

Monthly Memory Verse August 2012



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Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,
Dale ☺
Dale A. Kaye

Message:

PRAY FOR OUR NATION. Pray that God's word would have free course within our capital, schools, churches and the media. Nothing is impossible with God. We want our Savior in every heart of mankind, all to come to the saving knowledge of our savior Jesus Christ. Pray for his mercy and grace to be given to us who believe to go out and share the good news.

Prayer request:

Please continue to pray for the Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I ask your continued prayers to serve in this capacity and remember my family as we walk to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,
Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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Patrick Hamilton (1504 -1528)

Patrick Hamilton was the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation – the first person to die for his faith. He was born 1504 into a rich family who were related to the king. At the age of about fourteen he went to university in Paris. While he was there he heard about the teachings of Martin Luther. Luther had been a priest but now he was teaching and writing about the corruption and false teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. Luther was shocking everyone by declaring that men and women could only get to Heaven by putting their faith in Jesus Christ, and not by their good works. He said that people should be allowed to read the Bible for themselves to see if what he was saying was true.

After finishing university in France, Hamilton came home and in 1524 became a Professor at the University of St Andrews. Luther's books were banned in 1525 but many copies of them were still available, along with the first translation of the Bible from Greek into English by William Tyndale in 1526. Hamilton became convinced that Luther's teachings were from the Bible and was converted. However St Andrews was the centre of Roman Catholicism in Scotland at this time and his new beliefs attracted the attention of Archbishop James Beaton in 1527. Twenty-three year old Hamilton was not yet ready to take on the Roman Catholic Church, so he fled to Germany.

In Germany, Hamilton wrote a book called Patrick's Places. The main point of the book was that people can only be saved through faith in Christ and not by good works. At the centre of everything Patrick Hamilton believed and taught was Jesus Christ and what He had done. He became determined to go back to Scotland to preach the good news, even though he knew it would be to risk his life.

Patrick therefore returned home and devoted himself to preaching. His brother and sister both became believers through his preaching and many others followed. Archbishop Beaton quickly became aware of his return however and summoned Patrick to appear before him. His accusers allowed him to preach openly in the university for about a month, hoping that he would give them more evidence against him. However instead many important people were converted.

On the 29th of February Hamilton was summoned for trial. He refused to deny his beliefs and was sentenced to be burnt at the stake the same day for being a heretic (accepting false doctrines). His death was slow and painful because the fire kept going out, and it took him six hours to die. His death was a turning point however. Archbishop Beaton was advised that if he had to burn any more heretics, he should do it in deep cellars so that no-one would know, because 'the reek of Mister Patrick Hamilton has infected as many as it blew upon'. His courage, brilliance and gentleness inspired many. Throughout Scotland, as people heard of his death, they began to ask why it had happened. The teaching of God's Word, instead of dying, spread.

<http://reformationhistory.org/patrickhamilton.html>

Theology Term

Typology

Typology is from the Latin [typos] meaning a figure of, or image of, and [logos] meaning word or discourse. Typology is thus the discourse of figures, and the true things they represent. In Theology, typology is the discourse of the types in scripture which were (or are) fulfilled in the realities they typify. For example, Old Testament ceremonial laws God gave Israel, apart from the obvious moral implications, were symbols which prefigured coming dispensation, activity, grace, and the suffering of Christ. The old Testament ceremonial laws (The types now fulfilled), are no longer physically observed, but the substance of them are forever observed by us in Jesus Christ, in whom they have their completion.

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#typology>

Albert Barnes - Notes on the Bible Joh 13:1
 The feast of the passover - See the notes at Mat_26:2, Mat_26:17. His hour was come - The hour appointed in the purpose of God for him to die, Joh_12:27. Having loved his own - Having given to them decisive and constant proofs of his love. This was done by his calling them to follow him; by patiently teaching them; by bearing with their errors and weaknesses; and by making them the heralds of his truth and the heirs of eternal life. He loved them unto the end - That is, he continued the proofs of his love until he was taken away from them by death. Instances of that love John proceeds immediately to record in his washing their feet and in the institution of the Lord's Supper. We may remark that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He does not change; he always loves the same traits of character; nor does he withdraw his love from the soul. If his people walk in darkness and wander from him, the fault is theirs, not his. His is the character of a friend that never leaves or forsakes us; a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Psa_37:28; "the Lord ...forsaketh not his saints." Isa_49:14-17; Pro_18:24.

Dale's Notes

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Part II

Read John 13:34-35: (KJV)

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Jesus knew and he loved

Our beloved John opens the chapter telling us our savior's time had come and he [Jesus] knew it! There was no ignorance or guessing on our savior's part, as to why he came and lived, how he was to die and where he was going! We only read words of certainty, *not* of uncertainty! Words that are absolute, words only God could speak!

Read the words in (John13:1) "...when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..." the only rationale/ logical thought is He [Jesus] knew he was going to die and knew he was going to die for his own "...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."! But don't run ahead, there is more. John helps us understand the Passover was at hand. We could lay down the argument and ask the question what was the difference with this Passover then all the others spoken of in the gospels or the whole bible for that matter. We know the answer; the context tells us everything concerning the events of that evening and the future events which shall climax into the crucifixion of our savior! Remembering the betrayer is already gone out.

Getting the picture of the real Christ

Look here; there is no other man or human being like Jesus Christ! I'm talking about in every way! There is none like Him [the Son of God]! He [Jesus Christ] stands alone, is unique, incomprehensible, unfathomable, you cannot and will not fully grasp everything about God! It is he [Jesus] that pulls down His eternal, infinite branches of his being and allows us to eat of the Devine fruit to know him!!! Now listen up, it is the act of devine humility for God to write anything to mankind. It is an act of devine humility for God to save such worthless, sinful creatures and it is an act of devine grace and love that we should be called the children of God!

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. -1Jn 3:1-2"

Getting the right perception

The right perception and understanding of ourselves as sinners in the face of Jesus Christ is important; if we are to understand the immensity, the enormity of the grace and acts of God being given us through Jesus Christ! Grace!!! How would we ever keep the above commandment if we don't understand its origin and the *One* who is the standard of love for the commandment ("... that ye love one another; as I have loved you...")!

**Adam Clarke
Commentary on
the Bible**

Joh 13:35 By this shall all men know, etc. - From this time forward, this mutual and disinterested love shall become the essential and distinctive mark of all my disciples. When they love one another with pure hearts, fervently, even unto death, then shall it fully appear that they are disciples of that person who laid down his life for his sheep, and who became, by dying, a ransom for all.

The disciples of different teachers were known by their habits, or some particular creed or rite, or point of austerity, which they had adopted; but the disciples of Christ were known by this love which they bore to each other. The primitive Christians were particularly known by this among the Gentiles. Tertullian, in his Apology, gives us their very words: Vide, inquit, ut se diligunt; et pro alterutro mori parati sunt. "See, said they, how they love one another, and are ready to lay down their lives for each other."

If we are to love one another as our savior loved us, you must read and understand the scriptures and let them speak the truths demonstrated in God himself on earth for you; that is, His [Jesus Christ] acts and words lived out give full testimony of who he is and mankind's responsibility to believe then do all in love. None of us can live up to this standard perfectly, this why grace is given to the saved sinner and the Spirit of life in us empowers us to walk in love toward God and others.

God defined by man's intellectual concepts

Remember his [Christ's] words in John 10:37-38 or 14:10-11?

"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. Joh 10:37-38"

You might say ok Dale, what does this verse have to do with anything concerning the memory verse? Nothing directly but everything if there should be an absence of faith! These words were said from the Lord to the Jews and his disciples to stimulate faith in God, belief in Jesus. The words our savior spoke are not merely educational to suit the fancy of man's theology, being defined by their intellectual concepts as to who God is and what God has done. Many a man has gone to seminary to learn the great truths of God's Word, only to come out with a list of theological terms rolling around in their heads, and failing to walk in faith and love towards God and man! These educated ones are exquisite in speech and grammar reminding me of what the Jewish leaders thought of our beloved apostle Peter and others (Acts 4:5-20 - they took note they were unlearned). Listen Up, Wisdom is not defined by the earthly clay pots, which hold God's truth but by God who grants and gives wisdom and grace to the cracked pots to carry out His glorious will!

I'm driving at the point; God's work is left undone by us if we should exalt ourselves in the knowledge God's truth alone. Knowing the new commandment doesn't mean obedience! It is in his power we are to love one another, it is in his grace we are to demonstrate our good works for Christ! Yes, letting our lights so shine before men that they must give glory to God the Father because of the work/ love for Christ done in us!!!! James says it well!

"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. Jas 1:21-22"

Listen to John our beloved apostle: *"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. - 1Jn 3:18"*

When looking at this new commandment, in my mind, it's like walking around the Lord himself, observing his character, his actions, his emotions ("Jesus wept"), his whole person from His birth, his life, from His death to His resurrection and His ascension, so I can know the way of life to live, being demonstrate right before my eyes on the pages of scripture. Now what's so hard about that? It's obvious, plain, even in many ways common and expected that we (Christians) should love one another with the love of God. Don't let anyone tell you they have faith without love for in the house of God faith and love are joined at the hip for God is love (1Jn 4:8).

Consideration

My friends and brothers loving one another is not a request from our Lord Jesus but a command. It's a command of love given by God meant for your blessing and His great

Vincent's Word Study Joh 13:34 New (κατηνὴν) See on Mat_26:29.

Commandment (ἐντολήν) The word for a single commandment or injunction, but used also for the whole body of the moral precepts of Christianity. See 1Ti_6:14; 2Pe_2:21; 2Pe_3:2. See also on Jam_2:8. This new commandment embodies the essential principle of the whole law. Compare also 1Jo_3:23. Some interpreters instead of taking that ye love one another, etc., as the definition of the commandment, explain the commandment as referring to the ordinance of the Holy Communion, and render, "a new commandment (to observe this ordinance) I give unto you, in order that ye love one another." It is, however, more than improbable, and contrary to usage, that the Holy Supper should be spoken of as ἐντολή a commandment.

That (ὅτι)

With its usual telic force; indicating the scope and not merely the form or nature of the commandment.

As (καθώς)

Rev., better, even as.

glory! Fill yourselves with the love of God, that is, His [God's] love through his Spirit which is a walk of faith in truth!

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. - Eph 5:16-21"

You see God didn't make it complicated, he tells us to sing spiritual song, make melody in our hearts to him, yes being thankful and submitted to each other so in everything the love of Christ is seen in us who believe.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you so much for your wonderful grace and kindness towards me. Forgive me for not being all I know I should be towards you. Help me not to excuse myself from what you called me to but help me obey in love the command you have given. Bless me now as I walk in your love towards you and others for your glory only. Amen