

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

Singing Is Worship

If we go to the Bible for our authority in matters of religion, we become a distinctive group of believers. Many in the religious world simply do things because others are doing it or because it "feels good." For some people, it does not matter if God authorized it or not, they will always do what they want to do, instead of doing what God says to do.

Jesus taught that it is hypocritical to honor Him with our lips yet continue to do things that are opposed to His teachings. It also makes our worship empty (Mark 7:6-9).

In the matter of music in our worship assemblies God has authorized one kind of music. It's vocal (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Singing is a specific kind of music and when God specifies vocal music that eliminates the other kind of music, which is instrumental. The words sung both edify each other and praise God. Singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs can do both (edify one another and praise God), but an organ, guitar and drums cannot teach and admonish or praise God.

Why would we want to do that which God has not authorized? Why disrupt unity by doing something that is opposite what God has authorized?

Let's continue to be a people who respect God's way for worship and not be swayed by the traditions of men. - Rob Albright

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People often justify using instruments in worship by saying they did in the Old Testament. Yes, but we are no longer living under the Old Testament Law. Should we be offering animal sacrifices since they did in the O.T.? Of course not. The book of Hebrews strongly teaches we live under the new covenant of Christ (Heb. 8, 9 & 10). See Heb. 9:11-15. Christ is our perfect sacrifice. - Wayne H.



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1st Century Focus

by Kevin V. Rutherford

The feast of Pentecost always took place on the first day of the week. When Peter preached on Pentecost he was preaching on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1). The first day of the week was significant to the early Christians because it was the day upon which the Lord rose from the tomb (John 20:1). As Peter preached on the first day of the week he spoke of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and gave evidence through prophecy and eyewitnesses (Acts 2:25-32). Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a major point in the first Gospel sermon ever preached. In fact, it became a major theme throughout the preaching of the first century.

Peter spoke of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in his second Gospel sermon at the temple (Acts 3:15). In both the Pentecost sermon and the second sermon at the temple, Peter mentions God is the One who raised Jesus from the dead. He also points out the fact that he, and others are eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

When Peter and John were taken before the high priest, rulers, elders, and scribes, Peter once again preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10). When the leaders told them to stop preaching in the name of Jesus, Peter said, "we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). So, once again, Peter points out the facts Jesus was raised from the dead, God raised him from the dead, and Peter and others are eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

Peter and all the apostles were later brought before the Jewish leaders where they were rebuked for preaching Jesus (Acts 5:27-28). As Peter gave answer he once again mentions Jesus was raised, concluded on pg.3

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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; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer's back surgery has been put on hold; Tom & Mary Whittington; Mike Thompson; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; the family of Wanda Gaines

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 5th lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The topic this morning: "Concern and Conflict" I Thess. 3:1-13. 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 at 11. His topic will be: "The Profound Effect of Christ's Resurrection"

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

Monthly meeting this afternoon here at the building at 3:00

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

On Wed. evening after our service ended, Robbie Fudge expressed a heart-felt appreciation in behalf of his sisters Tanya, Gayla and himself. They were very grateful to the elders and congregation for allowing their families to have access to the house next door even after their mom Peggy Fudge passed away five years ago. Their late dad B.A. Fudge served as minister here for 33 years.

GOSPEL MEETING

April 18-21 at E-town church of Christ with Gary Massey of Chattanooga, TN

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What unusual place did Jesus once find money to pay the temple tax?

The answer to our question last week:

He executed the guards Acts 12:19

It's All About the Lord

*The Lord's people,
having been baptized with the Lord's
baptism,
cleansed with the Lord's blood,
and added to the Lord's body,
gather around the Lord's table,
in the Lord's name,
upon the Lord's day,
to remember the Lord's death and
resurrection,
until the Lord comes.*

Are you the Lord's?

- by Edd Sterchi



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God raised Him, and Peter and the other apostles were eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ (Acts 5:30-32).

These comments infuriated the Jewish leaders, when instead such comments should have thrilled them. In their fury, they had the apostles beaten. At this point it became clear to the early Christians they could be severely punished for preaching the resurrection of Jesus, but this did not stop them.

Peter again spoke of the resurrection when he was given the opportunity to preach the Gospel to the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:40-41). Peter told the Gentiles, Jesus was raised, God raised Jesus, and there are eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

Paul's preaching was also filled with references to the resurrection. When Paul preached to the people of Antioch, he told them Jesus was raised, God raised Jesus, and there are eyewitnesses who saw Jesus for many days after His resurrection (Acts 13:28-37). On this occasion, Paul also makes references to Old Testament prophecies regarding the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Acts 17:1-4 shows Paul reasoning from the Scriptures regarding the identity of Jesus as the Christ. In this context, Paul says, "Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead" (Acts 17:3). It was Paul's preaching regarding the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that ended his opportunity to speak before the Greek judges on Mars' Hill (Acts 17:29-34). Paul also spoke of the resurrection of Christ before King Agrippa and Festus (Acts 26:22-23).

The fact of the resurrection was also

discussed in the inspired letters written to the early churches. When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he spoke of how the resurrection of Jesus Christ is pictured in our resurrection from the water of baptism (Romans 4:3-7). In his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul spoke in some depth about the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15). He first spoke of the evidence of the resurrection in more than five hundred eyewitnesses. Then Paul explained we have confidence in our own future resurrection because we can know that Jesus rose from the grave. Paul mentions the resurrection of Jesus Christ again in the second letter to the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 4:14). In fact, we see references to the resurrection over and over again in the New Testament letters (Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Timothy 2:8; 1 Peter 1:21).

The resurrection of Christ was a recurring theme throughout the preaching, teaching, and writing of inspired men in the first century. In addition, the day upon which the early Christians met pointed to their faith in the resurrection (John 20:1; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). If we are going to be preaching like the early church, we are going to speak often of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For, it is in the preaching of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we find the foundation for all trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all hope in the coming resurrection to eternal life. □

THANK YOU MESSAGE

Eric & Sarah Foreman of Gallatin, TN sent a message of appreciation for our sympathy, cards and prayers in the recent loss of his mother.