

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; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

Are You A Lighthouse?

by Ed Wittlif

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Before radar and global positioning satellites, lighthouses were positioned to guide sailors past dangers to safe haven. Lighthouses go back to ancient times. Being a lighthouse keeper was a very responsible position and it required a trustworthy man to serve as one.

In the darkness, light serves as a guide and also reveals reality. Even during the day, we live in a world of darkness. The vast majority stumble about in darkness, not seeing the reality of God and sin.

Jesus tells us that those who follow Him are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). We serve to point out the dangers of unbelief in God and disobedience to God. We also serve as guides to leading people to God.

Jesus says that if our light is hidden, it serves no purpose. If the lighthouse keepers had covered their lights, lives would have perished. We must be active in this dark world. People need to see that God is real and is shown to be what He is through our behavior and words. People need to learn that God is loving and that He cares. But they also must learn that God has standards that will not be put aside.'

How About the Grown-ups?

"Daddy, I want to ask you a question," said little Bobby after his first day in Sunday school. "Yes, Bobby, what is it?" "The teacher read the Bible to us. It was about the children of Israel building the temple, the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, and the children of Israel making sacrifices. Didn't the grown-ups do anything?"

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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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Be Sober

by Travis Robertson

When you hear the word, sober, what do you think? Immediately, I begin to think about staying away from drugs and alcohol. While this word certainly has that in mind, it is more focused on simply staying alert and at the ready. The reason Christians need to be sober minded is because our adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. If we are not alert or paying attention, we become an easy target for Satan.

It is funny that Peter tells his readers in the previous verse to cast their anxiety on God, and then in the following verse, adds to their anxiety by saying, "There is a lion on the loose, look out!" However, it is important to notice that Peter is helping us understand that just because we have cast our anxiety on God, that does not mean that we can relax and give Satan an opportunity. We need to continue to stay alert and remain faithful.

If we can be sober minded and remain faithful, notice the blessings for us in verse 10, *"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."* So, do not lose heart in your present circumstances, be of sober mind, stand firm in the faith, and receive the blessings that the God of all grace has prepared for you.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher has spent six weeks in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114. She has an appt. in Nashville tomorrow with the Vaughn Allen Clinic, prayers requested; Mary Whittington recovering from surgery; Mark Hatcher had ablation on his back last week; Lori Brewer's back surgery has been delayed about a month; Mike Thompson; Jim Mears is improving; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Tom Whittington; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Bob Bradford, Ruth Bradford's son who lives in AL, is battling cancer and has asked for everyone's prayers; Gayla Graham's treatments are encouraging as the tumor is shrinking; Steve Higginbotham received a great report from his visit to MD Anderson in Houston, no growth or spread of cancer anywhere; Dan Winkler gospel preacher in Springhill, TN stage 2 colon cancer; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Sue Spradlin; Seaborn Elzey

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

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 2nd lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" Our lesson this morning lesson 1: "Exemplary Christians" I Thess. 1:1-10, Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

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

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour on - *The Power of Influence* Matt. 5: 13-16

RESIGNATION

We regret that due to health reasons Mike Thompson resigned last Sunday at the elders and deacons meeting as our Associate Pulpit Minister. We truly appreciate the good work and effort Mike has done the past 5 years. Prayers for his health concerns.

THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Scott Huff will be bringing our lesson at 6:00 We look forward to what his lesson.

WELCOME HOME

We are happy to report that Darrell & Robin Wallace are moving back home to Horse Cave. He recently was appointed as the Director of World English Institute (WEI) which is a branch of World Bible School. You will be hearing more about this in the days to come.

CONGRATULATIONS - NEW BABY

Lucy Jo Wallace was born March 10 weighing 5 lbs 11 ozs 20 in long.

Parents: Matthew & Mary Beth Wallace

Grandparents: Tony & Vicki Wallace

Great-grandparents: Rex & Doris Wallace

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who once cast demons into a herd of swine when the demons challenged him?

The answer to our question last week:

Jesus to Judas John 13:27

Soldiers of Christ Arise!

by Mike Riley

A song we often sing in our worship to God is, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise." One verse of this song states, "Stand, then in his great might, with all his strength endued; But take to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God." In singing this great song, I often wondered what the "panoply" of God was since I rarely saw or used that word at any other time.

The word "panoply" comes from the Greek term (panoplia). This word refers to the full equipment of the heavily armed foot-soldier, including both offensive and defensive weapons. Every Roman soldier going into battle would take special care to be thoroughly equipped and prepared, as his life might well depend on it. "Among the Greeks the panoplia was the complete equipment used by heavily armed infantry" (Vine's Expository Dictionary, Pg. 75).

This word is used in the New Testament – not in a physical sense, but in a spiritual sense. Paul exhorted the Ephesians to put on the "whole armor" (panoply) of God (Ephesians 6:11) This would enable them to stand against the the devil's schemes. God's armor provides everything the Christian needs to stand strong in Him and His salvation. From the breastplate of righteousness (Ephesians 6:14), to the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17), God has provided us the spiritual equipment needed for overcoming the temptations of the devil (Ephesians 6:11, 13) and to be victorious in daily Christian living.

When the Apostle Paul used this term, he wasn't romancing. He had in view the harsh and stern reality of the soldier's life. While it is true that the Christian has peace, love, and joy in Christ, our enemy the devil

prowls around like a roaring lion "seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

As Christians, we are engaged in a war for our souls (2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:12). We take heart that God has provided everything we need to be victorious in Him. Let us rejoice in the loving care God exercises through his Son, that "his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3).

We certainly need to "rejoice" in all the blessings we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), but take seriously the constant struggle we face with sin. We can be completely equipped and prepared for Satan's attacks if we take advantage of the provision God offers through Christ (Ephesians 6:10). Stand firm in the "panoply of God" – our soul's salvation depends on it! (1 Thessalonians 5:8-9).

Let's Pull Together

At a county fair, townspeople held a horse-pulling contest.

The first-place horse moved a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The second-place finisher pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the horses decided to see what the horses could pull together, so they hitched them and found the team could move 12,000 pounds! By working separately, two horses were good for only 8,500 pounds. When coupled together, their synergism produced an added 3,500 pounds. It is a hard lesson, but unity consistently produces greater results than individual endeavors.

"Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect." - Our Daily Bread via HouseToHouse/HeartToHeart