

## 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

## Never Surrender

During the dark days of England, when it seemed there was no hope for survival, Sir Winston Churchill stood before the House of Commons and, reviewing the situation, gave them the decision of Britain's leaders: "We have talked it over, and we will go on to the end; we will never surrender."

Every Christian is fighting in a spiritual war and is bombarded with temptations from all sides (Ephesians 6:2). To surrender cannot be an option.

The apostle John presents a very disturbing picture of this conflict in the book of Revelation. Yet he assures us that the faithful will be victorious. Jesus told the church at Smyrna, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). To Ephesus He said, "To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God" (2:7). To each of the seven churches of Asia, He promised a reward to those who overcome and are faithful.

Paul assured the Romans that they were not only conquerors, but more than conquerors in Christ. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:35-37).

In Christ victory is ours (1 Corinthians 15:57). We Dare Not Surrender!

-- Cecil Burch



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**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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## All Else Surpassing

There are a dozen or so different hymns we typically sing in preparation for the Lord's Supper. Sometimes, due to familiarity with the hymns, we may struggle to concentrate on the words, but we should always strive to concentrate on them, as these songs are meant to help us focus on an essential portion of our worship.

One of those songs is called "When We Meet in Sweet Communion" (in some songbooks, it is entitled "The Lord's Supper") by Tillit S. Teddie. Each line of the song is powerful, but there is one line that often makes me think a great deal. It is the opening portion of the chorus, in which we sing, "precious feast, all else surpassing." As with many poetic lines, the meaning of this could be taken a couple of different ways, but it seems to me we are singing the truth that this feast - the Lord's Supper - is greater than any other meal we could ever eat.

While the list of reasons why that is true could go on and on, here are five reasons why these few moments should mean so much to us; more than any other meal.

**1. Connection with the Savior.** When instituting this meal, Jesus stated that He would "drink it new" with His followers in the Kingdom (Matthew 26:29). Considering that the kingdom and the Church are synonymous (Matthew 16:16-19), each time we partake of this meal, Jesus is right there with us. We are connected with Him through our obedient faith as we remember what He has done.

**2. Memory of the Cross.** Famously, Jesus stated that the Lord's Supper was to be done in remembrance of Him (Luke 22:19). Each of the emblems is meant to take our minds back to the cross; the bread representing His body and the fruit of the vine representing His blood. Each time we eat this feast, it should be a powerful time of remembering the totality of all that happened for our salvation at Calvary. In no other act of worship are all our senses involved in this way, so our memory should be stirred deeply

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lois Edwards suffered a stroke last Sun. and spent a few days in hospital; she is home and seems to be doing pretty well; we are so thankful Sue Bunnell received a "clear" report on her 1 year scan; Becky Hatcher was dismissed from Caverna Hosp. on Monday where she has been since Feb. 1. Wayne is serving as her caregiver. Home Health is providing some teaching and some medical supplies; Dennis Hatcher is to have a defibrillator/pace maker implanted this Wed., May 19; Lori Brewer is to have surgery June 3 in Bowling Green; Joyce Dye has recently had reoccurring health issues; Lisa Schuler; Helen Edwards; Fran Mears; Mark Hatcher; Mike Thompson; Tom & Mary Whittington; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joey Palmore; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; Joey Johnson; James Gardner

### 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

### WITH OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Brenda Jagers in the loss of her husband George "Buster" Jagers last Sunday. His funeral was Tues. at Winn's. The church here provided a meal afterwards in our Annex. for the family to spend some time together.

A memorial-celebration of life was held yesterday in the auditorium for our Jim Mears. The service was officiated by Wayne Hatcher, opening prayer by Rex Wallace, congregational singing was led by Scott Huff. The church provided a meal in our Annex for the family to spend time together as many came from Louisville and the Nashville area.

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 11th lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The today's topic: "Apostasy" 2 Thess. 2:1-12. 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 PROGRAMS

*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

We are thankful that Darrell Wallace will be preaching this morning in our worship hour.

### SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Beginning June 6, we plan to resume meeting on Sunday evenings at 5:00. As things are beginning to return to some "normalcy", you are encouraged to resume the practice of coming on Sunday evenings.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many days was it dark during the 9th plaque of darkness over the land of Egypt in Exodus?

The answer to our question last week:

from pg. 1 **All Else Surpassing** through what we are doing.

3. **Proclamation of Victory.** The Lord's Supper is to be eaten week after week by faithful Christians "until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). It is a proclamation of what Jesus did for us all those years ago and what it means to each of us in our spiritual lives. Knowing what He did at Calvary and knowing that we are doing this until He returns at the end of time, we are proclaiming victory over sin and death so the world might know that Jesus is Lord.

4. **Togetherness of the Saints.** The New Testament makes clear that there is a "together" aspect to the Lord's Supper. Though it is eaten individually, Christians gather for this purpose (Acts 20:7) and encourage one another by being present at the table. Further, Christians around the world gather for this purpose each week, so we are able to know that our Christian family is connected by this feast each and every Lord's Day.

5. **Reflection on Our Lives.** Though the Lord's Supper typically does not last all that long each week, it still provides us with a precious time to reflect on what is most important in our lives. In fact, we are commanded to examine ourselves during this time (1 Corinthians 11:28) and realize that any "worthiness" we have is only true because of what Christ has done for us on the cross.

At no other meal or feast could all of these things be true. Further, there is no way that any man-made meal could ever have these things be true each and every

time it is eaten. But this is not our supper; it is the Lord's Supper. So, as long as we are faithfully partaking, each of these things is true throughout the feast, and we are the beneficiaries of great blessings in our spiritual lives by partaking each week. It truly is a precious feast, "all else surpassing."

by Adam Faughn



9:00 a.m., 1:42 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:40 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

During the course of April 14, 1912, the R.M.S. Titanic received six warnings concerning icebergs. She received the last warning only 40 minutes before her collision.

Six warnings! All of which were ignored! As a result, 1500 passengers and crew lost their lives in the waters of the cold North Atlantic.

The Bible says, "*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up*" (2 Peter 3:10).

We've heard the warning; now what will we do? (Acts 24:25; 26:27-28; 2 Corinthians 5:11; Acts 22:16).

-Mike Benson