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JESUS said, Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. (Matthew 18:7-9) The Strongs Greek definition for the term "offences" is: *[skan'-dal-on] from which we get the word "scandal". A "scandal"; a trap stick (bent sapling), that is, snare (figuratively cause of displeasure or sin): - occasion to fall (of stumbling), offence, thing that offends, stumbling-block*. This world is full of stumbling blocks, snares, and traps that can hinder the Christian Walk and woe to the world because of that! Then JESUS narrows it down to the individual and woe to the one who allows or brings the offence! This is a clear-cut warning to all of us that there are things that if not repented of can keep us from Eternal Life. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. We can't ignore verses like this although sometimes we get into the habit of focusing on scriptures that only promise blessings, we've got to eat the whole thing! We have a responsibility to live in such a way that it doesn't tempt others to sin or ourselves to sin. "Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee" The word offend in the Greek is*: [skan-dal-id'-zo]* which is where we get the word "scandalize". It means to: to entrap, that is, trip up (figuratively stumble [transitively] or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure): - (make to) offend. Now the seriousness of this whole discourse is this, who wants to cut off their hand or their foot? Who wants to pluck out their eye? ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE VALUABLE IN THE NATURAL! BUT NONE OF THEM ARE WORTH LOSING HEAVEN FOR! That's right if there is something in our lives that's causing us to sin or even worst others to sin JESUS said, GET RID OF IT! This side of The Gospel is not as popular nonetheless it is necessary, or JESUS would not have given us this warning. In my spirit I feel I'm writing this for someone who will read this newsletter. None of us knows how much time we have before the rapture of the Church, but we can know the season. **But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh**

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An Occasion for Testimony

The word tells us that there will come a time when harvest is past and summer has ended, and you are not yet saved. It also speaks of an occasion for testimony. Some years past before my mother passed she asked me to sing the old song "The Haven of Rest" at her funeral. As the day came, I stepped to the pulpit with her laid out there at the altar. I came to sing her request but as I looked out over lost brother's, cousins and uncles it turned out to be an occasion for testimony. I spoke of 3 marriages to my father that didn't work out but yielded Timmy, Terry and Tonia. I spoke of a good man in my grandfather who rescued us to his little farm and had us in church every Sunday. I spoke of my mother's prayers for me as I got older. Lord, put a man in his way that he might not find his way to hell. I spoke of the day I met that man in a crusade on a gymnasium floor. He was speaking words that I had not heard before as; Saved and Born Again. My name written in the Lambs Book of Life and he had the leading of the Holy Spirit in his voice. You see, mothers' prayers followed me to the altar that day and I got *"Saved"*!! It was more than a day for song; it was an *Occasion for Testimony!* Now I, am the man standing in the way with the Spirits voice crying the words "*Saved, Born Again and is Your Name Written in the Lambs Book of Life"?*

An Occasion for Testimony
Thank you Lord; Amen!

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upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-9)

Brothers and sisters, we are as the scriptures say, **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:** **(Ephesians 2:8)** Not saved by our good works but saved to do good works! Back to the warning in Matthew 18:7-9, there is nothing worth losing Heaven for NOTHING! **And when he (JESUS) had called the people unto him with** his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. (Mark 8:34-38) The LIFE that GOD calls us to live can only be accomplished by the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. As we turn to JESUS, pick up our cross, and follow HIM those offences begin to drop off. Philippians 2:13 states: **For it is god which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.** Let's continue to follow JESUS! As always, thank you to all our faithful supporters and underwriters that finance this Southern Gospel Radio Station. Without you there is no KJIR. Please continue to support, pray and tell other about this gospel radio station. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!

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