

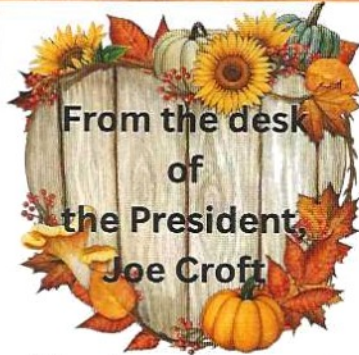
Autumn 2025 Newsletter



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Do you get upset as you drive down the street and see numerous different faiths on church buildings? Are we so desensitized to it because we have seen it our entire lives? I'm asking the questions because we are supposed to be followers of Jesus and His Word. In John 17:17-21, Jesus first states that the Word is truth. Amen! We all can agree there. Then, His prayer is for UNITY, unity in what we believe that He and His Father are one in order to take as many people to heaven with us as we can. Now we all can agree that because of the different faiths, we don't agree on the essentials in what the Word of God says regarding salvation. I want to share with you now and over the next few newsletters some of the responses I get when I ask people, "If you died today, would you go to heaven or hell?" The purpose is to have unity in what we believe and why we believe it.

Here is a common answer from many of the individuals or families with whom I talk. I'm going to heaven because "I'm a good person." It's the mindset like the scales of justice. There are scales on both sides of the pole and in their minds because they have done more good works to place on the scale than the bad works and the good works **OUTWEIGH** the bad ones, they deserve a place in heaven. Is that true? Is that a valid answer?

1] What is true is that no one deserves Heaven by their works.

Romans 3:23 says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Sin separates us from God.

2] Romans 6:23 says "for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

3] Ezekiel 18:4 and then 18:20 both say that the soul that sins will surely die.

The point I want/need to make is that none of us deserves heaven because of our goodness. Next, there is an excellent example of a man who was more than a good person. Let's look at God's Word found in Acts 10:1&2.

"Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually."

Cornelius, who received a vision from God, was:

1] a devout man, meaning his life was devoted to God.

2] He feared or had reverence for God and taught his family to do so also.

3] He gave alms or gave gifts to the poor. It's a show of mercy for those in need.

4] He prayed to God continually. No explanation needed.

He's more than a good person. Those are certainly attributes we'd all like to have.

So, the question is: as a "good person" was

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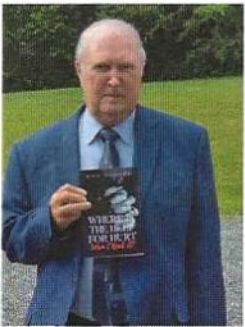
Cornelius saved at that moment in Acts 10? To make a long story short, God sends Cornelius a vision to send men to the Apostle Peter to bring back to Cornelius' home.

Then as these men, three of whom came to where Peter was staying in Joppa, the Holy Spirit told Peter to go with these men to the home of Cornelius. The purpose was that Cornelius needed to hear a message from God through the Apostle Peter. Now let's look at Acts 11:14, "and he [Peter] will speak words to you (Cornelius) by which you will be saved, you and all your household."

Follow with me. If Peter, who is directed by God, is going to the home of Cornelius to speak words by which he and his household can be saved, doesn't that mean the good person that Cornelius was back in Acts 10 wasn't saved? Otherwise, what's the point? Again, goodness in and of itself will not get you into heaven. Lastly, Ephesians 2:10 says Christians, [Paul is writing to Christians] are saved to do good works. In other words, we don't do good works to be saved, we do good works because we are saved.

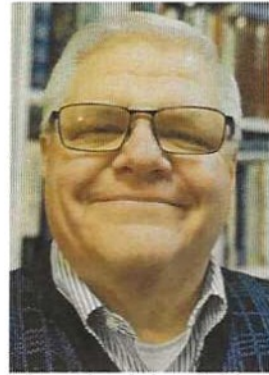
Conclusion: Being a good person is not the ticket for eternal life in Heaven. As always, teach with truth and love.

Be Blessed,
Joe



Where Is The Help For Hurt When I Need It? by Don Cooper. In this book Don explains how we heal from hurt. We've all experienced hurt and pain, but what do we do with it? If we don't deal with this hurt, it can end up hurting us in a number of ways. We can become angry and justify an attitude. What is the solution? Forgiveness. Why forgiveness? That is really hard to do. How does this help? Pick up a copy of Don's book either online from Amazon, Wal-Mart.com, or Barnes & Noble, or stop by the office and pick up a copy.

The price for the books in the office is \$17. Don is NEOBC's former president and current academic dean and Professor.



The Clock is Ticking - A Wake-Up Call for Every Child of God by Faron Franklin

Life is moving faster than ever, and with each passing day we are spending the most valuable resource we have: time. But here is the truth: once it is gone, it is gone forever. My new book, *The Clock is Ticking*, is a heartfelt challenge to stop drifting and start living with eternal purpose. Drawing from Scripture, personal stories, and real-life illustrations, this book invites you to examine how you are investing your days. Are you pouring your life into things that truly matter, or are you losing precious hours to distractions and busyness? In these pages, you will be reminded of the urgency to redeem the time, to prioritize your walk with God, and to leave a legacy that will outlast you.

Whether you are a student preparing for your future, a graduate launching into a career, or someone simply longing to make your life count, *The Clock is Ticking* will stir your heart. It will encourage you to live intentionally, love deeply, and serve faithfully because the opportunities you have today will not last forever.

As James 4:14 reminds us, "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." My prayer is that this book will not just inspire you, but move you to action. The clock is not waiting - and neither should you.

Order your copy today on Amazon and take the first step toward a life that matters for eternity. Faron Franklin is a past board member of NEOBC prior to his move to be the preacher at Williamstown Christian Church in Kentucky. His congregation in Pittsburgh and now in Williamstown both financially support the college.



Heartbeat of Columbiana County's Walk for Life is coming up on Saturday, October 11 at 9:30AM at Thompson Park in East Liverpool, Ohio.

The theme for this year's walk is "Take Courage"

To get a pledge form to help raise money for this great resource please contact Heartbeat of Columbiana County at (330) 386 - 3999.

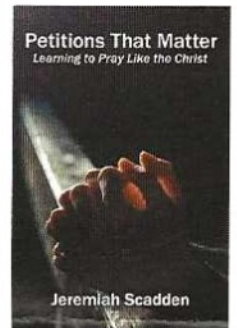
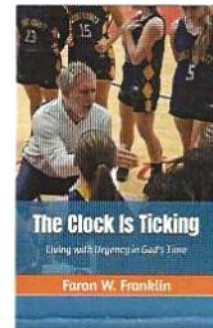
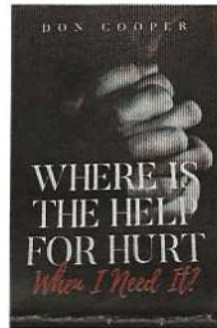
Petitions That Matter Learning to Pray Like the Christ by Jeremiah Scadden.

I'm not saying this is the only measure of a person's faith, but I believe one of the truest measures is when we reach the point where we can pray boldly for God's will. When we can look at any given situation, know what we really want to happen (our will), and also that it likely won't happen as we desire, but in the end, it is well with our soul no matter what God decides. When we can quote the words of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and say, "Take this burden from me, but not my will, but yours be done," that's when we know we love God, and we truly desire His will to come to fruition."

You can your copy of this book from Amazon.

Jeremiah Scadden is the preacher at Parkview Christian Church in Wooster, Ohio, and is active in sending some of his congregation to learn at NEOBC.

Pictures of the 3 books



We've had a GREAT start to our Fall 2025 classes



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-Participate-

Join us for classes either in person or online

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