

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 - Decision Made; Prayers Answered

The last two years we have been praying for a little girl with a cancerous tumor in her brain. The treatments provided have failed to reduce or slow down the mass which has invaded her body.

Her family was offered the ability to choose from 4 different experimental treatments, none of which would do anything other than extend her life a few months if successful. They could not put her through the pain associated with further treatments and have brought her home where she is doing everything a young girl of nine does: school, plays with friends, etc. Her days on this earth are few.

There are those who don't believe in God or are skeptical of prayer will say that since the treatments didn't work and she is going to pass away, all our prayers failed. Oh, how wrong they are.

When we first started praying for this little girl, I did ask you to pray for her healing. But I also asked you to pray that this would bring her family to God. Pray answered!

Last week, this little girl of nine, and her father, were immersed for the remission of their sins. Praise God for this prayer being answered!

There will be those who ask, "What purpose does immersion serve?" The purpose of the act is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), to have sins "washed away" (Acts 22:16), to put the candidate "into Christ" (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27), or into his "body" (1 Corinthians 12:13), at which point he is "saved" (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

The reason for asking for a "two pronged prayer" if you will is because we will ALL leave this earth either through death or when Christ comes again. Our call is to be Spiritually prepared for either of those events. Paul wrote that God "wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Similarly, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

I can't imagine making a decision which will result in the death of my child. But your prayers, and all the Christians who surrounded this family during this time, have provided them God's truth: we can all spend eternity surrounding His throne together. Truth taught, truth obeyed.

They made the decision which allows the reality of being reunited in the life to come.

Thanks be to God.