

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

Repentance Unto Life

Some of the Jews in the Jerusalem church rebuked Peter for evangelizing the Gentile Cornelius and his household. But after Peter explained, "they glorified God, saying, 'Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance unto life.'"

How does God grant repentance to people? After all, repentance is a command! "God now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:31). How can something be both given and commanded?

Many sincere religious people believe that a lost sinner can do nothing relative to the salvation process; he must passively wait for the Holy Spirit to miraculously put such things as faith and repentance into his heart. But such is not taught in the Bible! If God miraculously put faith and repentance into my heart, but not into yours, would that not be showing partiality? Yet Acts 10:34 states unequivocally that God shows no partiality!

God grants repentance like He grants us our daily bread - by giving us opportunities and the necessary things to produce it. When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," do we expect God to send down a plate of food miraculously from Heaven? Of course not! He provides the soil, rain, sunshine, etc., necessary for food production. In His providence he grants us health, strength, and opportunities to earn or produce food.

In similar indirect ways God gives us repentance. His word shows us the need to repent and what will happen if we don't. And He gives us opportunities to repent before it is too late. That was the main thing with Cornelius. Prior to Acts 10, Gentiles had been excluded from opportunities to hear and obey the gospel. But now God granted them repentance leading to eternal life!

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Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

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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What Unites the Church

- * A Savior all can serve. (Acts 20:19)
- * A Book all can understand. (Ephesians 3:3-4)
- * A Gospel all can obey. (Acts 18:8)
- * A "Creed" all can believe. (Matthew 16:16)
- * A Race all can run. (Hebrews 12:1)
- * A Path all can walk. (1 Peter 2:21)
- * A Battle all can win. (1 John 5:4)
- * A Foe all can conquer. (James 4:7)
- * A Faith all can keep. (2 Timothy 4:7)
- * A Work all can do. (Matthew 21:26)
- * A Love all can share. (John 13:34-36)
- * An Inheritance all can claim. (Romans 8:14-17)
- * A Story all can tell. (Matthew 28:19)

We have all these things in Jesus Christ and the New Testament gospel. Why then are people who claim to be the church still so badly divided?

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher remains in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114 since Feb. 1, recent blood tests show she has Myasthenia Gravis (auto immune disorder) She only has a few more days left before being dismissed to go home; Dennis Hatcher is to have a defibrillator/pace maker implanted next month; Jim Mears was admitted to TJ Samson last weekend. He is in ICU with pneumonia; Lisa Schuler; Helen Edwards; Fran Mears; Mark Hatcher; Lori Brewer; Mike Thompson; Tom & Mary Whittington; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; Carolyn Russell's cousin Karen Hanking Livers remains on a ventilator & feeding tube in a hospital in Indiana due to pneumonia and COVID.

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

SYMPATHY

We express sympathy to the family of Michael Russell who passed away Tues. in his sleep. Michael is the son of Bobby & Debbie Russell of Lawrenceburg and nephew of our Ken & Carolyn Russell.

Condolences may be sent to the Russell family via the Ratterman Funeral Home website at: www.ratterman.com
Bobby & Debbie's address is on bulletin board.

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 8th lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The topic this morning: "*Times and Seasons*" Thess. 5:1-11. Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio 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

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAM

In Search of the Lord's Way is on WNKY channel 7 or 307 (HD) on Sundays at 7 a.m. on SCRTC cable. Speaker: Phil Sanders

Also, we recommend GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) seen 24/7 on channel 113 on SCRTC cable.

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Darrell Wallace is to preach this morning in our worship hour at 11. We appreciate his good lesson last Sunday.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

We appreciate the excellent lesson Scott Huff presented last Wed. His topic was on "Being Offended" Many people are so easily offended today. He also read scriptures how people got offended by our Lord and His teachings. Also we as Christians must deal with people not being tolerant of us living the Christian life.

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

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Complete the following quotation of Paul: "*For to me to live is Christ*"

The answer to our question last week:
Dagon Judges 16:22-30

I Don't Believe In Organized Religion

by Bill Brandstatter

Some individuals have used the above phrase when I discuss Christianity and the church with them. I asked one person if he believed in unorganized religion. He stated, "That would be chaos." It was interesting that he had just told me prior to that about a church service he was thinking about attending. We should, however, want religion to be organized. Christianity is organized for a number of reasons.

Christianity is organized so we know what is going to happen. Christianity is based on order not chaos. The Bible tells us that God is not the author of confusion in His church (1 Cor. 14:33). Chaos is not what God wants. To a church that was out of order, Paul wrote, "Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Cor. 14:40) God is organized. His message is organized. His people are organized.

Christianity is organized and we can find harmony. There is a unity of belief and teaching. Paul mentioned that he taught the same thing in every church (1 Cor. 4:17). There was a unity of teaching and doctrine. When a person went from one congregation to another in New Testament times, they saw a harmony in teaching and belief.

Christianity is organized and we find an organizer. God is the organizer of the religion of Christianity. God had a plan before the world began. He made

the plan known in the New Testament times. God had everything organized and ready to be revealed. When the time was right, He sent His Son (Gal. 4:4). When the time was right, God revealed his plan for the church. God had it planned, organized, and ready. It was a mystery that was hidden for ages and was revealed in New Testament times (Col. 1:24-26). God sent His son to die for us and to set up His church. I am thankful for this organization.

Christianity is organized, and the people are organized. God had a plan for the church before the beginning of the world (Eph. 3:10-11). The church was built on a foundation that was organized (Eph. 2:20). The church had an organized message, the gospel (Rom. 1:16). The teaching was organized. It was called "the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). The church had order in its structure. The early church did not have the preacher in charge. It was made up of elders as overseers (Acts 20:28). Elders were appointed based on certain qualifications (Titus 1:5-8; 1 Tim. 3:1-7). Deacons, also were part of the structure of the early church (1 Tim. 3:8-13). Preachers preached and were evangelists (2 Tim. 4:2, 5).

We should not only believe in Christianity as an organized religion, but we should want it to be that way. Don't use the above statement as a way out of your obligation to God. Believe and obey the One that loves you. He has an organized religion to help you in your walk with Him.