

For: Sunday, March 31, 2019

## “A Growing Confidence”

*Lesson: 11 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

### **GOLDEN TEXT:**

*“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.” — 11 Thessalonians 1:3*

### **TODAY’S AIM:**

“To show that while Christians are called to suffer, we also can look forward to the blessings when Jesus returns.”

### **INTRODUCING THE LESSON:**

Many a parent has given comfort to a child after they have fallen and skinned their knees. As followers of Jesus, we receive our comfort through the Spirit of God, who in our times of difficulty and prosecution for our faith becomes our singular source of comfort. In our lesson this week, we learn of the comfort that comes from the promises of God. Jesus promises to come again and give us relief from our suffering. It gives confidence and hope to the Christian believer.

### **PRACTICAL POINTS:**

1. Those who do not know the Lord should be able to spot children of God by our love for one another (11 Thessalonians 1:1-3).
2. People notice when we hold fast to our faith in the midst of hard times (11 Thessalonians 1:4-5).
3. The Lord will vindicate His own (11 Thessalonians 1:6-7).
4. People who do not know the Lord will not be able to escape His vengeance (11 Thessalonians 1:8).
5. Failure to acknowledge Jesus as Lord will result in eternal punishment (11 Thessalonians 1:9-10).
6. Our heart’s desire should be to glorify God in everything that we do (11 Thessalonians 1:11-12).

### **CONCLUDING THE LESSON:**

As Christians we must remember that we are never forgotten by God. In our most difficult times, our God is still with us. We will see our rewards even as we know that we can show the world how to endure by putting our faith in Jesus. It is He who must be honored. By believing the good news, we have committed ourselves to the power of the gospel and to following our Lord faithfully to the very end.

It is worth enduring suffering for Jesus. He does not give up on us. We will receive the reward if we endure. Those who trouble us will also get their reward. This will happen because our God is a just God and loves His children, giving them the courage to endure suffering for Him. This increases our confidence and our faith and love toward others.

# The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

1220 North Chester Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21213  
*Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor*



*“The Church That Cares”*

Sunday, March 24, 2019  
11:00 A M

## “Farther Along”

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Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder  
Why it should be thus all the day long;  
While there are others living about us,  
Never molested tho' in the wrong.

**Refrain:** Farther along we'll know all about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

2

When death has come and taken our loved ones,  
It leaves our home so lonely and drear;  
Then do we wonder why others prosper,  
Living so wicked year after year.

**Refrain:** Farther along we'll know all about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

3

Faithful till death said our loving Master,  
A few more days to labor and wait;  
Toils of the road will then seen as nothing,  
As we sweep thru the beautiful gate.

**Refrain:** Farther along we'll know all about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

4

When we see Jesus coming in glory  
When He comes from His home in the sky;  
Then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

**Refrain:** Farther along we'll know all about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

*“High Standards and High Expectations  
for the Glory of God.”*

## Church News

### **BLUE WRIST BANDS**

**Every member** of Grace is requested to **work towards getting** and **wearing a blue wrist band** which will also represent the fact that we are **united in purpose**. Members that have already received their wrist band and are **NOT** wearing it, please put your band on and **keep it on until we cut the ribbon to our new church**.



## Don't Forget!

### **ENCOUNTER**

**Each Sunday morning** from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (following the Sunday Church School).

### **THE LORD'S KITCHEN**

**Open** Tuesday, March 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. across the street from our church.

### **PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the **Greater Paradise Baptist Church**, 2900 East Oliver Street. **Homework**: How does the thought that you are unfinished and imperfect encourage you.

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### **Sick and Shut-Ins**

Trustee William Atkinson, 1088 Cameron Rd., 21212

Deaconess Helen Stewart, 2631 E. Chase St., 21213

### **Emergency Notices**

All emergency situations are to be reported immediately to the Pastor,  
***Reverend Marshall L. Barnes***  
e.g., death, hospital emergency, etc.

### **The Deacon and Deaconess Ministry**

*The following Deacon and Deaconess are available to assist members of our Church with prayer and offering of a helping hand whenever assistance is needed and subsequently requested:*

*During the period of March 11 through April 14 contact the following:*

*Deacon Luke Montgomery, Sr., 443-629-7297*

*Deaconess Hilton Patrick, 410-367-0573*

*Deaconess Norma Pope, 410-532-6174*

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*Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor*  
*Reverend Frank Bell, Associate Pastor*  
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### **Words of Wisdom**

*“Until you’ve wrestle with God,  
you’ll not know the dept of His love, the power  
of His hand, or the grace of His heart.”*

# Sermon Notes

Sunday, March 24, 2019

**LISTEN** to the message from God’s Word. **USE** this sheet to make some personal notes. **GO** back over them through the coming week. **LET** God crystallize these truths in **YOUR** life.

Sermon title: \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical text: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea of sermon: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Illustration I want to remember: \_\_\_\_\_

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What should I do as a result of hearing this sermon?

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*“Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it’s Israel; you’ve wrestled with God and you’ve come through.” — Genesis 32:28 (The Message)*

## MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 24, 2019

\*Processional.....11:00 A.M.

*\*Call to Worship and Invocation*

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\*Hymn of Praise (*Insert*).....“Farther Along”

O.T. Reading (*Genesis 32:22-32*).....*Deaconess Beverly Wilson*

N.T. Reading (*Luke 22:39-46*)..... *Bro. Darrin Pope*

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Selection.....*Mass Choir*

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Morning Prayer.....*Deacon James Jones*

Prayer Chant and Selection.....*Mass Choir*

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Church Welcome.....*Hospitality Ministry*

Pastoral Comments

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Children’s Hour.....*Sis. Sylvia Jones*

Selection.....*Mass Choir*

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General Offering of Tithes and Gifts of Love

*Mission Offering*

*\*Tithes and Gifts of Love*

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\*Response of Thanksgiving.....*Congregation*

*“All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen!”*

Congregational Hymn.....“Praise Him!”

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Sermonic Meditation.....*Organ Speaks*

Sermon.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

### “Winning While Wounded”

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

\*Altar Call.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

\*Benediction.....*Rev. Marshall L. Barnes*

*\*Standing*

*\*\*Seating Worshippers*