



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

No, it isn't the day you were born, married, your children were born, or even the day you lost someone of great importance to you. Not to minimize the significance of those days, but these three days are the same for everyone, and in many respects much more important.

The first day is yesterday (and you can now guess the other two). The best thing you can do with yesterday is forget it. Too many people's lives are dictated by their past. They cannot move forward in life because something from their yesterday drags them down. Paul the apostle had a past. He also was a man who made radical changes in his life and accomplished great things for God. A key to this great man's success was his "*forgetting what lies behind*" (**Philippians 3:13**).

The second day is tomorrow. The best thing you can do with tomorrow is to forget it. The simple fact is, we do not know what will happen tomorrow (**James 4:14**). It holds no guarantees for good or ill. Jesus warned about worrying for tomorrow (**Matthew 6:34**). That's not to endorse the "living for today" philosophy that makes no plans or preparations or thinks about consequences or present actions. But like fretting over the past, worrying about tomorrow can destroy the final and most important day.

The third day is today. The writer of Psalms is right, God has made today, consequently we ought to rejoice and be glad (**Psalms 118:24**). Today is the day that holds the blessing and opportunities God has given. Today is the day that we can do and live and serve. Today is the day of salvation (**II Corinthians 6:2**). Today is the day of which we can make the most, do our best and bring glory to God.

Your life is either made or ruined by what you do with the three most important days in it.

David Deffenbaugh

CAN A CHILD OF GOD FALL FROM GRACE?

There are many in the religious world who believe and teach that once a person is saved, there is nothing he can do that will cause him to be lost. Consider, however, the words of the apostle Paul in **Galatians 5:4**, "*Christ is become of no effect unto you. Whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*" Here Paul told the church in Galatia that if they tried to live under the Law of Moses, they would fall from grace. The old Law had been fulfilled and had been taken out of the way, having been nailed to the cross (**Colossians 2:14**).

Many today fail to rightly divide the Word of God, continuing to try to live under part of the Old Law. We must realize that the Old Law is good to study and that it will help us to understand the New Testament, but the Old Law is no longer in effect. We must live under the Law of Christ, the New Testament.

Those who believe they cannot fall from grace are deceiving themselves, and this is a dangerous way to live. We must spend each day living according to the Word of God, always praying to God and seeking His forgiveness. The following Scriptures bear this out: "*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall*" (**I Corinthians 10:12**); and "*...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*" (**Romans 3:23**). Even Paul was concerned personally about falling from grace: "*But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway*" (**I Corinthians 9:27**). We must always be alert so that sin will not slip in and take over in our lives.

In **II Peter 2:21-22** we see that we can fall from grace after we have known the way of righteousness: "*For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb; the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*" Those who truly study the Word of God with understanding cannot help but realize that it is possible to fall from grace, and that those who do not repent of sin in their lives will be lost.

Dale Grissom