

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

Why Do You Talk So Much About JESUS?

An old Indian chief constantly spoke of the Lord Jesus and what He meant to him.

"Why do you talk so much about Jesus?" asked a friend.

The chief did not reply, but slowly, deliberately gathered some sticks and bits of grass. He made a circle of them. In the circle he placed a caterpillar. Still silent, he struck a match and lit the sticks and grass.

They watched the caterpillar. As the fire caught around the circle, the trapped caterpillar began to crawl around rapidly, seeking a way of escape. As the fire advanced, the helpless caterpillar raised its head as high as it could. If the creature could have spoken, it would have said, "My help can come only from above."

Then the chief stooped down. He extended his finger to the caterpillar, which crawled up his finger to safety. "That," said the chief, glowing, "was what the Lord Jesus did for me! I was lost in sin. My condition was hopeless. I was trapped.

Then the Lord Jesus stooped down in love and mercy, and He drew me out of the horrible pit of sin and shame. How can I help but love Him and talk of His wondrous love and care?"

Jesus died on our behalf (Acts 2:23; Romans 5:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:2; 4:9-10). He intercedes for us (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1). The blood of Christ makes us safe (Exodus 12:13; Ephesians 1:7); the word of God makes us sure.

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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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Choosing What To Believe

by Ron Bartanen

Among the many witty and thought-provoking bits of wisdom that has come my way on the Internet recently was this observation: "The truth is that most of us decide what lies we want to believe." Prejudices abound in such realms as politics, culture and religion. True objectivity in separating fact from fiction is hard to find. We are universally affected by our backgrounds, friends and environment. A truly subjective seeking after truth in a multitude of areas of life is difficult, if not entirely impossible, to find. The result is a divided society, often resulting in chaos and even war. Life, thereby, becomes a burden upon mankind as each seeks his own way. The natural inclination of man is to seek a way that will harmonize with his own prejudices and preferences. The problem is rooted within our own degenerate hearts, which the Bible describes as "deceitful in all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9).

God's answer to man's predicament is a person—His own Son, Who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Through Jesus, God has reconciled believers to Himself, through the crucifixion of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18-21), uniting us with Him who is the embodiment of truth. While our minds and hearts seek to feed us an assortment of lies, in Christ we are afforded the totality of truth, as He declared to His disciples: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). The Holy Spirit-inspired word which they proclaimed was the word of God, as Jesus prayed on the eve of His betrayal: "Father, sanctify them through your truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17). That truth affects every facet of the believer's

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher has spent seven weeks in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114. She was taken to Nashville Monday for a second evaluation with the Howell Allen Clinic, that dr. wants her to have an MRI of her hip, to be done Thursday in Glasgow; Fran Mears has a mass in a kidney, and will have a biopsy Thurs at Greenview, results of that will determine the next step; Lori Brewer's back surgery has been delayed for a few days; Wayne Hatcher thought his heart was back in AFib, but thankfully it was Atrial Fluttering and was corrected with medication; Mike Thompson; 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; on Friday Gayla Graham finished her chemo and 39 radiation treatments. Prayers the tumor has shrunk and is gone; Steve Higginbotham; Dan Winkler prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Ray Green; 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 3rd lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The topic this morning: "Knowledge of Paul"

I Thess. 2:1-12, 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

Darrell Wallace is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour at 11. His topic will be: "The Gospel We Received" I Cor. 15

LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING

Scott Huff had a great lesson Wed. evening on making decisions based upon a study from Psa. 1 & 2. Thanks Scott, well done.

CORRECTION

Last week I incorrectly said Darrell Wallace has been appointed as the Director of World English Institute (WEI). Rather he is the Director of Teacher Recruitment.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

According to Judges 17:6 when there was no king of Israel, how did they determine right and wrong??

The answer to our question last week:
Jesus Matt. 8:32

Looking Unto Jesus

Look to Jesus for **life** (John 14:6).

Look to Jesus for **aid** (Hebrews 2:18).

Look to Jesus for **love** (2 Corinthians 5:14).

Look to Jesus for **peace** (John 14:27; Acts 10:36).

Look to Jesus for **guidance** (John 12:48).

Look to Jesus for **strength** (Philippians 4:13).

Look to Jesus for **freedom** (John 8:32).

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Choosing What To Believe from pg. 1 worldview and conduct. We open our hearts to Satan's lies if our hearts are not guarded by this truth, as Paul declared of those who did not love the truth, "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). The choice is ours.

What Do You Expect From God?

by Bill Brandstatter

I was talking to a Christian a few years ago about his commitment to God. He said he didn't go to worship services much because God had "touched him." He stated that he takes his granddaughter to services, but he had not been in three weeks. He was raised in the church; however, church wasn't what he expected. So, I asked him what did he expect? What do you expect from God?

Some expect God to put a stamp of approval on their lifestyle and accept them without any change on their part. Perhaps this group would say everyone is going to heaven, just by different routes. Yet, God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30, 31). Some get upset when someone tells them what they must do to be saved. Others object if they are asked to prove anything about the religion they profess. Yet the Bible tells us we should be able to give an answer for what we believe (1 Pet. 3:15). So, again the question is: What do they expect from God?

Perhaps some men think too little about God's perspective and too much about their own. Remember, God doesn't think like man does (Is. 55:8, 9). Man lives in a physical world. Often what he expects in

the physical, he expects in the spiritual. When excitement, entertainment, and pleasure are the name of the game in the physical, some expect these in the spiritual realm as well. They may think that any church that doesn't provide one of those is not meeting their expectations.

Sometimes man thinks God's ways are unfair (Ezek. 18:25). Yet, who is it that sets the standard of fairness? Is it not God? Whatever God does is fair and just; therefore, it is man's way that are not fair (Ezek. 33:17).

Some may expect God to do what man is supposed to do. God cannot save a person who does not want to be saved. God cannot change His law of pardon to save someone who has not obeyed Him. We must obey from the heart the doctrine of God (Rom. 6:17).

When the rich man was in torment in Luke 16, he wanted someone to go to his brothers on earth. The answer given to him was "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Luke 16:30). Those who would be saved had to do what God wanted. They had to follow the revealed will of God as written by Moses and the prophets. Anything else was not acceptable. Today, we must follow what Christ says (Jn. 12:48). We cannot expect God to do for us what we must do. We have to work at obtaining the knowledge we need. It takes study on our part (Acts 17:11). We must receive it and make it part of us (James 1:12). We must obey the gospel that God has given us and heaven will be home one day (Rom. 10:16,17; 2 Thess. 1:8). The will of God for salvation has been revealed to us (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).

We can know what God expects of us. Let us strive to do what God expects, and always have a good conscience toward Him (Acts 24:16).