

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

Doing and Not Doing

Little Johnny asked his teacher, "Can I be punished for something I didn't do?" The teacher answered, "No, of course not. That wouldn't be fair at all!" Johnny replied, "Oh, that's good, because I didn't do my homework."

All joking aside, we empathize with the teacher who assumed Johnny meant not doing something bad. And we certainly agree that punishing someone for a bad thing they didn't do is terribly unfair! Hardcore Calvinists teach that God holds babies accountable for Adam's sin. But God's own law under Moses forbade punishing children for their parents sins (Deut. 24:16). Fairness is part of God's nature!

In bygone days, actually committing sin (i.e. doing something God has forbidden, such as murder or stealing) was called a "sin of commission." Realize, though, that God can and does hold us accountable for not obeying what He has told us in His word. These were commonly called "sins of omission" (i.e. omitting, or leaving out, what God told us to do).

In Matthew 21, Jesus told the parable of the two sons. Their father commanded both, "Go work today in my vineyard." The first son initially refused, but later "regretted it and went." The second "answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go" (vv. 28-30). That second son committed a sin of omission. Jesus applied that parable to the chief priests and elders who claimed to be faithful to God, but rejected Jesus and had turned up their noses at John the Immerser.

We don't hear much nowadays about "sins of commission" and "sins of omission." But regardless of terminology, both are treacherous. Take heed, that you may not be ensnared by either!
by Joe Slater



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Believe by Clifton Angel

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). However, there is at least one thing that Scripture points out is impossible with God (Note: This is no contradiction; Jesus' statement must be considered contextually). "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). Yes, the impossibility here falls on the burden of the human being. Grammatically, we can change it to say: "It is impossible for God to be pleased with one who is without faith."

Why do I need faith? First, it's impossible to please God without it. Second, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

How do I obtain faith? "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Does this mean in order to have Biblical faith, all I have to do is audibly acknowledge God's Word? Does it mean that I do not have to actually do anything? James says, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20, 26). "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18). But Paul said all I have to do is hear God's Word? Yes. Is this a contradiction? No.

We can see that it is not a contradiction by properly understanding what it means to hear. When a mother says to her daughter: "Go clean your room." The daughter stays put. And her mom asks, "Did you hear me?" Can the daughter then just say, "Yes, I heard you," and rightfully continuing doing something other than cleaning her room? Or would her mother discipline her for not really listening? The fact is

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carolyn Russell recovering from the 3rd surgery on her arm; continue to remember Sue Bunnell; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jackie Coop; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush undergoing tests in Louisville; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; continue to pray for Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) as she awaits for a liver transplant; Don Waddell is doing better; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; John Carter at home; Merida Brooks (Bessie Brooks' sister-in-law) had heart surgery; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; Rhealyn Denison had her cast removed and is wearing braces; our local schools, students & staff, first responders;

IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher has been in TJ Samson Hosp. since Jan. 6 for numerous issues. She now has a pace maker. After TJ, she will go to Signature Health in Horse Cave for at least 21 days.

Marilyn Hogan had surgery to remove her gall bladder last week at TJ Samson Hosp. . She is in Room 347

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks

The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing Manna Project

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Wanda Proffitt

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Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

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Ann Schuler

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our new quarter on the theme "One-Book Chapters" We are currently in 2 John & 3 John. Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

Thanks to Darrell Wallace for teaching the class for the previous two Sundays.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne plans to preach at 11 am "What Is Your Motivation?" and Danny McCain at 5 pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

We are continuing our study of the book of James. Scott had a great lesson from chapter 4 last week.

However, this Wed. will be our monthly Singing and Devotional

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring "In Search of the Lord's Way" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with Phil Sanders. Prayers for this work in sowing the seed of the gospel

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"Light of the World" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

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Feb. 5-9, 2023 "For Such a Time As This" Restoring God's People in Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who received a warning from God that judgment would soon fall upon the house of Eli?

Answer to our last question:

Egypt Gen. 49;33

Your Journey To Jesus

by Edd Sterchi

Let me speculate for a moment. It is at least possible that there would have been individuals who were there and cheered when Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, heard His final words of teaching in the temple, then had been at His trial and got caught up with the fervor to crucify Him, and were also present at Pentecost when Peter gave that great sermon in which they were of the thousands who repented and were baptized into Christ. After all, they all occurred in Jerusalem within a short period of time. (Scripture references to above: Matt. 21:1-9; 23:1-39; 27:15-26; Acts 2:14-41.)

Imagine if you had been one of those people – what a story you would have to tell about your journey to Jesus! Think about it: you would have seen His majesty, heard His teaching, rejected Him, and then accepted Him as Lord and Savior.

But if you think about it, our journey to Jesus is no less spectacular. We learned of Him, at some point decided to live for the world instead of Him, but then repented and came to Him by obeying His gospel.

This is Paul's general outline in the book of Ephesians – it is a reminder of the journey to Jesus. If you are a Christian, then you are one who had been lost and without Christ and hope (Eph. 2:1, 11-12). You had rejected Christ's ways and were living for self and the world (Eph. 2:2-3). But you learned of Christ and learned from His truth (Eph. 4:20-21) and repented of your ways and obeyed the gospel and had your sins forgiven through His blood (Eph. 1:7, 13; 2:13; 4:5; 5:26). Your story is one of being transported from

darkness to light (Eph. 5:8)!

It is a great story that can be told time and time again by every Christian. How you came to Christ is a dramatic, thrilling, compelling account – because you went from lost to saved! So do you have a great story to tell – now get out there and tell folks about your journey to Jesus!

"In Him also we have obtained an inheritance...that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory." (Eph. 1:11-12)

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we know that "hearing" in that context also requires action. And the same is required in the Romans 10:17 instruction.

Therefore, believing Biblically is not merely a mental acknowledge of something but acting upon it according to God's standards. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). Some have asked, "Why Jesus did not say, 'he that believeth not and is baptized not shall be condemned?'" The answer is found in the definition of belief that we have just discussed. If one does not believe, there is no need for the actions that emanate from belief. A grammatical consideration of Mark 16:16 solidifies its meaning and denies all contradictions. Consider: "He that eats and digests his food will live; he that eats not will die." If one does not eat, there is no need for digestion. If one does not believe, there is no need for baptism. However, if one believes Jesus, then he will know that he cannot be saved before baptism.

The need to believe is apparent. Do you believe?