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## Hedgemakers: FACING THE WORLD

When you are facing the world, what do they see? The face that we give to the world should be consistent with the character within. Jesus is described in the prophetic book of Ezekiel as having four faces: “the face of a man, and the face of a lion, ... the face of an ox [and] ... the face of an eagle” (Ezek.1:10). The four faces correspond to the four presentations of Christ in the Gospels. Matthew presents Jesus as a king (lion); Mark presents him as a servant (ox); Luke as the Son of Man, and John as the Son of God (eagle). The presentations of Christ in the Gospels do not contradict one another, but complement one another. What does the world see when it looks into your face? They should see one who is exemplary of the King of kings, and lord of lords. We are called a kingdom of priests (1Pet.2:5, 9; Rev.1:6). Although we may not be royalty by any human lineage, we are indeed children of the heavenly King! The world should see the “face of a lion,” as they observe our kingly state. The world should also see in our faces a servant attitude, pictured by the ox. Even as Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (Mark 10:45), so we should serve one another in the spirit of meekness.

The world should also see us, not as divine sons of God, but partakers of the divine nature (2Pet.1:4). The new nature that we have in Christ should shine forth in demonstration of the character of Christ. There are too many professing Christians who do not emulate the nature and character of Christ. “If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2Cor.5:17). So, the world should see a reflection of divinity in our faces. At the same

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“GO YE INTO ALL  
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PREACH THE GOSPEL”

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# Home Makers:

## Facing the “Music” in the Home

One of the things that we do not want to be in the home is “two-faced.” We do not want to be one thing in the world and someone entirely different at home. Granted, the way that we live at home may be more relaxed than at work or school. But the character of our being at home should emulate Christ just as well, perhaps even better, than it exemplifies Christ in the world. Since we “let our hair down” at home, it is easy to let down our guard when it comes to battling the flesh against the spirit. We should not love our parents, our spouses, or our children any less than we love the people in the world for whom Christ died. That love should be demonstrated by the “faces” of Christ that we wear.

I’ve discovered that inconsistency in the home is one of the reasons why the next generation fails to follow us and our Christ. We have taught for years that consistent loving discipline is needed in the home. That is still true today. On the contrary, we are not consistent, and we are not loving with the discipline that we do administer. It goes without saying that discipline must be administered in the home. A home without discipline is a place of chaos. But that discipline needs to be consistent, and loving. This is wearing the face of Christ in the home.

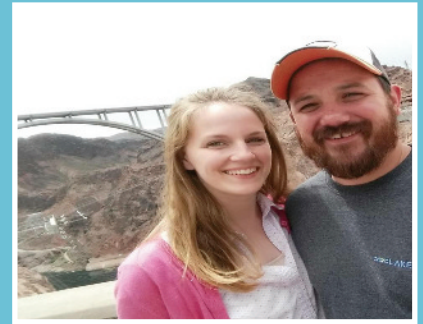
I don’t know how you would measure it, or how you would get an honest report, but it is worth the consideration. What do the people in your home think of you? What faces do they see you wearing day in and day out? Are you consistent? Are you loving? Do you smile like Christ would smile? Does your countenance express the fact that “you have been with Jesus”? We have become experts at masking our faces in public. It is a bit more difficult to do at home. But in reality the masks must come off. We should be honest, and real, genuine and sincere. How do you “face the music” at home?

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# Hedgemaker Baptist News

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**Hedgemaker Baptist Ministries Report** ~ One of our on-going ministries is the “Hedgemaker Broadcast” on WOEL-FM in Elkton, MD. We re-work recorded sermons from the past to fit in the 30 minute slot and send them to the radio station bi-monthly. In October of 2017, I was invited to preach a missions conference for Cedar Crest Independent Baptist Church in Mt. Union, PA. This was a church where we served on staff in the 70’s and got our introduction to fundamentalism. It was a blessing to be back with those folks and see their faithfulness these many years. I preached at Susquehanna Valley Baptist Church on Thursday, November 2, 2017. I preached at GLBC on Thursday, November 16, 2017. We attended the memorial service for John Kilmer on Friday, May 11, 2018. We enjoyed John’s ministry of soul-winning together at Heritage BC in Manheim. I preached all day for Pastor Ben Hays at the Life & Liberty Baptist Church of Walkersville, MD, on Sunday, July 29, 2018. I preached at GLBC on Thursday, August 9, and we helped with VBS during the week of August 19-22. You can view our itinerary at the ministry website ([www.hedgemaker.org](http://www.hedgemaker.org)).



**Gospel Light Baptist Church Ministry Report** ~ Since our last newsletter, I have become the assistant pastor for Gospel Light Baptist Church. Pastor Andy Almanza took over as the senior pastor at the beginning of October 2017. We have been working together to re-build the church. One of the first things that we did was to move the mid-week service from Wednesday to Thursday. The plan was to allow us to have ministry on Tuesday and space out the ministry nights throughout the week. Pastor got us involved in the Millersville parade that first month. What a wonderful opportunity to pass out many gospel tracts. We have hosted several hymnsings during the Sunday evening service slot. We did Christmas caroling at a number of retirement homes in December.



We hosted a missions banquet in January with Missionary Clint Rardin (to Mexico). The church hosted the memorial service for Bro. Roy Hostetter on February 1, 2018. Roy was a faithful member who held the church together during the transition from founding pastor to interim pastor. We had Missionary Ray Villarreal on Thursday, May 31, 2018. During the summer months my wife and I are doing the “King’s Kids University” with the children, while Pastor is preaching on the home during the Sunday evening services. It is a blessing to minister to the children. Missionary John Hall and family were with us on Thursday, August 16, 2018. You can visit the church at its new website, [www.light4lancaster.com](http://www.light4lancaster.com).

### *Answers to Prayer:*

☺ **New Pastor Blessings** ~ We continue to praise the Lord for sending the Almanza family our direction. What a blessing to have them as part of the ministry at GLBC.

☺ *Financial Blessings* ~ God continues to bless and meet our financial needs. In addition to my job, we need about \$500 a month ministry income. The Lord has been supplying some of this through overtime and ministry opportunities.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Church Growth ~ Please continue to pray for the re-growth of GLBC. We are still praying for some additional young families to come and help us in this work. Every aspect of the church needs to see growth.
- Transition to New Role ~ Please continue to pray for Gloria and I as we transition into the role of an assistant pastor and wife. We are still “finding our way.”

**Coming Events:**

- September 25, 2018 ~ attending the Shepherd's Retreat
- September 30, 2018 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing
- October, 13, 2018 ~ Millersville Parade

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*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God (1Cor. 1:18).*

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time, they should see us, not as superhuman saints, but saints that are human. We are made of the same stuff as the rest of the world. We are frail, but strong in the Lord. We hunger and thirst, but the world should see us with a hunger and thirst for righteousness. We get sick, and tired, but the world should see us as those who rest in the Lord. What face do you show to the world?

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## Finding Grace in the Eyes of the Lord

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD” (Gen.6:8).

A. *Finding Favour* ~ There are a number of verses in the Old Testament where one individual finds

grace (or favor) in the eyes of another. We discover from this list of verses that 1) grace must be sought, and 2) grace must be granted. An individual must look for grace, if it is to be found. The person giving grace must grant it, if grace is to be found. And all of us need grace.

B. *Finding Grace* ~ Jesus is our example. He found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Lk.2:52, like his mother before him, Lk.1:30).

C. *Types of Grace* ~ There are numerous types of grace: 1. *Common Grace* (Mat.5:45); 2. *Saving Grace* (Eph.2:8); 3. *Living Grace*, which includes: a) Sanctifying Grace (Phil.1:6), b) Provisional Grace (Jam.1:17), c) Miraculous Grace (Ac6:8), d) Grace for Service (1Pet.4:10), and e) Sustaining Grace (2Cor.12:9). 4. *Abounding Grace* (2Cor.9:8), “grace and peace be multiplied” (in all epistles, but 1Jn, 3Jn, & Jude). There is also the grace of forgiveness, the grace of acceptance or approval, the grace of God's presence, the grace of enable-



ment, the grace of deliverance, and the grace of completion.

D. *How to Find Grace* (Gen.6:9) ~ from the example of Noah we can decipher four ways to find grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was: 1. *Just* ~ Righteous (7:1). Noah was a preacher of righteousness (2Pet.2:5). 2. *Perfect* in his Generation ~ 3. *Walked with God* ~ Enoch is the only other Bible character of which it was said that “he walked with God.” 4. *A Soul Winner* ~ As a preacher of righteousness, Noah was what we call a “soul-winner” (Prov.11:30).

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