

These words come at the end of a long treatise on many failures within the church at Rome. Yet, despite those failures Paul hadn't given up hope for them. Anything but! The very reason the letter was written was because He believed they would heed its message and grow to maturity. His action, as bold and powerful as it was (cf. Rom. 15:15), was solely because he believed in them.

A preacher has to believe in the people, the church, with whom he works. Elders must be persuaded that they are engaged in a work that can be accomplished. In fact, all Christians must be persuaded that people, especially fellow Christians, are basically good-hearted, intelligent, and concerned. If we begin to think that people are evil at heart, or that they don't have any sense, or that they don't care about anyone but themselves, we will become quickly discouraged in trying to serve them spiritually. It would be so easy to say, "What's the use?"

I am thankful that God didn't, and hasn't, given up hope on mankind, or on me personally. I am glad Jesus died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6), because I'm one of them. I'm glad Paul, and countless other preachers, elders, and faithful Christians didn't lose hope. Where would we be if they had? Would you be a Christian today if the one who taught you had considered you hopeless?

Are we persuaded that people are worthy? What is it that we think about when we see lost and miserable people? What do we see when the church fails to do its best? Our attitude to-

wards the task ahead sets us up for either success or failure. We can't rise above our expectations, so we need to keep them as high as we can. Let's think the best, and strive for success!

### Tribute to Paul Noe

January 19, 1924-September 16, 2011



UMATILLA, Fla. — Paul Noe, 87, of Umatilla, Fla., passed into eternal life on September 16, 2011. He was born January 19, 1924 to Carl Hezekiah Noe and Margaret Stevens Noe in Welch, W.Va. He is preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters. He is the last surviving sibling of his generation. He was also preceded by his son, Carl Paul Noe and grandson, Carl Paul Noe Jr. Paul was a member of the United States Army and served during World War II. He was a member of the 125th AAA Gun Battalion/Battery D. He served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Paul was a coal miner for 25 years with Semet Solvey in Tralee and Havaco, W.Va. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. Paul married Belle Noe on November 30, 1943 and lived in Princeton until 1976 when he moved

his family to Umatilla, Fla. He was a volunteer and employee of Christian Home & Bible School in Mount Dora, Fla. for many years. Paul was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Christian Home & Bible School, receiving a meritorious award. He was a member of the Orange Avenue Church of Christ in Eustis, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Belle Noe; daughter-in-law, Doris Noe, Ocean Springs, Miss.; daughters, Doris (Mike) Mabry, Umatilla, Fla., Joyce (Vernon) Mitchell, Daytona Beach, Fla., Delores (Larry) Pennington, Princeton, W.Va., Lois Fay (Tommy) Wickline, West End, N.C., Rhonda Hager, Live Oak, Fla., Kelly McGilivray, Umatilla, Fla., Lisa Noe, Victor, N.Y.; foster children, William Southerland (deceased), Juanita (Jerry) Lawson, Burke, Va., James Southerland, Angleton, Texas. In addition, Paul is survived by 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held from 6-7 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the Orange Avenue Church of Christ, Eustis, Fla. The funeral service was held after the visitation at 7 p.m. with Minister Vernon Means officiating. A visitation will also be held from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton with Minister Gary Durham officiating. There will be a military Honor Guard to present call. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christian Home & Bible

School, 301 West 13th Ave., Mount Dora, FL 32757, or Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778. Online condolences may be made at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com), or [www.seaverfuneralservice.com](http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com).

We would like to take this time to extend our sympathy to the family. We want you to know you are in our hearts and prayers. Many of us grew up knowing Paul and his wonderful family. Paul was indeed a noble man in serving his country and his God. He will be greatly missed by many.



*Steve Mullins 09/25*  
*Joyce Pauley 09/25*  
*Sarah McConnell 9/27*  
*Jacob Dixon 09/30*  
*Ella Lowe 10/01*  
*Natalie Begil 10/17*

*Mya Frazier 10/17*  
*Johnny Pitzer 10/20*  
*Krista Monk Stowers 10/24*  
*Randy Gates 10/26*  
*Don Hill 10/26*  
*Kassie Biter 10/29*  
*Samantha Metheny 10/29*  
*Graig Morris 10/30*  
*Carrie Ray 10/30*

*Attendance:*  
*September 11, 2011*  
*A.M. Worship -29*  
*P.M. Worship - 22*  
*September 14, 2011*  
*Wednesday: 18*

Surprise Valley Youth Camp **"Fall Family Retreat"** Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011  
 For more information call Adam Davis at 304-253-0446, 304-573-8305 or e-mail him at [aldpreach@aol.com](mailto:aldpreach@aol.com).  
 Cost is \$10.00.

TURN, TURN, TURN  
 Ladies Day October 8, 8:30-1:00  
 West Side church of Christ  
 Register by: calling: 540-389-9139

The Hinton Church of Christ will have a **Gospel Meeting on October 2-6, 2011**  
 nightly services will be 7:pm



Our Ladies Day was a success. We had 40 ladies present. We would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to all of our wonderful ladies that made our "Ladies Day" possible. We appreciate all of your hard work. A special thanks to Cathy Durham for organizing it. We look forward to our 2nd Annual Ladies Day next year.



- Bill & Kim Lively 10/04
- Scott & Brandy Barnes 10/09
- Kenneth & Evelyn Dunn 10/12
- Gary & Cathy Durham 10/17
- Justin & Natalie Begil 10/19
- Michael & Carrie Ray 10/23
- Nigel & Sharon Maxey 10/29

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Debbie Boggs; Lowell Crumfield & Barbara Hill; Tammy Hodges; Barbara Francis; Don Hill; Jeff Wiley Hamilton. **Health problems:** Virgil Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Jean Walden; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams; Gene Booth; Wanda Rowe; Diane Haleston; Billy Myers; Zack Holland; Mini Mills; Darlene Myers; Rex "Jimmy" Backus; Dosie Branscome & Katie Hensley. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** Shelby Lindsey-fibromyalgia; Kenny Asbury-problems with his neck; Kyle Hockenberry-recovering from military injuries; Betty Bailey-not eating; The Brooke family, Ken McWilliams friend Wolf - recovering from eye surgery; Junior Taylor-is not doing well; Darrell Fletcher's Father Franklin Fletcher-aneurysm in his brain; Emma Steele-recovering from knee surgery; Elaine Rocchetti- surgery on broken arm; Travis Durham-back problem; Darla Pitzer-recovering from surgery on her finger. Steve Mullins-heart problem; David Carrico-Leukemia; Gary Durham's mother Lura Durham-dizziness; Ken McWilliams friend Wolfe-son and his wife were involved in a bad car accident; Emilee Begil-Hand foot mouth disease; Christine Asbury-back problems; Shelia Gates-fractured her knee; Samantha Metheny's Grandmother; Connie Hill's mother-has a broken wrist; Robin Hodges; Betty Scott-tests; Brittany Hill-was 9 weeks pregnant and lost the child; Hazel Anderson-fluid around her heart. **Alzheimer's:** Zella England; Mary Lou Thomas, & Leo Hamby. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care; Ethel Pitzer- Country View Assisted Living; **Military:** Zachary McConnell. **Sympathy:** James & Christine Asbury's nephew died; Steve Mullins-brother-in-law died; Perry Richmond-16 year old son died.

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*Services:*  
 Sunday:  
 Bible Study: 9:30 AM  
 Worship: 10:30 AM  
 Evening: 6:PM  
 Wednesday: 6:PM

*Serving Communion:*  
 Don Hill  
 Don Davis  
 Darrell Fletcher

*Attendance:*  
 September 18, 2011  
 A.M. Worship -32  
 P.M. Worship - 20  
 September 14, 2011  
 Wednesday: 15

*Contribution: \$ 415.00*

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 INSP Channel

*The Gospel of Christ*  
 10:am CW Channel  
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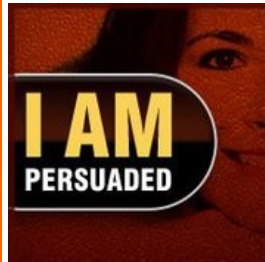
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## Exhorter September 25, 2011



### I AM PERSUADED By: Dennis L. Curd

Are we optimistic generally? Do we always see the best in people and situations? Or, are we constantly thinking everything we do is for nothing and no one is worth anything? We truly live in challenging times, especially from a spiritual point of view, and there are times when pessimism is called for. It is not realistic to be optimistic all the time. When Jesus said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth to life and few there be that find it" (Mt. 7:13), He was not being especially optimistic about the majority of the world. However, such thoughts didn't sway Him from His goal of bringing redemption to the lost. His overall optimism ruled the day.

Paul once wrote to the Romans: "I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another" (Rom. 15:14).