

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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Blind Eyes

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them" (John 12:40).

Israel and especially their religious leaders, did not want to hear that the prophecy made by Isaiah, was pointing to them. What was true about them can also be true about many today who simply refuse to hear, see, and believe the true message about Jesus. People still can close their eyes to the truth and not believe.

While it is true God is longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9), He is not forever suffering. We can harden our minds time and time again to the will of God and that persistent disregard to the word of God can only result in us suffering the penalty of our own behavior.

God's Word says, *"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."* (Romans 1:28).

May God give us a determined mind to know, see, and trust the evidence of the gospel and the Savior's Word of truth.

- Rob Albright

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"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." - Jesus Matthew 5:14-16



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TIME OF SERVICES (CST):

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

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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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Are You Listening by A. C. Quinn

"Are you listening?" was the trademark of brother V. E. Howard, one of the great radio-evangelists of the church in the last half of the twentieth century. When brother Howard made a point that he wanted his listeners to pay particular attention to, he would drive that point home with this question: *"Are you listening?"*

Most preachers who stand before the church week after week expounding upon the words of life often wonder if their audiences are listening. It is obvious that some (many) are not listening as is evidenced by some who are clipping fingernails, others who are asleep, and still others who make frequent trips to the restroom at critical times in the lesson. *(Of course we understand the last two may be due to medical issues for some. WH)*

Faithful elders of the church who are charged with overseeing the flock of God (Acts 20:28), as Paul by the Spirit instructs them to do, no doubt often wonder if the flock is listening. It is obvious to them, too, that many in the flock are not listening because they do not heed the call to faithful attendance (Heb. 10:25), nor do they heed the call to godly living (Titus 2:11-12). In spite of the pleas to flee worldliness, many continue in sin (2Cor. 6:17; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Listening, simply defined, is the mentally processing of what one is hearing--as he is hearing it. It is a most important process because "...faith cometh by hearing..." (Rom. 10:17). Jesus said to his disciples, "any man hath an ear to hear, let him hear" (Mark 4:23). He further warned them to "...take heed what you hear" (Mark 4:24)

It is significant that God gave this imperative to his people in the Old Testament numerous times *"...Hear the word of the Lord."*

To each of the seven churches of Asia, Jesus gave this imperative: *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches"* (Rev. 2 - 3). **GOD IS SPEAKING! FRIEND, ARE YOU LISTENING?**

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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 is now being treated for Myasthenia Gravis (auto immune disorder). No changes in her back issues; Dennis Hatcher is to have a defibrillator/pace maker implanted this month; Jim Mears is in ICU at TJ Samson 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;

Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; Joey Johnson; James Gardner; sympathy to the family of Dana Branstetter

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 Karen Hanking Lievers who passed away due to complications from COVID. Karen is a cousin to our Carolyn Russell. She graduated from Caverna High School in 1976,

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 9th lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The topic this morning: "Final Admonitions" Thess. 5:12-28. 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

Wayne Hatcher is to preach this morning in our worship hour at 11. His topic: "The Absolute Necessity of HEARING God's Voice/Word" Heb. 4:7; Matt.7:24-25; Matt. 13; Luke 8

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 here at the building

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for everyone's comforting support, thoughts, cards, donations to Potter Children's Home and especially your prayers. We appreciate everything each of you have done during the loss of our son, Michael. With Christian love,

Bobby and Debbie Russell

ENJOYED YOUR VISIT

For the past three weeks we enjoyed having Cindy Binkley worshipping with us. Cindy lives in Alaska, and she came down to spend time where her wonderful parents Genie & Marilyn Hogan who are members here at HC.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

According to the Gospel of John, how many soldiers divided Jesus' clothing when he was crucified?

The answer to our question last week: "and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21

Check Your Ears

by Joe Chesser

Henry David Thoreau wrote, "It takes two to speak the truth – one to speak, and another to hear." In a similar vein of thought, Walt Whitman said, "To have great poets, there must be great audiences."

Most preachers and teachers take their job of sharing the truth of God's word very seriously. They work hard at selecting and preparing the lessons they present. And that's what we should expect from them. We should want preachers who are trained and well grounded. We want preachers and teachers to "preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2) and to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15). Yet, what we often hear in the pulpits and class rooms across the nation and around the world has little to do with the word of God. In its place are instructive and entertaining presentations on politics, economics, psychology, and current events. Audiences love it, but God is not in it.

Who's at fault – the preachers or the audiences? Actually, both are. Preachers need to "preach the word" whether the audiences want to hear it or not. Or, as Paul put it, "in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2). The purpose of preaching and teaching is to help the audience confront God and His expectations of them as the scriptures reveal. This involves correcting, rebuking and encouraging (2 Timothy 4:2). Audiences may not want it, but they certainly need it.

As a general rule, audiences prefer

things that "tickle their ears" (2 Timothy 4:3). Because of that, audiences share the blame for preaching and teaching that satisfies, but doesn't nourish, feels good, but doesn't help them draw closer to God. Audiences will demand that they hear what they want to hear. And if they don't, the speaker will be presented with the ultimatum, "Tell us what we want to hear, or we will find someone who will!"

But, even if the preacher or teacher is presenting sound doctrine, as Thoreau expressed, the truth has to be heard. Great audiences not only demand that truth be taught, they also understand that they have the responsibility to actually listen to it. While audiences should expect lessons to be well prepared and presented, the preachers and teachers should expect their audiences to be well prepared to hear the word of God. No matter how good the lessons are, if people don't have "ears to hear," it does little good. Jesus spoke of people whose hearts were calloused as people who "hardly hear with their ears," as people who won't allow God to heal them (Matthew 13:14-16). Audiences need to let God speak to them through preachers and teachers no matter what style of teacher he may be. Great audiences, great listeners come prepared to learn. If you are not "getting anything out of the classes and sermons," you might want to check your ears.