

FAMILY NEWS

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ENDURING TO THE END

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved” (vv. 12–13).


Mark 13:11–13


Christ preached the Olivet Discourse to tell His first-century disciples to be on guard for what awaited them after His ascension (Mark 13:9). Essentially, He wanted them not to be taken unaware by the many trials and tribulations that would occur in the decades leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem. Knowing that specific trials would precede the fall of Jerusalem, however, was not an excuse to try to set dates for that event (vv. 32–37). It was also not a reason to withdraw from the world and wait for the temple and city to be judged, for Jesus’ words assume that believers would continue to bear witness to the world.


These lessons apply to us as well. We have seen that although Jesus’ predictions were fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, it is also appropriate to see the complex events Jesus describes in the discourse as a type of foreshadowing of the final judgment of all people and the consummation of

From The Pulpit...



 Dr. Hensworth Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“When Temptation Comes”** based on I Corinthians 10:13.

 Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“When Evil Prevails”** based on Psalm 37.

 Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“Intimacy With Christ”** based on Revelation 3:19-20.

our Saviour’s kingdom. We do not know all the events and trials that will precede His final, visible return, but we do know that we must be faithful wherever the Lord has placed us as we await His appearance.

In today’s passage, our Saviour encourages His disciples not to be anxious about what they will say when they are called before councils, for the Holy Spirit will give them the words to speak (Mark 13:11). Jesus is not encouraging His followers to be lazy, to not study or prepare for the day of trial. Instead, He is calling His people not to be so obsessed and worried about testifying before tribunals that they neglect ordinary, everyday obedience in the little things

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He has given us to do. John Calvin comments, “Our Lord’s design in these words is, to relieve the disciples from that anxiety which interferes with the cheerful discharge of our duty, when we doubt our inability to sustain the burden.”

Verses 12–13a of today’s passage warn Christians that they will be hated by all people for the sake of His name, with even family members turning against them when the pressure gets intense. This happened again and again in the first century. When professing Christians were arrested during Roman persecutions, they often gave up the names and locations of other believers in their congregations and in their families. In the face of such betrayal, believers were not to lose heart, for remaining faithful to Jesus would mean their salvation even if it brought death in the meantime (v. 13b).

Coram Deo

Even today, in many parts of the world, professing Christians betray believers to the governing authorities. We do not know what the future may bring, but we do know that God’s grace will sustain His people. Let us pray that we would never betray another Christian and that we would have the wisdom to rely only on divine grace.

Passages for Further Study

2 Samuel 15; 1 Chronicles 12:17; Mark 14:10–11; Luke 21:16–18

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Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading
Prepare for next week...

SERIES: **“Game Changer: How To Impact Your World”**

Study #4 Live Humbly —Part 1 of 2
 (Daniel 4:28-35)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

—II Timothy 2:15

READING THE BIBLE
 IN A YEAR...



Today, Oct. 09th— Isa. 44-46
 Monday, Oct. 10th— Isa. 47-48; Col. 4
 Tuesday, Oct. 11th— Isa.49-50; 1 Thes. 1
 Wednesday, Oct. 12th— Isa. 51-53; 1 Thes. 2
 Thursday, Oct. 13th— Isa.54-55; 1 Thes. 3-4
 Friday, Oct. 14th— Isa. 56-58; 1 Thes. 5
 Saturday, Oct. 15th— Isa. 59-60
 Sunday, Oct. 16th— Isa. 61-63

NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your prayer requests will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~9th October - 15th October~

~ 12th ~

Bro. Neville Bowen —Covenant

~ 14th ~

Sis. Jeanine Jonas—Central

~ 15th ~

Sis. Inovia Oreste—Central



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BAPTIST ACADEMY ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Church members are encouraged to plan to attend a service of thanksgiving to mark 25 years of service for the Baptist Academy of Antigua on October 23rd, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Let us celebrate the blessing of God upon this ministry of the ECBM.

2. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2016

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 51st Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 24th Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 25-27, 2016. The guest preacher is Elder David Morris of North Carolina, USA. Our activities will include the following week-end schedule:

- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Elders Luncheon at the BAA Canteen (Saturday, November 26 at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches Sunday, November 27 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Local Church Luncheon at all Churches (Sunday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.)

Each and every church member is challenged to make a sacrificial contribution this year to the filling of the house in all of the meetings, the decorations of each church's chapel for Harvest, the food for the Church-Wide meals, the prayers for the guest preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the events.

3. VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The churches are advised that the Elders are pleased to roll **over last year's Volunteer Service List to the New Church Year**. Any member who wishes to discuss any changes in their service roles are asked to bring it to the attention of the relevant Ministry Coordinator.

4. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday. The BLAST Girls Club will now meet from 6:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. in the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Pastor Joshua **Jonas' office**. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

5. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Please be punctual.



Think It Through

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." —John 4:14

He who is a believer in Jesus finds enough in his Lord to satisfy him now, and to content him for evermore. The believer is not the man whose days are weary for want of comfort, and whose nights are long from absence of heart-cheering thought, for he finds in religion such a spring of joy, such a fountain of consolation, that he is content and happy. Put him in a dungeon and he will find good company; place him in a barren wilderness, he will eat the bread of heaven; drive him away from friendship, he will meet the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Blast all his gourds, and he will find shadow beneath the Rock of Ages; sap the foundation of his earthly hopes, but his heart will still be fixed, trusting in the Lord. The heart is as insatiable as the grave till Jesus enters it, and then it is a cup full to overflowing. There is such a fulness in Christ that he alone is the believer's all. The true saint is so completely satisfied with the all-sufficiency of Jesus that he thirsts no more--except it be for deeper draughts of the living fountain. In that sweet manner, believer, shalt thou thirst; it shall not be a thirst of pain, but of loving desire; thou wilt find it a sweet thing to be panting after a fuller enjoyment of Jesus' love. One in days of yore said, "I have been sinking my bucket down into the well full often, but now my thirst after Jesus has become so insatiable, that I long to put the well itself to my lips, and drink right on." Is this the feeling of thine heart now, believer? Dost thou feel that all thy desires are satisfied in Jesus, and that thou hast no want now, but to know more of him, and to have closer fellowship with him? Then come continually to the fountain, and take of the water of life freely. Jesus will never think you take too much, but will ever welcome you, saying, "Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved."

—Charles Spurgeon

BE FERVENT IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
 Baptist Academy of Antigua
 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
 Evangelistic Ministries



“Sovereign Grace Hour” (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Bro. Egbert Gordon, Sis. Sharon Carty, Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Curline Joseph, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Sandra Nicole Parker, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Sis. Abiola Anthony
 NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Michelle Paige, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Euly Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, Sis. Celine Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Brendalee Smith, Neshia Joseph, David Walton, Moses Walton, Dave Walton, David Toussaint, Henderson Joseph, John Bowen, Brian Griffith, John Lee, Nikeisha Lee, Gregson Pilgrim,

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Christine Powell (Central), Kimberly Nathan (Central) Z'Roya Ambrose (Central), Denley Buckley (Tyrells), Kerrie-Faun Nathan (Central), Nefetari Dinnall (Tyrells), Serena Richards (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ecclesiastes 12:14
 Elementary — Hebrews 13:5
 Secondary & Adults — Philippians 4:13

THIS WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
	8:00 a.m.	Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School: Central
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
	10:00 a.m.	Worship: Central
	6:00 p.m.	Worship: All Churches
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School: All Churches
Mon.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	6:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting: Central
Wed.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
Thurs.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
	6:30 p.m.	BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

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