## **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

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# ... Integrity from pg. 3

A life of integrity gives us confidence to face eternity. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation. among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

A life of integrity strengthens the message we share with others. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Doing the right thing—doing what Jesus Christ would do-will have a huge impact on our own lives and on the lives of others. Are we known as people of integrity?

# Twenty Years!!

Sunday April 14, 2002 marks a special day for Becky and me. I preached my first sermon to begin our work here. It doesn't seem possible that was 20 years ago. We have experienced many good times and some sad times. Sometimes when I am reflecting of how many of our members have passed away, moved away or no longer attend, it is unreal. We are grateful for those of you who have been steadfast from the start. We appreciate the new ones we have gained. You all are a blessing.

You have stood with us through trials and tribulations. We have tried to do the same for each of you. We love you!! I am thankful for the privilege!!

God bless. Wayne & Becky



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tion, 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 bless-

ing 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.

# Jesus Saved Me From My Sins by Ed Wittlif

"She will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21 ESV).

I didn't grow up in a family that was godly. What I knew about Jesus I learned by watching Christmas specials on TV. I grew up a "spoiled rotten" kid, who always got what he wanted. As a result, I was very self-centered, and everything was for my wants and pleasures. I had done a lot of stuff by age twenty that I knew was wrong.

I was looking forward to the freedom that came with reaching twenty-one. At the same time, I was beginning to realize that there might be more to life. Just what that was, I didn't know.

When two of my good friends got married, I started talking with the minister, which led to a series of studies. He introduced me to Jesus, and I discovered what was missing in life. I learned that I was a sinner and what that meant, and that Jesus took my punishment for me. I gratefully accepted His gift when I believed and rose from my baptism into a new life.

By God's grace, I am saved from the eternal consequences of my sins. Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh by faith in the Son of God, who gave Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Like Paul, I have striven to live for Christ and to serve Him in His mission of reconciliation. Knowing what I was before, I am grateful and blessed to be His. I encourage you to do the same and remember what you were before you were redeemed. Never forget the cost paid for your salvation.

# **NEWS & NOTES...**

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher still at home and has felt a little better last week; Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Fran Mears; Agnes Seaton (it was great seeing her out Wed. night); 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 back pain; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Brenda Jaggers; it was great seeing Becky Bush was able to be with us last Sunday morning; Tom Whittington; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward is home; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; first responders: the citizens of Ukraine: there are several members of the Lord's church being impacted; family of Ricky Perkins who died unexpectedly. Ricky had worked for R.T. & Bonnie Turner on the farm for many years.

Phillip Perkins seems to be doing well after knee replacement surgery. It was great seeing him out Wed. night.

We are thankful Laura Brooks was released from T. J. Samson Hospital and is back home at her daughter Rhonda Quenzer.

Lori Brewer is having to have surgery again on her shoulder. It will be Tues. in BG at Greenview. With our love and prayers

## PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing

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Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

#### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 6th lesson in the Spring Quarter "Epistles to Timothy" Today's topic: "Timothy's Ministry" I Tim. 4:6--5:2 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

This Wed. night we continue our study in Hebrews 12. Darrell will be teaching.

#### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach today at 11 am "The Triumphant Entry" Matt. 21:1-11 and at 5 pm "What Is Indispensable?"

#### 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

#### THANK YOU NOTE

We express our thanks and kindness shown to us in the death of our brother Bobby. We appreciate the cards, calls and prayer very much. In Christian love, Bill and Janice

### **CONGRATULATIONS 50 YEARS**

Last Sunday the Shady Grove Church of Christ honored our Billy Bybee with a catered meal in our Annex. The occasion celebrated 50 years that he has been preaching at Shady Grove. We appreciated them including us in the celebration! There were a lot of people who came to congratulate him. It was a very special day to remember!

## **ELDERS DEACONS MEETING**

Will meet this afternoon at 3:00

## **TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ**

According to the Bible, who was the last person to see the resurrected Christ?

Answer to our last question: Jezreel Hosea 1:4

# Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

It was a fact that Jesus was innocent. The Roman governor in charge of Judea, Pontius Pilate, so stated himself after having examined Jesus personally (John 19:4). It is also a fact that Jesus never even committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And yet, they fashioned the crown of thorns and placed a purple robe upon His shoulders in mockery, and delivered Him to be crucified. He bore His cross to a place called Golgotha, where they crucified Him (John 19:17-18). The Bible tells us about the state of mind of some of the people who were there.

Soldiers. These Roman men oversaw the crucifixion. They were of cruel mind (Mark 15:16-20), mocking Him even as He hung on the cross (Luke 23:36-37). They were also hard-hearted and indifferent, as shown in John 19:23-24, where they cast lots for Jesus' clothing. This act was foretold in Psalm 22:18. Jesus forgave these men (Luke 23:34)!

Mary. Also there at the crucifixion was Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus (John 19:25-27). The Bible doesn't say much about her state of mind, but every mother can easily understand the pain she must have felt looking upon her son hanging on that cross, slowly and painfully dying.

Priests. These men were full of hatred toward Jesus (Matt. 27:41-43). They admitted Jesus had "saved others," likely referring to those He had healed. They now torture Jesus with their words, saying, "If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." Jesus, of course, could have come down from the cross if He had desired, but he persevered in accomplishing God's plan!

Thieves. Two robbers were crucified on either side of Jesus (Matt. 27:38). One was full of blasphemy, the other humility, admitting his own guilt (Luke 23:39-43).

Centurion. Though he was part of the soldiers, this man made a startling admission. His state of mind was acceptance that Jesus was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

You. Not personally, of course, but representationally. Jesus bore your sins in His own body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). As He hung there dying, surrounded by heartbroken supporters, vicious gawkers, grim soldiers and proud religious leaders, He did so as a perfect offering to God for each one of them, and for each one of us. Since He died for you, will you live for Him?

by Matt Clifton

# The Importance of Integrity

by Bart Warren

The term integrity has been defined in various ways. Some would say it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principals. Others would say it is doing the right thing all the time simply because it is the right thing—doing the right thing knowing no one will know whether you did it or not.

I want to suggest, based upon Scripture, a life of integrity is what should characterize each Christian.

A life of integrity makes us like Jesus.

"...Jesus Christ...went about doing good..." (Acts 10:38).

A life of integrity protects our reputation. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8). (con't on back)