

# SLIDELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Guest article, part 2 of 2:

### *Do You Know You Will Go To Heaven?*

by Mike Riley

#### *Can We Lose Eternal Life?*

As long as we are “in Jesus,” we will have the eternal life that is in him. Our continuing to have eternal life, is dependent on our remaining “in Jesus.” Eternal life is not ours as a matter of a personal possession, but because of a relationship with Jesus. This can be compared with an electric current. As long as a cord is plugged into a live wall plug, the cord will have an electric current, but if it is unplugged, it will no longer have the live current available from the wall plug. After we are baptized into Jesus, as long as we remain in Jesus by keeping his word, we can “know” we are in him and have the eternal life that is in him.

If we fail to retain our relationship with Jesus, we will lose the eternal life that is in him. Jesus taught this in his parable of the vine and branches. A branch will have life as long as it is in a vine, but if that relationship is severed, the branch will wither because it will no longer receive the life that is in the vine (John 15:6). As long as we are “in Jesus,” we will have the life that is “in Jesus.” Thus, we can “know” that we have eternal life.

#### *What About Heaven?*

If we could be sure we would remain “*in Christ*” until we die, we would “know” for certain we will go to heaven. Paul had to control the passions of his body to be sure he would not be cast away (1 Corinthians 9:27), and he wrote that those who think they stand, are to take heed lest they fall (1 Corinthians 10:12). Peter assures us that if we develop the Christian virtues, we will



**The Word of God!**

### *Today's Sermon*

**One of our shepherds, Dwight Jones, is bringing us his first message (fourth in our series this morning):**

**a.m. “*What is Adultery*”**

**Deuteronomy 22:23, 24**

**p.m.**

***Opportunity for discussion and reflection on the morning sermon.***

never fall but will enter the everlasting kingdom (2 Peter 1:5-11).

#### *Conclusion:*

Since no one can be sure he will always remain “in Christ” until death (Revelation 2:10), he cannot be absolutely certain he will go to heaven, but if we are “in Christ” as obedient followers, we can “know” that we have eternal life. As long as we continue to remain “in Jesus”, we are assured that heaven will be our eternal destiny.

If we, like Paul, fight the good fight, keep the faith, and finish the course, then we can say with the apostle in the hour of our departure from this

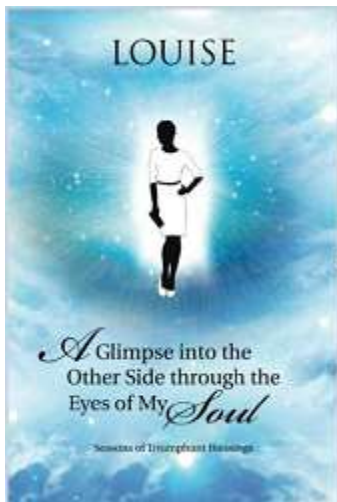
world to a new and better world, *“Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day”* (2 Timothy 4:8 ESV).

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*Sermon Series Reminder!*

Continuing our Sunday morning sermon series on discerning God’s will as it pertains to matters of marriage, divorce and remarriage, one of our shepherds, Dwight Jones, is presenting his first message (fourth in our series) this morning. All three of our elders are planning on taking turns to preach most of the remaining sermons.

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*A Published Author  
in Our Midst!*

Our own **Anita Briant** has just published her own spiritual autobiography, under the pseudonym of the book’s title, available at Amazon.com, etc.:



As a Christian, “Louise” could not write her life journey without writing about her spiritual journey, which included her errors, flaws, and sins. As a Christian, “Louise” had to write about how God delivered her. In return, God gave “Louise” an amazing gift to share with every reader. “Louise” has been blessed with an amazing gift of seeing and experiencing a small glimpse of what her soul endured during very difficult times in her life.

Anita gave me advance sections of the book to survey within the past year. I can tell you that it is **definitely** a good read; I am sure that many Christians will identify with the struggles of personal

spiritual warfare and family life she chronicles. I hope you all get a chance to enjoy it! – Dan Schillinger

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**“REMEMBER IN PRAYER  
&  
ENCOURAGE”**



**The victims of continuing Islamic terrorism around the world**

The family of **Clay Helms** - a former member here, who passed away recently at age 52.

**Ed Murphy** - friend of Courtney’s had an aortic valve replacement last Tuesday. He has been afflicted with a congestive heart condition.

**Roger Waters** (Shirley Fowler’s brother, of Granada, MS) – recently diagnosed with lung cancer. He has just begin his first chemotherapy sessions.

**Tim Woods** (husband of Jesse Fowler’s niece) - has colon cancer that has metastasized into his lungs. Doctors do not give him long to live.

**Daniel Alderete** - former member here, has moved to his father’s hometown of San Antonio, where he is hospitalized with two newly discovered malignant and inoperable brain tumors. Doctors give him no more than a year to live. You can communicate with Dan by friending him on Facebook, or by writing to him at his father’s address:

Daniel Alderete  
3210 Rosette Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78247

**NOTE:** It is necessary in correspondence to refer to him as “Daniel” instead of “Dan,” since his father also goes by “Dan” at this address.

**Robbie Miller** (friend of the Molins) - experiencing heart trouble on top of long-time kidney dialysis.

**Dan Ledford** (a preacher of the church in Alabama) - diagnosed as having a brain tumor.

**James Baker** (Schillingers' first-born grandchild) - admitted last Monday to Children's Behavioral Health Unit in New Orleans following several incidents of severe dysfunction at school in recent weeks.. He is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation and learning coping skills for dealing with his classroom frustrations. His date of discharge from the program is still not definitely known. Pray for James' long-term stability and for his family to be able to deal with the situation.

The father-in-law of **Nancy Reece** (a member at the Tammany Oaks church) - hospitalized in Iowa with dementia and other problems.

**Martha Swint** (a member at the Tammany Oaks church) – age 82, suffered a recent heart attack.

**Kimberley Carter** - diagnosed with Epstein-Barr syndrome (mononucleosis).

**Larry Covington** (co-worker of Dorsie's) - hospitalized in an ICU in Jackson, MS with breathing difficulties and low oxygen.

**The family of Kathleen Nassar** (a friend of Sarah Schillinger Ridner) - recently found deceased in her home in Tullahoma, TN.

**Paul Moragne** - recovering from gall bladder removal surgery last week in Bogalusa.

**Rose Acker** - is experiencing periodic brief hospitalizations for congestive heart fluid retention

**Ronald Molina** (Gerald's brother, in E. Tennessee) - receiving radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

**Roger Whitley** (in-law of the Moragnes) - suffering from emphysema in North Carolina.

**Angel Mangus** (of Houston, TX, niece of Carl Mangus) - afflicted with inoperable stage 4 brain cancer.

**Jase Roig** (premature infant son of Colton Roig) - pray for God's healing hand to be upon through his long-term health problems of an arachnoid cyst in his brain, and cardiac openings that have not yet healed.

**Jessica Jackson** (daughter of a friend of George Roig) - age 26, suffering chronic headaches and depression which have only recently begun.

**Marie Peterson** - recovering at home from recent surgery.

**Tod Grabert** - recovering at home in Lafourche Parish from recent serious back surgery.

**Mildred Tymkiw** - continuing her recovery at her daughter's home here in Slidell. Calls are very much appreciated, but not visits please at this time.

**Jerry Kimbrough** (former member here, now at the church of Christ at S. Baton Rouge) - diagnosed with cancer in his eye, and will be undergoing chemotherapy soon.

**Shirley Ervin** - thanksgiving that she is healing following recent neck surgery and is striving now to return to normal activity levels.

**Stephanie Smith** (sister of Kevin Cox) - needs surgery for her right shoulder, but a calcium deficiency won't permit this now.

**Zach Steele** - suffering now from abnormal cells in his blood called myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). It is what can be called a "second cancer." It's not cancer, but can be, and in his case is a result/side effect of previous treatments for cancer.

Zach will be having chemo and selective radiation treatments periodically for the foreseeable future.

**Rosa Nuñez** (good friend of the Vargas family) - having serious painful health problems.

**Jessica Fowler** (Jesse and Shirley's granddaughter, a resident of Lockport, LA) - facing severe personal problems.

**Terri Jones** - pray that she'll come to feel better through her negative phases in her Epstein-Barr disorder.

**Dale Epperley** - awaiting a new prosthesis that will relieve the pain and inflammation in his leg.

**Gerald Molina** - still seeing doctors for spinal stenosis.

**Sharon Honoré** (sister of Anita, and a member at the Crowder Blvd. church) - has advanced breast cancer.

**Clara Leonard** - overall pain continues to subside somewhat, though her ankle bothers her now.

**Bobby Leonard** - awaiting test results from his recent appointment with a kidney specialist.

**Alexis Leonard** (Joyce Carter's grand-daughter) – had recently implanted knee hardware to be surgically removed on Tuesday.

**Devon Nelson** (Roig's grandson) - has recently enlisted in the U.S. Army (November 3), and has begun basic training at Fort Benning, GA.

**Marisol Vargas** - still gone to her parents' home in Costa Rica to care for her mother, **Maria Aurelia Alsaro**, who has recovered very well from two recent infections. Pray for Robert too, as he gets by in Marisol's absence.

**Joyce Carter** & her sister-in-law, **Evelina Bourgeois** - have travelled to E. Tennessee on vacation.

**Jesse & Shirley Fowler** – have travelled to the area of Duck Hill & Granada, MS to visit with cancer-stricken relatives.

**Akram & Martha Mustafa** (Nayla's parents) - safely returned Tuesday from a business trip to his hometown of Ramallah, Palestine.

**Pray for all who are travelling.**

**Pray for Latino evangelism in our area.**

**Pray for our elders: Courtney Cheri, Dwight Jones and Gerald Molina.**

**Pray for President Obama and all our elected officials.**

**Pray for our men and women in our armed forces, both here and abroad!**

## **Our Leaders!**

### **Elders**

**Dwight Jones**  
**Courtney Cheri**  
**Gerald Molina**

### **Preacher**

**Dan Schillinger**

### **Deacons**

**Jesse Fowler**  
**James Richardson**  
**Hector Urbina**

## **Our Services**

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| <i>Sunday Morning Bible Class</i>    | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>         |
| <i>Sunday Morning Worship</i>        | <b>10:30 a.m.</b>        |
| <i>Sunday Evening Worship</i>        | <b>5:00 p.m.</b>         |
| <i>Wednesday Evening Bible Class</i> | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>         |
| <i>Stitches of Love</i>              | <b>Tuesday 9:00 a.m.</b> |