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## You Need A Covering Romans 10: 1-10

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Some people think they have to wait for Sunday morning to be in Church in order to be saved. Others think that it's a must that they allow Pastor or a Preacher to lead them into salvation. If that's what

people believe then they are clearly operating in the realm of Churchology and not Christology.

Churchology is that which has been homo-sapien driven. As Paul tells the Church at Rome, some people have a zeal of God, but it's not according to knowledge. A zeal - meaning they have an excitement about God; they have an intense enthusiasm for God; but it is not according to true knowledge. Unfortunately, they are (exactly what verse 3 says), ignorant of God's righteousness and they have gone about establishing their own righteousness, which means that they have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Verse 4 says, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

Brothers and sisters what Paul is espousing and what I've just said to every one under the sound of my voice is, "YOU NEED A COVERING." (Example) Paul said in verse 1, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." He was saying, my hearts desire for Israel is that they attain a covering. Yea, my desire for everybody under the sound of my voice is that you actually get yourself covered.

Now somebody just may be asking themselves, why do I need covering? Well

you need covering because in this life some rain will fall; I didn't say it might fall, I said in your life some rain will fall. When the rain begins to fall and the contrary winds begin to blow - you're better off if you have your covering. Before this year is out - some rain is going to fall in your life; I said, it's going to rain and you need your covering. At some point in this year, somebody is going to lie on you, it's going to rain. At some point in this year somebody is going to try to block your promotion and your upward mobility at work; it's going to rain. At some point this year somebody will try your patience by attempting to get on your next to last nerve, it's going to rain. At some point this year, your spouse or your significant other just might let you down, it's going to rain. At some point this year, so called friends just might turn their backs on you, it's going to rain. At some point this year - your money just might start acting funny, it's going to rain. And when it rains, you want to make certain you are well protected. When it rains you want to make certain you are covered.

That's what the umbrella does; it protects you from the rain and it protects you from the elements being blown by strong contrary winds. This umbrella symbolically represents our ever protecting God. You see Psalm 46:1 says, God is our refuge; a refuge is a shelter; a protection; a covering.

Over 2000 years ago, our God sent His children protection to be used - not just as needed - but to be used everyday and in every way.

Some people make the magnanimous error, the magnanimous mistake of only attempting to use their covering - just as

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they think they need it. But some days we need protection from the rain; other days we need protection from the wind, and yet other days we need protection from the blistering rays of the s.u.n.

You need a covering and according to our text today, you can be covered by God's preordained covering for mankind, "The Word." The Word will be your protection, The Word will be your guide. The Word will cover you and protect you from the potential devastations of the nuances of life. The Word will protect you from all elements that come against your life. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. The text says, the Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart that is the Word of faith, which we preach.

Now beloved you can have the Word near you and still not allow the Word to cover you. (Example) It is necessary even when the Word is as close as being in your mouth that you open the Word and gather underneath The Word. (Example) Many, many people have the Word close to them but unfortunately they don't open the Word and they don't gather themselves underneath the Word for the Word to cover them. Listen beloved, establishing a covering is actually a two-step process: 1. Confessing with your mouth The Lord Jesus; 2. And Believing in your heart that God actually raised Jesus from the dead - the text says, thou shall be saved.

Confessing is the easy part because quite frankly, anybody can confess with their mouth; but the second part is where the rubber meets the road - will you allow yourself to actually believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. That's the tough part. Believing in your heart is literally a form and function of having submitted to "The God" who has provided the Covering for all of our lives on a daily basis anyway.

God wants us to be saved. God wants His children to be with Him in the place of salvation; that place called Paradise - that place called Heaven. God desires that we all have not just a covering, but He desires that we have His Covering. Therefore, when we confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus, and we believe in our hearts that God actually raised Jesus from the dead, and the Blood of Jesus actually becomes our Covering.

As we gather under "The Blood" COVERING of Jesus, the purity of His blood covers a multitude of sins. It covers lying; it covers deception; it covers cheating; it covers stealing; it covers sexual immoralities; it covers hatred; it covers strife; it covers heresies; it covers idolatry; it covers drunkenness and all other sins. Not only does the Blood of Jesus become our Covering, but as I said earlier, God is our refuge, our very present help in times of trouble. Therefore we are covered by the Blood of Jesus.

The covering is a pretty good place to be. Obed Edom, in the Old Testament actually had the Arch of the Covenant in his house. The Arch represented the blessing and covering presence of God. Obed-Edom's house was truly blessed - not because it deserved the blessings, but purely because the presence of God was in that place. His presence provided a covering for God's favor to be represented, respected, and revered.

If you want your house blessed, you must get under the authority and covering of God. I want you to get this picture in your minds, all the men, who are head of your households, get home and take your umbrella and put your spouse and your children, even your pet animals under your umbrella; ensure that they are covered. Gather your whole family and put them under the covering of God.

Ladies, if you don't have a man right now, don't fret about it - take your own umbrella and hold it over your own head. Or if you have a man and he is not holding his umbrella up for you and your children to gather under, then you grab your own umbrella and tell that man, if you're not going to cover me then since my relationship with God is in good working order I'll just cover myself and my children. Step away from any man who is not willing to cover you and your children and seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all His righteousness, and the promise is that He will add all these things unto you.

Beloved, you need a covering and you can get your covering today. You don't have to wait until tomorrow for tomorrow is not promised to you; you don't have to wait until next Sunday, for none of us knows what next Sunday will bring. But what we do know is - we need a covering. And to receive that covering people who are not saved need to confess that they are sinners; they need to confess that they would like for that help to come from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I would lead a person into the security of the Body of Christ by saying: If you're ready just repeat these words after me: ETERNAL GOD OUR FATHER, I REALIZE I AM A SINNER. I REALIZE I NEED HELP. I REALIZE I NEED A SAVIOR. I ASK THAT YOU WOULD FORGIVE ME FOR ALL THE SINS I'VE COMMITTED, AND I HUMBLY ASK THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COME INTO MY LIFE. I WILLINGLY RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS MY LORD AND MY SAVIOR. THANK YOU FOR GRANTING THIS NEEDED REQUEST IN THE NAME OF JESUS. AMEN!☐

### **Inclement Weather Notification**

*by Newsletter Ministry*

Members are reminded to tune into NBC-4, WJLA-7, Newschannel-8, and WUSA-9 for openings and delays during inclement weather.☐

### **111<sup>th</sup> Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (NBCCE) in Tampa, Florida: June 19 - 25, 2016**

*by Sister Delores Agee*

Join the Mount Airy family as they travel to the NBCCE via motor coach to Tampa, Florida. The bus will leave Mount Airy on Saturday June 18th at 1pm returning on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 10pm.

There will be a visitation at the Holy Land and/or Disney on the way.

Lodging accommodations are reserved at the Holiday Inn Express, 5410 Grand Regency Boulevard in Brandon, Florida 33510. They offer free hot breakfast, outdoor pool, free Wi-Fi, lakeside courtyard and free daily parking. Check-in time after 3pm and check-out time is before 11am.

### **The costs for motor coach and hotel\*:**

Single: \$1340	Double: \$990
Triple: \$874	Quad: \$815
Children \$295	

### **The costs for auto-train and hotel\*:**

Single: \$1325	Double: \$975
Triple: \$859	Quad: \$800
Children \$330	

### **The hotel costs for air travelers\*:**

Single: \$855	Double: \$490
Triple: \$374	Quad: \$315
Children \$200	

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\*Holy Land visit-included  
Disney \$150

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is necessary to hold your space ASAP. The final payment due on or before May 28, 2016.

All questions concerning either lodgings or the motor coach should be directed to Sister Deloris Agee.■

### **The Leadership Council for Healthy Communities Encourages Healthy Breathing**

*by Dr. Robin Kelley, Health Ministry*

The Leadership Council for Healthy Communities has health coordinators in many DC churches, including our church. Ms. Jackie Smith is our health coordinator and will be promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors, particularly in terms of respiratory health.

### **What is the Leadership Council for Healthy Community (LCHC)?**

The LCHC promotes healthy behaviors. To do this, it works with the faith community, the medical community, health ministry networks, and community partners. The Council is comprised of dedicated and committed faith leaders and workers from various backgrounds who take information and share it with their congregation and community members. According to their website, “The Leadership Council for Healthy Communities (LCHC) is an outgrowth of the work of a group of prominent clergy leaders in the District of Columbia, who came together to organize and address health disparities within minority communities” (<http://lchcnetwork.org/our-partnerships/>). Each year, there has been a different health focus with primary attention paid to HIV and AIDS. This season, the focus is on Respiratory Wellness in some Wards of the

city, including the Ward in which Mount Airy resides.

The Respiratory Wellness program will entail preventive and self-management education, screenings, and, in some instances, according to the LCHC, linkage-to-care for respiratory related diseases. The program is managed in collaboration with Med Star Washington Hospital Center (<http://lchcnetwork.org/our-partnerships>).

### **Why does respiratory health matter?**

According to the **American Respiratory Care**, “Respiratory Care is the health care discipline that specializes in the promotion of optimum cardiopulmonary function and health and wellness. Respiratory Therapists employ scientific principles to identify, treat and prevent acute or chronic dysfunction of the cardiopulmonary system.” So your breathing helps your heart to function and the respiratory care you take is also the care that translates to the betterment of your heart system. Many may not know what exactly are respiratory problems? These are illnesses that many experience daily, such as asthma, acute bronchitis, and even chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)** includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and lung disease that makes it hard to breathe.

The American Lung Association says that COPD is the third leading cause of death in the United States. More than 11 million people have been diagnosed with COPD, but an estimated 24 million may have the disease without even knowing it. COPD causes serious long-term disability and early death. At this time there is no cure, and the number of people dying from COPD is growing. (<http://www.lung.org/lung-health-and-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/copd/learn-about-copd/how-serious-is-copd.html>)

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There are ways in which COPD can leave people feeling weakened, and even depressed, and anxious; being not able to breathe is a life and death issue.

- You feel breathless
- You avoid activities that make you feel breathless.
- You do less.
- Your muscles weaken.
- You get more breathless,
- You feel depressed.

COPD is increasingly common, but the good news is COPD is often preventable and treatable.

### **The LCHC Health Coordinator Will Give Presentations**

The LCHC Health Coordinator will work on ways to educate us, the congregation, and the community, on better respiratory health and ways to manage, prevent and/ or treat respiratory infections, such as COPD.

The LCHC Coordinator, Ms. Jackie Smith, will have more information on healthy breathing and ways to feel and better. Stay tuned for these important health presentations! ■

### **Free Financial Workshop for High School Students**

*by Deaconess Winona Nixon*

Pricewater House Cooper (PWC) is hosting a FREE two day financial workshop for high school students. There are only 200 seats available. This is on a first come first serve basis. Register ASAP.

This is a FREE Event on July 26th and July 27th at George Washington University.  
<http://pwc.to/smgb2016>.

This is an AWESOME opportunity for your son or daughter to learn from a top financial firm. ■

### **Submitting Newsletter Articles**

*by Newsletter Ministry*



***To submit something for the Newsletter, you need to...***

Submit your articles on a thumb drive or CD in Microsoft Word format and leave in the **Newsletter Box** in the Church Office. Articles may also be e-mailed to [newsletter@mountairybaptist.org](mailto:newsletter@mountairybaptist.org). We prefer that articles be typed and limited to 220 words or ½ page due to space. **We will no longer accept hand written articles.**

**Articles Due:** Friday, July 1, 2016

**Next Issue:** Sunday, July 10, 2016

*The Newsletter Ministry reserves the right to edit all submissions. ■*

### **"You Reap What You Sow"**

*by Newsletter Ministry*

"Good morning" said a woman as she walked up to the man sitting on the ground. The man slowly looked up.

This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new... She looked like she had never missed a meal in her life.

His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before.. "Leave me alone," he growled....

To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling -- her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows. "Are you hungry?" she asked.



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"No," he answered sarcastically.  
"I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away."

The woman's smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm. "What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone."

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked. "No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?"

The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for a while."

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up. "Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything."

"This is a good deal for you, Jack" the officer answered. "Don't blow it..."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner.

It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived...

The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table. "What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this, is this man in trouble?"

"This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered. "Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business..."

Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place."

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled.... "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?"

"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a godly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?"

"What business is that of yours?" I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company." "Oh."

The woman smiled again. "I thought that might make a difference." She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a giggle. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?"

"No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty." "Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?" "Yes, Ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel, "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said.

"That was not my intent. Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this."

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She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently... "Jack, do you remember me?"

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes. "I think so -- I mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry." "Ma'am?" the officer said questioningly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said... "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

"I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble... Then, when I looked over and saw you put the price of my food in the cash register, I knew then that everything would be all right."

"So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business that, with the help of my Creator,

prospered." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card... "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons...He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office." She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet... If you ever need anything, my door is always opened to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he said.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To The Creator goes the glory. Thank The Creator."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways.... "Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget. And thank you for the coffee."

What is the moral of the story?

Be kind to the people whom you meet on the way up; you will meet the same people you meet on the way back down! ■

### **RECIPE: Crunchy Top Pound Cake**

*by Newsletter Ministry*



**You will need:** 6 eggs, 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, 3 cups sugar, 3 cups all-purpose

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flour, 1 cup whipping cream (heavy cream), and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Grease and flour a tube pan.

Set out eggs and butter to allow them to be at room temperature.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar, adding 1 egg at a time; beating for one minute after each addition.

Sift flour and add to mixture alternately with whipping cream.

Mix until fully incorporated. Then stir in vanilla.

Pour mixture into prepared tube pan and place in a cold oven.

Turn oven to 300 degrees and bake for 80-90 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Cool completely before removing from pan.

Enjoy!

*Recipe courtesy of Facebook 2016* ■

### **FOR YOUR MEDITATION...“Our Church Needs No Money”**

There is a way for our Church to function without money. Will you cooperate?

Each member will come to services warmly dressed to eliminate any necessity for heating the building. This will dispose of the heating bill.

Each member will take his/her turn playing the organ and the piano. Then no organist, pianist or musical director will be needed – that is, if each one in turn will direct the choir, the congregational singing and arrange for rehearsals.

Each member will come to Church with a broom and dust mop to keep his/her part of the building presentable. Then a paid janitor will not be necessary.

Each member will spend some time working in the Church Office. If one desires a copy of the Church bulletin or the order of service, he/she will bring his/her own supplies for printing them. This will eliminate the expense of office help and equipment.

Each member will take his/her turn preaching, performing marriages, eulogizing the demise, calling on members and prospects, visiting the sick, and guiding the administration of the Church. This will save the expense of a Pastor.

Each one must agree to spend at least a year as missionary, at his/her own expense giving to the poor, the homeless and the sick. This will dispense with missionary offerings.

Thus, we can be known as the “Church that needs no money”. What a spectacle it will make as the men, women, boys and girls, bundled up head and foot, walk dutifully to Church carrying water bottles, brooms, dust mops, sheet music, sermon manuscripts, hammers and saw, candles and other such baggage!

Isn’t this a great idea! A new day is dawning for “the Church that needs no money”. Would you really want it that way?

If not, give God 10 percent of your income, and the Church can operate in the scriptural manner with the tithe of its members’ income! But ones who uses the heat, light, water and music; you are the one who makes use of the Pastor, the office force, the Church staff, and the janitor as you sit in your spot, comfortable and happy. So, which will it be? The weekly candles and mops, or the weekly envelope containing the tithe? ■





Peace and  
Blessings  
from God the Father  
and Our Lord  
Jesus Christ!