

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

Where No One Stands Alone

by Patrick Hogan

While thinking about an article for this space in the bulletin, one of those strange thought chains descended upon me. Through several twists and turns it led me to think about the song "Where No One Stands Alone."

"Once I stood in the night with my head bowed
low,
in the darkness as black as could be.
And my heart was afraid and I cried,
'Oh Lord, don't hid your face from me.'"

"Like a king, I may live in a palace so tall
with great riches to call my own.
But I don't know a thing in this whole wide world
that's worse than being alone.

"Hold my hand all the way, every hour,
every day from here to the great unknown.
Take my hand, let me stand
where no one stands alone."

While finding ourselves all alone may be a frightening experience, there is great assurance in the realization that regardless of where we may be, Jesus Christ will never abandon us. (Hebrews 13:5) He will accompany us through this life and even through the valley of the shadow of death! Furthermore, the apostle John reassures us with these words, "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." (1 John 2:1) Not only does Jesus go with us, He stands up for us, as our Advocate before the Father. What blessings we have in Him!

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Thoughts About Snow

by Wayne Hatcher

This past Thursday January 6, we received our first significant snow fall of this winter about 5 inches. Snow usually produces a number of reactions. To some they love snow and think it is one of God's most beautiful creations. Children like it because they usually do not have to go to school. Then it is time to play in it, make a snowman or have a snow ball fight. To others it may be a negative response due to the dangers, and inconveniences it may bring.

Snow is found some 25 times in the Bible, both OT and NT. The Bible uses snow to describe white. For example, with the disease leprosy, the words "as white as snow" are used to describe the color of people's skin who had this horrible disease (Exodus 4:6, Numbers 12:10). Snow is also used to describe the color of hair and clothing of Jesus and the angel of the Lord (Daniel 7:9, Matthew 28:2-3).

Probably the most common aspect of snow that comes to mind is purity. We often hear the simile "as pure as the driven snow". We saw how this recent blanket of snow covered the landscape of its flaws and impurities. The Bible tells us that the blood of our Lord and Savior covers our sins, and we become pure and white as snow (Isaiah 1:18 and Psalm 51:7). The blood of Christ is powerful to redeem us (Eph. 1:7). The beautiful hymn (*Are You Washed in the Blood*) written by E. A. Huffman was 100% correct. All four stanzas focuses on being washed in the blood of Jesus. In the chorus the words: *Are you washed in the blood, In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?*

Have you made contact with His blood when by faith in Christ, you repented of your sins, confessed Him as the Son of God and were buried in baptism when God washes away your sins? Acts 2:38; 22:16

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy and Janice Sue Bybee are recuperating at home; Margie Gentry is at home and is on oxygen; Becky Hatcher still having problems with her back, shots do not seem to have helped, Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Lisa Schuler's mom Juanita Ward and her sister Linda are at home with COVID; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back); Joyce Dye had a Caudal Nerve Block in her spine Friday; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jagers; Chad Davis as he undergoes treatments for colon cancer; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders; all the victims from the recent storms; Eugene Campbell is improving from COVID

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Chris Houk; Greg Gore (cancer); Brad Bailey

IN THE HOSPITAL

Malon Schuler's mom, Ann Schuler was admitted to Medical Center at Caverna.

SYMPATHY

to the family of Delores Mears Turner. Her funeral service is scheduled at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 14th at Johnson Vaughn Phelps Funeral Home in Bowling Green

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Marilyn Ray (in for therapy)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE Horse Cave

Vincent Ward. He has had COVID and was

expected to be moved out of isolation Sat.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet at 6:00. Wayne was the teacher last week. Darrell Wallace will be this week.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 6th lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "The Call of the Prophet" Isaiah 6:1-13; 7:10-17 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching today at 11 am "Living Hope, Living Faith" and 5 pm "How To Be A Blessed People"

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

Today at 3:00 here at the building

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

liquid laundry detergent

toothpaste Pledge furniture cleaner

mini wheat cereal pink lemonade mix

*Bring you donations and Coin Cans in today and no later than Wed. night. They are picking them up on Thurs. Jan. 13th

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ryan & Samantha Richardson on the birth of their son, Isaiah James Richardson on Thurs. Jan. 6. He weighed 5 lbs and 9 ozs and 19 in long. Congratulations to grandfather Mark (Sara) Brooks and great-grandmother Bessie Brooks.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was Jesus asked by Pilate just before He responded: "Thou sayest it" ?

Answer to our question last week:

Four Isaiah 1:1

Rejecting the Light

by Ron Bartanen

"This is the condemnation that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

Ignorance is a universal malady. It is not that while some are smart, everyone else is ignorant. The fact is that we are all ignorant—just about different things. It is no disgrace to be ignorant. The disgrace comes when we prefer ignorance over understanding—to stay ignorant when we should and could be enlightened.

The most dangerous and deplorable ignorance is our ignorance of God. To some degree God has revealed Himself to all men, so that we are "without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). Even beyond His revelation through nature, the light of God is seen in Jesus Christ. A willful rejection of that Light is especially inexcusable. Because "their deeds are evil," they do not wish to be answerable for their poor choices to One who is greater than themselves. Job 24:13 speaks of those that "rebel against the light." While not wanting to walk in the light of Christ and His word, these also blind their own minds to the fact that Judgment is coming. These will often deny God as Creator, choosing evolution as an alternative. These will reject the moral standards of His word, choosing alternate lifestyles. These will deny that God once destroyed the world by a great flood and are "willingly ignorant" also of the coming "day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Pet. 3:5-7).

Have you renounced Satan's kingdom of darkness and embraced the King of light, Je-

sus Christ? Have you accepted Him as God's Son and your Lord and Savior, repenting of sins and being baptized (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16)? If so, are you continuing to "walk in the light," thus being constantly cleansed in the blood of Christ? (1 John 1:7). Be warned: Jesus said, "If your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness" (Matthew 6:23).

Today and Everyday

by Diana Sue Lindley

I want so much to please You, Lord,
In all I do and say,
In all my ways acknowledge You,
Today and every day.

You've blessed me in so many ways,
Too numerous to tell,
That just the mention of Your name
Reminds me all is well.

You've walked with me through valleys dim;
Together we've climbed the hills,
And all along the rocky roads,
You walk beside me still.

Through all the storms, You've sheltered me;
In my hunger, I was fed.
You've come to be my resting place
At the end of daily tread.

I know that I could ne'er repay
The blessings You impart,
But, too, I know that all You ask
Is the offering of my heart ...

So, for today and every day,
I trust my life will show
How much I want to please You,
For Lord, I love You so.