

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

Abide With Me

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and put him through school. His poem:

Abide with me! Fast falls the Eventide;
The darkness thickens. Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away:
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word;
But as Thou dwellest with thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free, --
Come, not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings;
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings,
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.
Come, Friend of sinners and thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth did smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me!

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O, abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold then thy cross before my closing eyes;
Speak through the gloom, and point me to the
skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain
shadows flee!

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

- copied and adapted

*we still sing "Abide With Me" in our assembly WH



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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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Salvation Is In the Church

The idea that one is first saved by some mystical or mystified, unintelligible or intangible process, and afterwards "joins some church" is a common religious delusion. Yet, there is no truth more plainly emphasized in the Bible than the fact that the process of being saved is the process of entering the church (Acts 2:47).

1. It is affirmed in Acts 4:12 that salvation is in Christ. Then, to have salvation, one must get into Christ. But Paul, by analogy, in Ephesians 5:30, teaches that as husband and wife are one, so Christ and the church are one. "I speak concerning Christ and the church," he said. Christ and the church being one, how can one be in Christ and out of the church?

2. Paul makes the fact that Christ is "the savior of the body" (5:23) the ground of his exhortation to the Ephesians concerning the church as the bride of Christ (5:25). He washed it and sanctified it, cleansed and saved it, purchased it with His blood and redeemed it, reconciles us to God in it, and adds all the saved to it. Therefore, out of the church there is no cleansing, no blood, no redemption, no reconciliation to God, no salvation.

3. The relation between Christ and the church is the same as that which exists between God and Christ. Christ is the "fullness" of God (Col. 1:19), and the church is the "fullness" of Christ (Eph. 1:22). Therefore, no man can come to Christ and ignore the church for the same reason that no man can come to God and ignore Christ.

- by Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

We exhort the unsaved to come to Christ, "gladly receive the word," be "baptized into Christ," and the Lord will add you to His church.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rex Wallace tested positive for COVID last week; thankful he is better; Becky Hatcher is having more back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Lori Brewer and Fran Mears undergoing tests; Margie Gentry at home; Mark Hatcher (back); Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye as she also deals with pain in her back; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Brenda Jaggers; Jeff & Sonja Hogue COVID; Becky Bush; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; first responders; the citizens of Ukraine under major attack from Russia. There are several Christians who will be impacted.

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
Ann Schuler, Rm. 604

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

Bobby Bybee (therapy)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our first lesson in the Spring Quarter "Epistles to Timothy" Today's topic: "Timothy's Assignment" I Tim. 1:1-11 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach today at 11 am "What Does the Cross of Christ Reveal?" and at 5 pm "Grab Hold of Hope"

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

LADIES DAY AT E-TOWN

March 19 with Jonee` Lewis RSVP by March 10th so food can be ordered

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

March 20-23 at E-town Church of Christ with Mike Greene

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTERS MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 Any of the men of the congregation are invited as well.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Will meet tomorrow evening at 5:30 in the Annex. Ladies of the congregation are encouraged to participate.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which of the 10 plagues brought upon Egypt by Moses was the plague of frogs?

Answer to our question last week:

Three days Exod. 10:22

The Standard For All Decisions

by Joe Chesser

Life is filled with difficult decisions, many of which are life changing decisions. We have to decide a career path, whom to marry, and how many children. We have to choose where and in what to call home, the kind of vehicle to purchase, and how to spend our time. We have to plan for investments, our children's education and retirement. How will we care for our aging parents? What church will we choose? These are indeed difficult decisions. So the question is, what standard will we use to make these decisions?

For Christians that decision should already

be made. Our standard is always Jesus! To be a Christian means we have made a commitment to follow Jesus regardless of what the rest of the world may be thinking and doing. We are to have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2.5). We are to stop thinking and acting like the world (1 John 2.15); we are to let God transform our minds so we can make decisions that are within His will (Rom. 12.2). When examining how Jesus made difficult decisions this one principle rises to the top: the will of the Father!

His very first recorded decision is found in Luke 2. At age 12 Jesus went with his parents to the temple in Jerusalem. When it was time to go home Jesus chose to stay behind to discuss spiritual matters with the temple teachers. Why? His answer: "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2.49). His second recorded decision was to be submissive to his parents (Luke 2.51). That, too, is within the Father's will (Eph. 6.1). Because God was his first priority, loved learning and was submissive to his parents.

The next decision we read about was his baptism by John (Matt. 3.13-17). When John resisted, Jesus explained why he needed to be baptized: "it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3.15). The Father and Spirit verified that his decision to be baptized was the Father's will. The Spirit descended in the form of a dove and came to rest on him, and the Father proclaimed: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

For Jesus, the most important thing in life was to do the Father's will. "My food is to do the will of him who sent me" John 4.34 "I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me" John 6.38. The night before Jesus died he

prayed three times that there might be some other way than the cross. However, he ended each request by adding, "nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Matt. 26.39).

Jesus faced many difficult decisions while on earth. But in everyone of them, his standard was always the will of the Father. Those who follow Jesus will choose the same standard he used when making decisions. The degree of difficulty does not factor into these decisions. The standard is always the same: the will of the Father. So, the principles from God's word should guide our decisions regarding church, marriage, children, career, relationships, investments, finances, retirement, etc.? Remember, Jesus said that only those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 7.21).

Abide With Me Henry Lyte

Henry Francis Lyte was desperately ill with tuberculosis. He did not expect to live. He was so sick, in fact, that he had prepared a farewell sermon to preach later on the morning of September 4, 1847. Meanwhile he drew a paper toward him on which he had begun to write some verses:

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

His mind passed back over his life as he touched up the stanzas; and he wrote, "Thou on my head in early youth did smile..." Henry's loving mother had taught him Bible stories and God's love. However, his father abandoned the family. Henry's mother soon died. Nine-year-old Henry was left alone in the world. A kindly Irish minister named Dr. Robert Burrows with five children of his own, took Henry in and

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