

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

What God Wants

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example was one of the greatest compassion in confronting the sins of the people combined with stern rebuke for those who led them.

Finally, we are to walk humbly with our God. When we think of the great privilege to walk with God, how can we do any less than walk humbly? It is a human tendency to get a little full of ourselves from time to time, and Christians are no exception.

It is good for us to remind ourselves that we are here simply by God's grace and the message we have been given is not our own, but God's. If that message is rejected, we should not angrily assume it is personal. Rather, as those who love mercy, we should be saddened when someone seals their doom by rejecting God.

In the end, our outward obedience - frequency of communion, worship and even mode and reason for baptism - must come from a sincere desire to please God.

If not, we might as well be heathens.

Golden Expressions...

- No life is too broken for God to repair.
- To look around is to be distressed. To look within is to be depressed. To look up is to be blessed.
- Sometimes God calms the raging storm. Sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.

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Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
count your gains instead of your losses

Count your joys instead of your woes; count
your friends instead of your foes

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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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Blessing Others Beyond Our Years

by Steve Higginbotham

Those of you who are history buffs may know the significance of the date, April 14, 1865. This was the day President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. However, something else of significance happened on that day of which you may not be aware. Earlier on this very day, President Lincoln signed into law a piece of legislation that created the Secret Service.

I found this historical tidbit to be rather ironic. Although Lincoln, himself wasn't able to benefit from this piece of legislation, he was able to bless the lives of other Presidents who would follow him.

This caused me to ask a question I believe is worthy of consideration. Are we willing to invest ourselves in the future? Are we willing to work to secure blessings for others that we will never realize? Are we willing to sacrifice so that others we don't even know will reap the benefits?

It's not easy. We want to enjoy the fruits of our own labor. But selflessness is a quality that makes us more like Jesus. Friends, invest in your children so their lives are blessed long after you're gone. Sacrifice and invest in the church in such a way that Christians you don't even know will be blessed by the fruits of your labor; fruits you, yourself may never see. Let's sacrifice, invest, and lose ourselves in others so that after we are dead and gone, we are a blessing to others.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

It was good to see Marilyn Hogan, Billy and Janice Sue Bybee, Dennis Hatcher Darrell & Robin Wallace back at services after illnesses; Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Willie and Martha Cyphers have been shut in for past few days due to COVID; Fran Mears has been suffering with kidney stones; Margie Gentry at home; Lisa Schuler's mom Juanita Ward and her sister Linda has a brain tumor; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back); Joyce Dye as she also deals with pain in her back; Michael Richardson has been sick in recent days; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jaggars; good to see Dennis Hatcher back with us; Bobby Bybee is to have treatments for cancer; Becky Bush; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; baby Isaiah Richardson; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Chris Houk Rm 503 at Signature Health; Correction: last week I listed the family of Chester Frye. It should have been Chester Way Sorry.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Ann Schuler, Malon Schuler's mom, remains in the Medical Center at Caverna. She is also being treated for COVID

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE Horse Cave

Vincent Ward Rm. 504

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

Darrell Wallace plans to conclude his lesson on Moses in Heb. 11 that he began last Wed.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 11h lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "Yahweh, Salvation for Judah" Isaiah 25: 1 — 26:9
Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace is to preach today at 11 am and 5 pm

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

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many times did Peter's vision of the many animals and birds contained in a sheet occur?

Answer to our question last week:
his accusers Daniel 6:24

Now Safe Am I

by David A. Sargent

Four children, ages 4-11 and related to one another, were playing on a frozen pond last Sunday, January 9, in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, when suddenly three of them fell through the ice.

Thankfully, a 23-year-old neighbor, Dusti Talavera, saw it happen from her window. She sprang into action. "Before I even realized it, I was out there in the middle of the pond pulling two kids out," she later said during a press conference. "And that's when I fell in." con't on next page

Talavera was able to pull a 4-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy out of the icy pond, but having fallen into the pond herself, she struggled to get a 6-year-old girl out of the water. About that time, the little girl's 16-year-old male cousin threw a rope to them and was able to pull Talavera and the little girl to safety.

At one point the little 6-year-old girl was unconscious and had no pulse, but Arapahoe County sheriff's deputies and South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) officials performed CPR on her and rushed her to the hospital. She is now in good health and reunited with her family.

When discussing the details of the rescue with sheriff's deputies, Talavares told them she "wasn't concerned for her safety because they were babies and they needed help." *

When we were drowning in sin, God saw our need and sent His Son to rescue us. In order to save us from sin, Jesus had to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption (Ephesians 1:7).

James Rowe described what the Savior did for him and for us in the words of a beloved song, Love Lifted Me:

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,

Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,

But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,

From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Love lifted me!

Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me!

Rowe wrote this song in the early 1900s, but his lyrics remind us that the Savior's offer of salvation is still available:

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;

He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.

God will lift from the angry waves of sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Struggling soul, look to Jesus and accept His offer of salvation on His terms. Then joyously join in singing the refrain, "Love lifted me... now safe am I!"

What God Wants

by Jay Kelly

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8). These three things - act justly, love mercy and walk humbly - are the focus of a Christ-centered life.

God expects His people to treat others fairly. Jesus summed that up in the Golden Rule. Fair treatment means a day's work for a day's pay, whether you are the worker or the payer. It means a fair shake for everyone with whom we deal, regardless of our personal feelings. It means standing up for right when it isn't popular. Ultimately, it means doing what God tells us to do all the time.

To love mercy is more than being merciful. It is one thing to grudgingly give mercy to those who deserve otherwise because God has ordered it as though we were children ordered to make up after a fight. It is quite another to love mercy so much we look for ways to show it. Jesus loved mercy, and his con't on back page