

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

The Most Valuable Discovery

In 1847, Sir James Simpson of Edinburgh discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic in surgery. Some claim this to be the most significant discovery of modern medicine.

In his later years, Sir James was lecturing at Edinburgh University and a student asked, "What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?"

He answered quickly, "My most valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Savior."

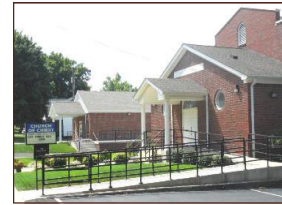
The book of Romans makes clear these two significant truths that Simpson articulated. The problem is sin. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Paul declares that the power of God unto salvation is the gospel of Jesus (Romans 1:16). In Christ we have the divine provision: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The price that was paid? "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9).

Now what's the process by which we contact that blood? By placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Romans 5:1), confessing Christ (Romans 10:9-10), turning from our sins in repentance (Romans 2:4), and being buried with Christ in baptism (Romans 6:1-4). Then we are to dedicate the rest of our lives in service to Him (Romans 6:12-18; 12:1).

The most valuable discovery you and I can make is that we are sinners and that Christ desires to be our Savior.

—Allan Eldridge / David A. Sargent,
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The Silence of the Season

by Bill Brandstatter

One of the things I noticed most about the season that has just passed is the silence. After the hustle and bustle of the shopping season, there is a great silence on day one of the new year. I often drive around town and look at stores closed and parking lots empty on Christmas Day. The silence is deafening. One day a year everything stops for a while. Have you ever thought about silence regarding our approach to God? The Bible says, "Be still and know..." (Psa. 46:10)

Be still and know that God exists. I was talking to a man at a recent Bible study and he told me how he really likes mornings. He said it was the time he took to pray and reflect on the things God has made. I am reminded of what Jeremiah wrote in the book of Lamentations: "Through the Lord's mercies, we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." (3:22, 23) In the 19th Psalm, David indicates to us that nature tells us of the wonder and beauty of God. (Psa. 19:1-4)

Be still and know that God loves you. Sometimes we are so busy with our lives we forget one of the most important aspects of our lives...that is, that God loves us. We really don't understand the love of God like we should. We often equate love with a feeling or a desire; but love is more than that. God's love transcends both. Jesus stated that God "so loved the world..." (John 3:16). He demonstrated His love for us (Rom. 5:8). That love should be what compels and motivates us in all that we do in life. (Rom. 5:8)

Be still and know that God can forgive us. This past year we might have messed up. Maybe we did some things we shouldn't have. Perhaps we got into situations that resulted in problems in our lives. It could be that we were involved in some event that we should have avoided. God can

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell at home; Lois Edwards recovering at home from her fall; Becky Hatcher shut-in at home due to four ruptured discs. We can see a slight improvement since the last injection; Billy Bybee is having problems with his spine and is to see a neurologist in a few days; Ken Russell is to have surgery on his shoulder Tues. in Glasgow; Mark Hatcher's has arthritis along his spine and several bulging discs; Lori Brewer continues recovery from shoulder replacement; Mary Whittington's husband Tom is in Medical Center with health issues; concerns for Gayla Fudge Graham. An MRI revealed a tumor behind her left eye. She has doctor appointments and further tests tomorrow in Louisville; Jim Mears; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Geneane McQuire's son Bobby; Parker Bybee; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Davis has COVID & is in hospital in BG, his wife Connie is positive and is quarantined at home; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus which is increasing in numbers; prayers that the vaccines will be successful; our nation and leaders

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Ray Green recovering from by-pass surgery; Seaborn Elzey; prayers for the family of Wayne Guance; the family of Billy Goodman

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing
[NHC in Glasgow](#)

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Winter Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning

lesson 5: "Jacob and Esau" Gen. 25:24-34; 27:1-13 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

WED. NIGHT CLASS

We appreciate the great job Scott Huff did teaching class on Wed. Dec. 23 in Billy Bybee's absence.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: [wlocoline.com](#) 8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

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PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this Sunday at our 11:00 worship hour on "Motivations For the New Year" Rom. 8:28 You are invited to be present and worship with us.

COMMODITIES OUTREACH

The truck from Potter Children's Home will be here Tues. morning to pick up our items. If you haven't brought your items to the building, you need to do so before Tuesday morning.

Toilet Paper Cherry Jello Brownie Mix
Yard Size Trash Bags Parmesan Cheese

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was the Ethiopian eunuch reading when Philip met him on the road to Gaza?

The answer to our question last week:

Elisha the prophet 2 Kings 2:15-21

Happy New Year!!!

This is our first bulletin for 2021. We hope you benefit from it each week. - Wayne

Accomplishing Your New Year's Resolutions

by Edd Sterchi

What New Year's resolutions have you made? Most will have made ones that were designed to make their lives or the lives around them better. Such resolutions may include: losing weight, stopping a bad habit, exercising more, becoming more organized, or having a better attitude. Now, I'm not going to be sarcastic like the man who made the New Year's toast, "May your troubles be as short lived as your resolutions!" I sincerely hope you succeed in every resolution you make (that is within the Lord's will, of course).

So how are you going to get your resolutions accomplished? Hebrews 12:1-2 can give us a lot of encouragement and help along that line. Even though the true context of the passage is ridding our lives of sin and striving toward heaven, we can make application to accomplishing worthy earthly goals, as well.

* *"since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses"* - Involve others. There are many in your life who can motivate and encourage you. Look to the example of those who have already completed what you are trying to accomplish.

* *"let us lay aside every weight"* - Get rid of all the obstacles that are hindering success. There are plenty of ways to fail, and the world will make sure to bring them all out. To succeed, all obstacles must be avoided or overcome.

* *"and let us run"* - Exercise yourself in a specific plan of action to complete the goal. Accomplishing goals is often a matter of each of us being determined to run -

then running.

* *"with endurance"* - You need to be persistent in accomplishing your resolutions. You can't give up, even though there may be setbacks. If you stumble, get back on your feet and get running again.

* *"looking unto Jesus"* - Keep your eyes upon Jesus who overcame earthly obstacles, completed God's plan, persisted, and made it back to heaven. Remember what all He went through and how what you are trying to do is much less demanding and that you can do it.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "We have passed through one more year. One more long stage in the journey of life, with its ascents and descents and dust and mud and rocks and thorns and burdens that wear the shoulders, is done. The old year is dead. Roll it away. Let it go." May I only add, "let it go, and let's go on to greater things in 2021."

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forgive us if we seek and obey Him. Jesus shed His blood so that our sins could be forgiven. (Mt. 26:28) We contact that blood when we are baptized into Christ. (Rom. 6:3) After that, through repentance, confession and prayer we can continually have our sins forgiven. (Acts 8:32; 1 John 1:9) God forgives us and we can rest assured His forgiveness is complete and thorough.

In the hustle and bustle of our lives we need to stop and have some quiet time with God. Be still and know and see the great things about God that often get overlooked in our chaotic lives.