

REFLECTIONS ON
International
Sunday School
Lesson

(Galatians 2:15, 16; 3:1-14)
Fried could be called a characteristic with two faces. A certain amount of pride in good John Wesley used to say that "a man needs enough pride to take a bath and keep his backbone straight." It is important that a man have enough pride in who he is and what he is doing to give him the confidence to work and live with confidence. But pride can be very dangerous too. A noted business leader says that he lost \$500,000 in one year because he was too proud to admit that he had made a bad deal on a purchase of coffee. That lesson taught him to swallow his pride and take his losses while they were small.

Our human pride gets us into trouble in our relationships with people. We feel that we cannot take a criticism or a slight from other people. Most tragically, we even hurt our relationship to God through our pride. We want to decide on what basis we will allow a relationship with God to exist. We decide that we must approach God before God. He pointed out that we take his plans or design for a relationship with Him into account.

In the letter Paul wrote to the Christians of Galatia we find him discussing this danger. He developed the concept of man's justification before God. He pointed out that many of the Christians had heard false teachers that said that any relationship we have with God has to be earned. Their attitude was "Nobody gets anything for nothing." In strictly human relationships that philosophy

is correct. The Bible teaches that when God enters the picture, the only way to be justified before God is on the basis of his free gift. The idea of justification is a complex one. We talk about people's attempts to justify their actions. This simply means that people try to explain their actions in light of real or imagined circumstances. In the New Testament, justification means that a person stands before God "just as if they had never sinned." It is a right standing before God that cannot be earned, but that is given as a free gift because Christ has already paid the penalty for our sins.

The Galatians Christians were being told that they needed to obey certain ritual laws and to live up to certain commandments in order to earn their justification. This appealed to their human pride. By doing this their standing before God depended on their actions and not on God's grace. Paul argued that the smooth activity cancels our past failures. Paying all our bills in the future does not cancel past debts.

Faith is the only way we can receive God's justification because it is the way God has made possible for us to receive it. We have every spiritual benefit we have from God on the basis of our faith in Him. Every human effort has always failed to make people right before God. The very reason God had for sending Christ to die for men's sins was that man had been incapable of living up to the standards of perfection the law requires. Our own consciences give us all the proof that we cannot do everything that would be necessary to save ourselves. This does not mean that the situation is hopeless though. God has provided that everyone who receives Christ by faith will be just before God. This does not appeal to our pride, but it does offer us eternal hope.

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Miss Katherine Lynn Faltyssek,
Joel Cash Wed in El Campo

MISS. JOEL ADAMS CASH

In a candlelight ceremony, Miss Katherine Lynn Faltyssek exchanged double ring wedding vows with Joel Adams Cash at St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo on August 21 at six p.m. The Rev. Les Vance officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin F. Faltyssek of El Campo, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Cash of El Campo.

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County CB Radio
Club Meet
Tonight Wed.

The Colorado County CB Radio Club will have a meeting and covered dish supper at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 8th, and all interested CB operators are invited and urged to join the club and to attend.

The meeting will be held in the Olden Baptist Church Annex.

When the newly married couple departed, the bride was wearing a beige and blue print, floor-length dress with beige accessories.

The couple will reside in Commerce, Texas.

The bride, a graduate of El Campo High School, has been attending Wharton County Junior College and will be a speech and drama major at East Texas State University in the fall. The bridegroom, a graduate of Eagle Lake High School, has attended Wharton County Junior College and Temple Junior College. He will be a drama major at East Texas State University in the fall.

Rehearsal Dinner
The rehearsal dinner for the Faltyssek-Cash wedding party was hosted by the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Cash, on August 20 at Mike's Bar-B-Que in El Campo. A barbecue dinner was served to approximately 40 guests. The engaged couple presented gifts to their attendants during the evening.

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Attend Wedding
Deborah Ingram,
Dwight Hanafin

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ingram visited in Crane, Missouri from Aug. 19th through the 27th. They went especially to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Deborah Ingram and Dwight Hanafin. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Royce Ingram of Crane and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hanafin of Clever, Missouri. The ceremony took place on August 20th at the Jamesville Church of Christ.

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Ambulance
Collections
At 73%

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Raider Miscues Costly In
55-12 Loss To Columbus

Rice Scores First
On Fumble Recovery;
Idle This Fri.

(BY JEFF FRANK)

The Rice High School Raiders football team was defeated in the first football game of the 1976 season last Friday night in Raider Stadium when they lost to the neighboring Columbus Cardinals 55 to 12 before a less-than-capacity crowd.

Coach Dee Mackey's Raiders not only lost the game, but also suffered the loss of all six starters. On the other side, the Cardinals, who started drives within the Rice 40 yard line and they scored all six times. On the other side, the Cardinals, who started drives within the Rice 40 yard line and they scored all six times.

Each team had a total of 15 possessions during the game. The Raiders managed a total of 76 yards offensively while the Cardinals collected 249 yards on the ground and 77 on aerials. The leading ground gainer for Rice was Henderson who picked up 61 yards on seven carries.

The Cardinals forced the Raiders' only reception out of eight pass attempts was a pass from quarterback Clayton Smith to Terry Krews, good for 17 yards. Gregory Hubbs also shared quarterback duties for Rice.

Stanley Scott, Bernard Glover and Johnny Hovakly led the Cardinal ground attack picking up a total of 135 yards on 23 carries. Glover also picked up 24 yards through the air which was good for a Cardinal score. Don Jenkins also pulled in an aerial from quarterback Bill Bankston good for 27 yards and a Card TD.

Many Penalties
The Cardinals showed signs of early season slumps as they were penalized 18 times for 130 yards while the Raiders had only one infraction for a 15 yard penalty.

Rice fumbled the ball seven times and lost possession on four of them. Two Rice series were picked off by Columbus defenders. The Cards fumbled the ball five times, losing three of these.

Columbus forced the Raiders to punt seven times and the Rice punters, James Moore and Dale Thompson averaged 32.5 yards on each of their punts. The Raiders forced the Cards into punting situations four times and the Cardinal punter, Mike Leopold, averaged 47 yards on three punts and had one blocked by Raider Lloyd Powell.

Tony Black led the Raider defense with a total of 17 tackles while Henderson showed good form on offense and on defense.

Numerous Raiders were hampered during the contest with leg cramps, hence substitutions were frequent.

Idle This Friday
Friday night Coach Mackey's Raiders get a breather as they have an open date and try to recoup forces prior to the opening District 13AAA schedule in Columbus at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17th.

Both Raider and Cardinal bands turned in good half-time performances and the Raider cheerleaders kept the home crowd enthusiastic right up to the final whistle despite the rather one-sided score.

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