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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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[The Pardon That Wasn't](#)

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Freedom of choice is a wonderful blessing that we enjoy in this country as well as in our spiritual lives. We choose whether we are going to be obedient to God's message or not. In essence, salvation is a matter of choice because we choose to accept or not accept the blessing of pardon. I'm reminded of what Joshua said long ago. (Joshua 24:15) "... choose you this day whom ye will serve;... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." I hope you appreciate the following article written by Tim Archer on the matter of pardon. ~ Larry

A pardon isn't a pardon unless it's accepted. That's what the U.S. Supreme Court decided back in the 19th century.

In 1829, George Wilson was arrested for robbing mail trains and endangering the life of a mail carrier. He was sentenced to die by hanging.

Wilson had powerful friends who convinced President Andrew Jackson to grant Wilson a reprieve from the gallows. The president issued a pardon in June 1830, but Wilson officially rejected the pardon in October of that same year. The case was taken to the Supreme Court, which ruled:

A pardon is a deed, to the validity of which delivery is essential, and delivery is not complete without acceptance. It may then be rejected by the person to whom it is tendered, and if it be rejected, we have discovered no power in a court to force it on him.

Wilson was duly executed.

I think back to the night that Jesus was arrested. Two of his disciples failed him in a big way. Judas betrayed Jesus, selling his Lord for a bag of silver. Peter denied him, calling down curses on himself as he lied about being a follower of Jesus.

Both of them felt terrible remorse after the fact. One of them, Peter, returned to Jesus and sought forgiveness. The other, Judas, fled from God and committed suicide.

Peter found forgiveness and went on to become a great leader in the church. Judas refused to seek God's pardon and died a hopeless man.

God offers each of us a pardon, the chance to have our sins blotted out. We can escape the death sentence that sin has placed on us. We can be forgiven. Or we can ignore God's offer and pay the penalty for what we've done.

Because a pardon that isn't accepted is no pardon at all.

Stuff Is Important

A few years ago, I tried to poison some goat-weeds that had taken control of several pastures that I used for goat grazing. I don't have a license to spray poison, so I am limited on what I can buy, but with the help of the feed store clerk, I got a particular kind of spray and made arrangements to rent their 300-gallon sprayer. As I got ready to leave, the clerk asked if I wanted a gallon of something (of which I don't remember the name). I didn't know what she was talking about.

She went on to explain that if you mix this gallon with your spray solution, it would help the spray to be absorbed by the plant and thus would help in the poisoning process. I asked what it cost and it was reasonable enough I thought, so I took a gallon of this "stuff."

I waited a few days for the rainy weather to break then I went to work. After waiting for what seemed to be a half day for the 300-gallon tank to fill, I dumped in the poison and was off. I sprayed about 20 acres of goat weeds which took until almost dark.

The next day I returned the spray rig back to the feed store and as I was paying for the rental, it occurred to me that I had not poured in the gallon of "stuff." I mentioned it to the clerk and she assured me that it would probably be alright.

After a week of close observation, my goat-week crop was thriving. I can hardly find any that were killed. Perhaps that "stuff" was more important than first thought. It reminds me of what the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 5:9, "*A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.*" Sometimes a little bit makes a significant impact. Now we usually associate this verse with a little bit of wrong and sin in a person's life goes a long way in corrupting that person, but a little bit of good can have just as big an influence.

Let me encourage you to put a little bit of positive spice in your life this week. Put forth the effort to tell someone that you love them; tell someone else how much you appreciate them; maybe to another how much you miss seeing them in worship. When the little positive acts of love are missing, then your overall influence of your Christianity is diminished. You just might be spraying without the "stuff." ~ Larry

*(1 Cor. 13:1-3) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. {2} And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. {3} And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, **it profiteth me nothing.***

Family News

- **Wade Miller** of Mt. Pleasant has been diagnosed with cancer and is in M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston.
- **Gerald Stanley** of Mt. Vernon is in the Sulphur Springs hospital following a heart attack.
- **Nancy Hernandez**, a sixth grader in Pittsburg, has been diagnosed with leukemia.
- **Gary Fallis** will be here Wednesday, September 6 to give us a mission report.
- The HRR pantry item of August is bleach.

Did you know:

- *When Boaz was a bachelor, he was Ruthless,*
- *Sometimes people are through listening before the preacher is through talking.*

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not! You change the batteries!

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries!

Some need AA—attention and affection.

Some need AAA --attention, affection, and acceptance.

Some need C --compassion.

Some need D –direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share YOUR LIGHT.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16