Steven
- Oct. 15—(b) Tom

The Trustworthy Word

2 Peter 1:12-21

After	always	beloved	careful
Christ	Coming	cunningly	decease
Devised	ensure	excellent	eyewitnesses
Fables	Father	follow	glory
Heard	heaven	honor	Jesus
Knowing	majesty	mountain	pleased
Power	Prophetic	Received	reminder
Shortly	showed	these	things
Think			

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Hidden Message: _____

“The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.”
Mark Twain

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
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 Pod Cast: Chardon.podbean.com
 Follow us on FaceBook

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Answer to Puzzle: For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.