

Monthly Memory Verse July 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 to be used 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:

Thank you Lord Jesus, for carrying me, I could not make it without your wonderful grace. There is great joy in finding out when I'm weak you're truly strong. Thank you Lord Jesus for holding me up to your holy standard, that I may find your forgiveness through grace.

Prayer request:

Please continue to pray in asking God to help provide a consistent format 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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Andrew Melville

Andrew Melville was born near Montrose in **1545**. Before Melville, the Reformers had been mostly concerned with how people were saved and that they worshipped God in the right way. However Melville wanted to make sure that the church was organised the way it was in the New Testament. He said that the church should be [Presbyterian](#). Like [John Knox](#), Melville also strongly believed that the government should have no control over the church.

Melville went to university in St Andrews before going to Geneva in Switzerland to study the Bible and teach Latin. He returned to Scotland in 1574 and became principal of the University of Glasgow. The next year he attended the [General Assembly](#) and spoke out against the '[Tulchan](#)' bishops that had recently been brought into the church. [John Knox](#) had also argued against bishops. Melville said that there was no such thing in the Bible as a

bishop who had power over other ministers. He showed the Assembly that in the Bible, 'bishop' was just another name for a minister.

In 1578, Melville was Moderator of the [General Assembly](#) which accepted the Second Book of Discipline. This book set out Presbyterianism as the way the church should be run. In 1581 the [King's Confession](#) against Roman Catholicism was signed by the king and people across Scotland, but in 1584 Melville had to leave the country after getting in trouble for a sermon he had preached. He refused to accept the authority of the government to make judgements on his preaching as he said he was the messenger of a King 'far above them' - The Lord Jesus Christ. He then clanked his Hebrew Bible down on the table in front of them and told them that it was what gave him his authority. With Melville gone, Parliament passed the [Black Acts](#) against Presbyterianism.

In 1592, king [James VI](#) was pleased with the church, got rid of the Black Acts and passed the Golden Act. Although this didn't give the church all that they wanted, it was a big improvement. In 1596 Melville made a famous speech where he reminded the king again that 'there are two kings and two kingdoms in Scotland.' As well as king James 'There is Christ Jesus, the King of the Church, whose subject James the Sixth is, and of whose kingdom he is not a king, nor a lord, nor a head, but a member.'

The king didn't listen however. In 1599 more bishops were introduced and in 1604 the king tried to stop the General Assembly [link to General History - General Assembly] from meeting. The next year the Assembly met without his permission and in 1606 the ministers signed a paper protesting against [Episcopacy](#). Melville's name was the first on the list and for this he was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

In 1611, Melville was released from the Tower so that he could go and teach the Bible to Protestants in France. He was never allowed to return to Scotland.

In 1612, full Episcopacy was introduced in Scotland. In 1618, James brought in his worst laws yet - [The Five Articles of Perth](#). These forced five episcopal and Roman Catholic worship practices on the church, including kneeling at communion and celebration of Christmas and Easter. Ministers who refused to accept them were removed from their churches or put in prison.

Melville died in France in 1622. King James died three years later. But things would get worse before they got better.

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

Theology Term

Tritheism

Tritheism is from the Greek [*theis*] meaning three and [*theos*] meaning God. It is the Heretical doctrine that there are three Gods, or that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three different or distinct Gods.

<http://www.mountainretreat.org.net/faq/glossary.html#tritheism>

Dale's Notes

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Part I

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.

The Evil One

After the evil one had gone out, the betrayer, the one who would lift his heel against his friend, the one in whom Satan had filled his heart, the one who sat and ate bread and shared personal friendship in common things of life and the eternal power to come, when he had left (*Judas Iscariot*); then our Lord moves forward the itinerary of the evening's dinner! It's like the great Shepherd of John 10, which said "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*", "*And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them...*", there is great care from our Lord to protect and keep that which is his as he leads them forward into future events which must soon take place and are taking place for their redemption. It's perfectly clear those who are clean are present and the one who was not, had left. *Joh 13:11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."*

Little Children

Jesus announces the glory of God in the events happening and the events to come, regarding Himself as the Son of man and the glory which God hath called him too (His departure, the death on the cross, for Judas had gone out setting in motion the events soon to befall our Christ that night). Now the situation is right, so our savior opens his mouth and speaks to his disciples with the affectionate words of love "Little Children..."

We know, when God speaks to his children in affectionate terms the soul and heart melts within them, they're desire is to run to Him and He [God] to them for they love each other greatly! Have you forgotten the father of the prodigal, how the father received his wasteful son? Upon receiving his son, the father fell upon his neck and kissed him, clothed him with a fine garment and shoes, and placed a ring on his finger! What affection, what love, compassion, and care for his own!

The fact is Jesus will suffer the cross, that cruel death, the shameful treatment and all the heart ache and disgrace to bear the sins of those who belong to him! Many of you know as parents we may do things for our children who may not understand our love in action but in time they will. And now the words spoken to Peter ring out with meaning, "...*What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.* -*Joh 13:7*" Also, the narrator tell us our beloved apostles didn't understand Jesus must die and be raised "*for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.* *Joh 20:9*"

Albert Barnes Notes on the Bible

He that eateth bread with me - To eat with one was a proof of friendship. See [2Sa 9:11](#); [Mat 9:11](#); [Gen 43:32](#). This means that Judas had been admitted to all the privileges of friendship, and had partaken of the usual evidences of affection. It was this which greatly aggravated his offence. It was base ingratitude as well as murder.

Hath lifted up his heel - Suidas says that this figure is taken from those who are running in a race, when one attempts to trip the other up and make him fall. It was a base and ungrateful return for kindness to which the Lord Jesus referred, and it means that he who had been admitted to the intimacies of friendship had ungratefully and maliciously injured him. Some suppose the expression means to lay snares for one others, to kick or injure a man after he is cast down (Calvin on [Psa 41:9](#)). It is clear that it denotes great injury, and injury aggravated by the fact of professed friendship. It was not merely the common people, the open enemies, the Jewish nation that did it, but one who had received all the usual proofs of kindness. It was this which greatly aggravated our Saviour's sufferings.

Robertson's Word Picture

Lifted up his heel against me (*epēren ep' eme tēn pternan autou*).

First aorist active indicative of *epairo*. *Pterna*, old word for heel, only here in N.T. The metaphor is that of kicking with the heel or tripping with the heel like a wrestler. It was a gross breach of hospitality to eat bread with any one and then turn against him so. The Arabs hold to it yet.

Adam Clarke
Commentary on the Bible

"Joh 13:33

Little children - Or, rather, beloved children. Τεκνία, a word frequently used by this apostle in his epistles. It is an expression which implies great tenderness and affection, and such as a fond mother uses to her most beloved babes. Now that Judas was gone out, he could use this epithet without any restriction of meaning."

So our Heavenly Father's care may not be fully understood or understood so he calls his children to faith to believe His word of true love.

The uniqueness of the words "Little Children"

The commentaries all agree, these affectionate, tender words "Little Children" are only used **once** within the **gospels** and they're said by Jesus! Listen closely, they are said by Jesus and they are said in the context of His departure and His personal intimate care for the disciples. These words "Little Children" align with the new commandment He's going to give; all focusing on His Great Love and their need to love each other in the same manner in which he loved them!

Consideration

Little Children is a unique term, God has set it aside for his very own and our apostles John and Paul pickup on these words in their epistles to minister the love of God, to the children of God, through the truth of God, to those who have come to know Jesus Christ as their savior and Lord. You cannot experience this love or share this unique love with others unless you are a Christian. This love automatically comes with the build in perspective of reaching those who may not know our Lord. For the memory verse tells us "...By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have loved one to another."

This love is not hidden under a bushel but displayed for all men to see, this love brings glory to Christ!

Salvation is not just the acknowledgement of facts but it's a new birth, a new creation brought about by the word of God, the grace (*undeserved love*) of God, and the power of God to bring into existences His [God's] children to the glory of Jesus Christ! Break off from your sins, turn from all your evil and run to Jesus Christ and live! Give up your life to have His life, leaving your sinful ways and turning to his glorious life of truth and love!

"1Jn 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, only goodness comes from you, that is true goodness, which is eternal. Lord God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners, forgive our propensity to sin in thought or deed. We make no excuse for our sin before you but repent (turn away from our wickedness). There is none of us clean of ourselves but forgive us for what we have done or have not done which does not glorify your Holy Son Jesus. Amen