

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

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Yet she directed in her will that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection, it could not reach her.

In time, however, a seed began to grow and push its way out from beneath the slabs. As the trunk enlarged, the stones were gradually shifted and the steel clasps were wrenched from their sockets.

The dynamic life force contained in that little seed is only a faint reflection of the tremendous power of God's creative word that someday will call to life the bodies of all who are in their graves. Willing or not, all will be resurrected (John 5:28-29).

A messenger from God revealed this truth to Daniel. As this angelic messenger opened the door to the hallway of time, he revealed to the prophet many things: the rise and fall of various kingdoms, the invasion of the army from the North, and, ultimately, the resurrection of the dead. For those who are prepared—whose names are written in the Book of Life—it is a resurrection to everlasting life. For those unprepared, it is a resurrection to everlasting damnation.

This Old Testament message is also echoed throughout the New Testament. The apostle Paul declared that "the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), while the apostle John saw the dead, who were "judged every man according to their works" (Revelation 20:13).

There is no way you can avoid the resurrection, but you can be ready for it. Make sure that your name is written in the Book of Life. Only a fool fails to prepare for what he knows is coming.

Have you believed in Christ (John 3:16), repented of your sins (Luke 13:3), confessed the name of Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and been baptized for the remission of sins? (Acts 2:38). If not, prepare for your grave to be opened one day!

- Tom Moore



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None Like Him

by Joe Slater

Some people just naturally stand out from the rest. Of three individuals the Bible says there was "*none like him.*"

When Israel clamored for a king so they could be like the nations around them, God reluctantly gave them Saul, the son of Kish. The prophet Samuel anointed Saul and asked Israel, "*Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?*" (1 Samuel 10:1, 24). What was so special about Saul? "*When he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward*" (10:23). Unfortunately, his fine physique didn't make Saul a good king. He started out well but came to a disastrous end.

Hezekiah, unlike Saul, was renowned not for his good looks, but his godliness. "*He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among the kings of Judah, nor who were before him*" (2 Kings 18:5). Hezekiah had inherited a kingdom mired down in the idolatry and immorality of his father, Ahaz. Despite his youth and regardless of the difficulty, Hezekiah instituted sweeping reforms to bring Judah closer to God.

Even better than Hezekiah was the patriarch Job. God Himself said of him, "*There is none like him on the earth*" (Job 1:8a). What made him so exceptional? The Lord said he was "*a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil*" (1:8b). Job's conduct was such that no one could successfully find fault with him. (His friends tried, but failed miserably!) Job's reverence for God led him to shun wickedness.

Christians ought to stand out from the world. We may not have marvelous physiques, nor should that be our concern. Let us trust in the Lord like Hezekiah! Let us strive to be blameless and upright, reverencing God and shunning evil! May God say of us, "*There is none like them!*"

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher has been in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114 since Feb. 1. She met with an orthopedic dr. in Glasgow Thurs. expecting to get an MRI of her hip but found the dr. in Nashville only set up a consultation. The dr. in Glasgow does not believe her pain is due to her hip; Fran Mears goes back to see her dr. this week to discuss her options; Lori Brewer's back surgery has been put on hold; Mike Thompson; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Tom Whittington; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Steve Higginbotham; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; 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 4th lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The topic this morning: "Conversion" I Thess. 2:13-20, 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: wlocline.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 Resurrection We Can Expect" I Cor. 15

WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Wed. at 6:00 will be our monthly singing and devotional

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What did Herod do as a result of Peter being freed from his jail by an angel?

The answer to our question last week: every man did what was right in his own eyes

Nothing Can Stop Jesus

- * History could not forget Him.
- * Temptation could not distract Him.
- * Circumstances could not deter Him.
- * His enemies could not prevent Him.
- * Death could not contain Him.
- * Satan could not defeat Him.
- * Modern thinking cannot cancel Him.
- * And when it comes time for Jesus to come again, nothing will be able to stop Him.

Are you ready?

- Edd Sterchi Campbellsville, KY

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When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, pass it along (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10). If it's a negative word, keep it to yourself.

How Many Times Do I Have To Tell You?

by Joe Chesser

"How many times do I have to tell you?! How many times?" I guess every parent has said this at some time or another, in part because every parent had heard it from their parents. Parents tell their children over and over to pick up their clothes or to shut the door or to put their dishes in the sink. Yet, for some reason their words just don't seem to make it from the kids' ears to their brains to their heart. As a result, their behavior isn't changed.

So, we shouldn't be surprised when we read that the women and disciples, upon reaching Jesus' tomb, were shocked to find it empty (Luke 24:1-12). They wept and wondered at what had happened to the body of Jesus, but they didn't remember that He had told them plainly and repeatedly that after three days He would rise again (Mark 8:31-32, 9:30-32, 10:32-34). Perhaps Jesus felt like saying, "How many times do I have to tell you?!" And, even after an angel told them that He had risen, they still were afraid and bewildered (Mark 16:8).

The New Testament speaks often about the resurrection of Jesus. But I'm afraid that no matter how many times it is plainly taught, many people will remain ignorant and confused about it. Somehow the significance of the resurrection doesn't get from the ears to the brain to the heart. So, even though the story of the resurrection is told in countless homes and churches around the globe, the behavior of the hearers rarely is affected all that much.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope: hope for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 15:17; 1 Peter 1:3, 3:21), and hope for eternal life (1 Cor. 15:19; Romans 8:11). But it is also intended to change our lives as we are raised from baptism to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). Because we have been raised with Christ, we are expected to live differently from the rest of the world. Paul wrote in Colossians 3:1-4:

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you will also appear with him in glory."

He then proceeds to be specific about the changes that need to occur in the life of those who have been "raised with Christ." Christians need to get rid of anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language (Col. 3:8), and they need to add things like compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Col 3:12). But my point is that the resurrection should not only give us hope, it should change our lives.

But for that to happen, at some point the words must get past our ears to our brains to our heart. How many times will you need to hear this for it to change your life?

Ready or Not

In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany, is a grave covered with huge slabs of granite and marble, fastened with heavy steel clasps.

It belongs to a woman who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.

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