

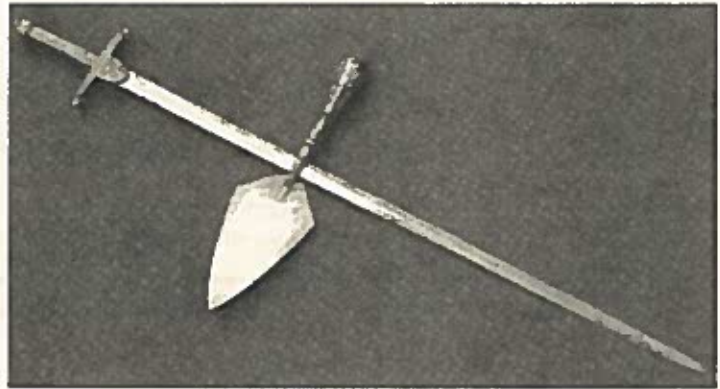
The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: "As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded." **Nehemiah 4:18**

Atonement

About a month ago I mentioned in a newsletter article that I have been building a gazebo in my back yard. I talked about the lessons I have learned from that about forgiveness and consequences. There are other lessons I have also learned in the process of working on this project.

This project has taught me that mistakes are inevitable. When you make one you hope that there is some way to cover up that mistake. In some cases that is done without too much trouble. Other times it is more difficult. In general, I work on the back side of the gazebo first. My hope is that by the time I get to the front I have learned from my previous mistakes and therefore I won't have those problems where they are more visible.

When I think about covering up my mistakes on the gazebo I am reminded of the word atonement. When we think about the word atonement, we often think about reconciliation between God and man. However, the Hebrew word for atonement has the idea of a covering. Atonement was a covering for our sins. The word for atonement is used in **Genesis 6:14**. There it is translated "cover" in the NKJV and it is referring to the pitch that covered the ark inside and outside.

"Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch."
Genesis 6:14 (NKJV)

When Adam and Eve sinned, they suddenly desired a covering. They made coverings for themselves with aprons of fig leaves. Later, God proved them with coats of skins. Right from the very dawn of sin we learn that sin needs to be covered. We also learn that the covering that man provides with his own hands is not sufficient. Finally, we learn that a proper covering requires the death of an innocent victim.

When building a gazebo we can rightly call them mistakes. In the spiritual realm missteps are rightly called sin. I have not been able to avoid mistakes in building my gazebo. In building my life I have not been able to avoid sin. Covering up my mistakes on the gazebo is important to me, but not absolutely necessary. Covering up my sins is a matter of salvation or condemnation.

I am thankful that God Himself has provided a covering for my sins. He has made atonement with the blood of His Son, Jesus. His atonement doesn't just cover my sins. It is sufficient to cover the sins of the whole world. Anyone who says they have no sin is a liar. We all need Jesus to cover our sins. Don't stand naked before God in judgment. Accept the covering atonement we have in Jesus while you still can.

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

- September 26 Youth for Truth begins – 7:00 P.M.
- September 28-29 L.E.A.P. session at Summit Theological Seminary with Kendall Faull teaching Calvinism
- September 28-29 Fishers of Men Camp-out sponsored by Harlan Church of Christ.
- September 30-October 3 Grissom Fall Revival with Josh Stucki – Leading songs: Tom & Ellen Reedy. If you wish to send cards to them you will find their addresses on the bulletin board.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dee Mulligan (meds making her hallucinate)
 Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – health failing
 Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)
 Summit School of Preaching
 Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move & her pregnancy)
 Christians around the world being persecuted
 Jordan Lynch (desires to start a Praising in the Park ministry)
 Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)
 Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa's granddaughter) – continued recovery
 Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation)
 Patty Anderson (serious health problems)
 Norma Heckathorn (therapy on her neck – several times a week)
 our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)
 Harold Bouthot
 Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ
 PTL: Mia Andrews' brother's twins (safe births)

George Faull
 our missionaries
 Donna Hower
 Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues
 Reyna Christensen & Crystal Cain
 Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)
 Kendall Faull (life situations)
 Steve Emerick – lung problems
 ladies' Bible Study
 our widows & widowers
 Frieda Bowman (to sell house & find condo)
 Ted & Ruth Isebrand
 Walt Teachout (also his son & son's mother)
 Katherine Lappiccio (friend of Angel Mercado)
 Gary Worley
 Nancy Maggard

Proverb for the Week:

Meditate on this Proverb:

10:6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

New Address for Jeremy Marks:
 381 W. 13th St.
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SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Praye3r Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	37
A.M.Church	82
P.M.Evangelistic Service	60
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,470
Wednesday Evening	34

WALKING BY FAITH

The clouds hang heavy around my way; I can't see,
 But through the darkness I believe God leads me;
 "Tis sweet to keep my hand in His while all is dim,
 To close my weary, aching eyes and follow him;
 Through many a thorny path He leads my tired feet,
 Through many a vale of tears I go, but it is sweet
 To know that He is close to me, my God and my Guide;
 He leadeth me, and so I walk quite satisfied,
 To my blind eyes He may reveal no light at all,
 But while I lean on His strong arm, I cannot fall!"

---author unknown

THINGS OVERHEARD

He knows so little and knows it often.
 It's a once in a lifetime, and happens so seldom.
 A speech is like a wheel, the longer the spoke the greater the tire.
 I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say.