

# DOLGEVILLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Newsletter  
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Beloved Saints of God,

“Behold what manner of love the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called the sons of God, and so we are.” I John 3:1 We are a loved people, and He who loves us most deeply is our Father in heaven, the Creator of heaven and earth.

The love of our Father is not just an okay kind of love but a lavish love. One little girl in Sunday School got this message clearly when she exclaimed: “Jesus loves me so much He can’t keep His eyes off me!” That is very true. Do you realize that you have never been out of God’s sight? If you have a past of which you are less than proud, even then our Father had you in His sights. We must do as John commands us: Behold, observe, grasp the reality of our being loved by the God of the universe, not only loved, but lavishly love and declared His child!

We have a glad task and that is to learn to live in Abba’s love. You may remember that about two years ago I shared a series of messages on LIVING LOVED! Because the world and often the church have put us down, we often find ourselves groveling in hopes of being accepted by God. Dear saints, we are already accepted in Jesus, the beloved Son of God, our Savior. Jesus lived loved, and He has shown us “the ropes.” The world, and often the church has challenged us to put on a “happy face.” When we live in the love of God, there is no need to put on a happy face, it will be happy naturally. When we live loved, joy is the hallmark of our lives. As Teilhard de Chardin has said, “Joy is the most obvious evidence of the presence of God.” Remember the old chorus: “Joy is the flag flown high from the castle of my heart when the King is in residence there.”?

“Behold what manner of love the Father has lavished upon us...” Yes, behold that love, believe it and live in it. It is in beholding that we are transformed. We behold and we become! As joy becomes our hallmark, it is expressed in our love for one another. “We love because He first loved us.” We become the extension of Abba’s love to those around us. Our community is in need of the revelation of the love of God exhibited in His people, whom He has chosen for His own inheritance. Being the children of God is so exciting. I feel a cartwheel coming on! (I actually have done those.)

I thank our Father and you for the privilege of serving among you!

*Martin Boren*

"Do you really believe that  
what you believe is really real?"

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY 3  
The Truth  
project

We are continuing to meeting on **Tuesday night, at 7:00pm, at the church** to participate in The Truth Project. Please make room in your schedule for this important series of teachings. Even if you have missed sessions or have gone through this series of teachings you are encouraged to come.

## Remaining Truth Project Lessons

**September 6-Lesson 11 - Labor: Created to Create Contrary** to a great deal of contemporary popular opinion, work is not a "curse." God Himself is active and creative, and He calls man to share in the joy of His activity and creativity. Labor, economics, media, and the creative arts all have a role to play in magnifying the glory of the Creator.

**September 13-Lesson 12 - Community and Involvement: God Cares, do I?** The ethical law and the meaning of the Christian life are summed up in the commandment to love God and one's neighbor. This command is the source of the believer's motivation for self-sacrificial service to the needy and their personal involvement in our culture.

For more information go to [www.thetruthproject.org](http://www.thetruthproject.org)

## *The Layman's 10 Commandments*

Please read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
- 2] So a Car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

# Poetry by Amy Haas

## Thy Will Be Done

*August 20, 2003*

With heavy heart He slowly walked beside His closest friends  
Their supper had just ended, and He knew what lay ahead  
Before the break of brilliant day the darkness would arrive  
And with it multitudes with swords - the elders, priests, and scribes  
One of the twelve would seal His death with cold betrayal's kiss  
Another would deny His name; the crowd would shake their fists  
In blindness, hate, and willfulness His life they would condemn  
And to the slaughter He'd be led, a sacrificial lamb.

What lay ahead had been foretold in ancient prophecies  
The scrolls of ages long ago all led to Calvary  
Anon the culmination of two thousand years of law  
Would break the ancient barrier dividing man and God  
The darkness that had blinded and the fear that had enchained,  
The grave's dominion over life, the sin that had enslaved,  
The devil and his forces - all were waiting for this night  
And as the night began to fall, they fought with all their might  
In little time they would rejoice to see God's only Son  
Breathe His last upon a tree; they'd think that they had won  
But when the Lamb was sacrificed before the angry mob  
The chains of sin would wash away forever by His blood  
And with His dying breath He'd breathe a further prophecy  
With, "It is finished!" Hell would face in death its full defeat  
And when He would rise from the death that won o'er Hell and sin  
His life would make a way for all to live and move in Him  
The glory that was given Him by God He'd give to all  
The Father's love upon the Son would soon each heart enthrall  
And by His death and risen life, division would be done  
And people would be one with Him, as He and God are one.

But now the darkest hour had arrived before the Lamb  
And with each heavy step the dread increased inside the Man  
As time advanced and darkness drew He thought of Calvary  
And now He took His closest friends to still Gethsemane  
With Peter, James, and John beside, He greatly was distressed  
He spoke, "My soul is sorrowful, yes, even unto death."  
And telling them to stay and watch He walked a stone's throw more  
Then fell face down upon the ground and, kneeling, did implore,  
"Oh, Abba! Father! Nothing is impossible for You!  
Please take this cup away from Me!" He cried, then said anew  
The words by which He lived and moved as God the Father's Son,  
He uttered, "Nonetheless, not My own will, but Yours be done."  
An angel came to strengthen Him, more earnestly He prayed  
Upon His knees with head bowed low beneath the garden's shade  
"My Father, if this cup can't pass away from Me unless  
I drink it, may Your will be done," then in His desperateness  
His sweat became like drops of blood and fell down to the ground

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Poetry by Amy Haas (Continued)

His agony was total, yet His friends were not around  
"What? Could you not watch with Me for just one short hour's time?"  
His disappointed whisper pierced the air where they reclined  
Yet it was for these sleeping friends, who could not watch and pray  
That He would leave with scribes and priests before the break of day.

"Behold the hour is at hand, the Son of Man betrayed,"  
He spoke to His disciples as the enemy arrayed  
"Rise, let us now be going, My betrayer is at hand,"  
He said as Judas and the rest before the four did stand  
Yet Jesus did not fight against the elders, scribes, and priests  
When Peter drew his sword, He said, "Return it to its sheath."  
He asked, "Shall I not drink the cup My Father's given me?"  
His will was one with that of God; His will was Calvary.

He was a Man in every way; He knew what lay ahead  
He felt emotion, weakness, pain; His sweat was cold and red  
He was a Man! Humanity was coursing through His veins!  
He knew temptation, hunger, thirst; this Carpenter knew pain!  
And yet in words of desperate prayer, in cries of agony  
He laid His will before His God; surrender was His plea  
His life and will were given to the Father by the Son  
When desperate words said, "Not My will, but, Abba, Yours be done."

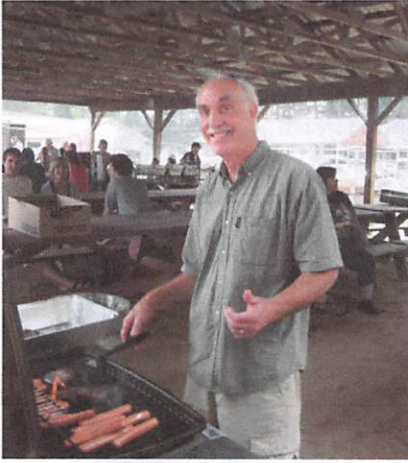
It was a sacrifice for Him, for Christ was fully Man  
It must have seemed much easier for angels to descend  
But He had never sought His will, but His by whom He came  
And for this purpose He had come, to glorify God's name  
His faithful eyes were focused on the Father up above  
His heart beat with intensity in strong agape love  
The unity between the Holy Father and the Son  
In spirit, will, and heart led Him to say, "Thy will be done."

This unity is what He prayed before the garden's prayer  
That we might also have with Him, that we might join Him there  
That we would become one with Him as He and God are one  
This was the awesome will of God; this on the cross was won  
And all who lost in chains of sin are blind behind the veil  
Can walk between the cloth because, for us, this Man prevails  
He was upon the earth, both fully God and fully Man  
He lived humanity and now He knows and understands  
And He has made a way and shown us how it is fulfilled  
The way to unity with God, in spirit, heart, and will.

Oh, may I be like Jesus who surrendered everything  
And made me fellow heir with Him, a daughter of the King!  
Oh, may I grow to be like Him who has prepared a way  
That as in unity with Him my heart and will shall say,  
"Yet not my will, but Yours be done, my Father, let it be  
And may the love with which You love indwell inside of me."

# DCF Picnic at Pine Lake

August 21, 2011



**SOMEBODY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE**

*Somebody said it couldn't be done  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't" but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it!*

*Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it."  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done and he did it!*

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure,  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it!*

*-Edgar Guest-*



**"When I have rest in Christ, then I begin to find all my joy and strength in Him, and I occupy myself with Him. This is the first step, or foundation for true devotedness. I do not become devoted in the true sense until I have found my rest in Christ. I am, up to this point, rather looking to receive from Him—I am more an object to myself. But as soon as I find how fully I am an object to Christ, then my heart is at liberty to make Him its object, He having made me His."** -J. Butler Stoney (1814-1897)-



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**FAITH FARM**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." — MATTHEW 17:20 NIV

**September Memory Verse**

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." NIV