

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 -

The Power of God

by Ron Thomas

The power of God protects us (1 Peter 1:5), but how does it work to protect us? The gospel is God's power unto salvation (Romans 1:16). There is no wall built by man, no hindrance given by Satan that can't be penetrated by the power of the Gospel message. If this were the case, then there is something more powerful than God and His message of redemption, and that is not possible!

If God's message is so powerful, then why do people fall away? Consider 1 Peter 1:3-5; the Christian is begotten unto a living hope according to the Lord's mercy; this inheritance the Lord gives is reserved in heaven for those who love and obey His will (cf. Acts 5:32). Notice, also, that by "...the power of God [we] are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

The gospel of Christ is an effective shield against all forces of evil when one continues to respond to God in faith. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. This means faith in God, which is trust, reliance, obedience to His will is the avenue God uses to protect those who love Him. Think about the word conviction; conviction assumes grounded knowledge exists upon which one builds his house (so to speak). The house built is strong enough to withstand the forces of evil that thrusts itself against it. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the words of Christ (Rom. 10:17). Thus, when Christians walk by faith, he and she walks by the will of God (2 Cor. 5:7). They live by faith. Living by faith means living by the will of God. Living by the will of God means God's protective shield is around you, teaching you not only the ways of righteousness, but making you aware of the schemes of the devil (cf. 2 Corinthians 2:11).



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ATTENTION please You Are Invited To Our
4th Summer Series

**"Practical Christian Living
In Today's World"** - A Study of *James*

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| July 7 | Marty Edwards | Coping With Trials & Temptations |
| July 14 | Darrell Wallace | Proper Treatment of Others |
| July 21 | Robbie Fudge | Proper Faith That Pleases God |
| July 28 | Edd Sterchi | Controlling Our Tongues |
| Aug 4 | Bart Warren | Seeking True Wisdom From Above |
| Aug 11 | Danny McCain | Warning About Friendship With the World |
| Aug 18 | Tom Hall | Beware of Taking Life for Granted |
| Aug 25 | Allen Jones | Beware of Materialism |
| Sept. 1 | John Board | Be Patient & Prayerful Till Jesus Returns |

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher continues further treatment and rehab at home. Wayne is serving as her caregiver. Home Health comes once or twice a week; Lori Brewer recuperating at home after back surgery; Lisa Schuler recuperating from a broken ankle; Sue Bunnell; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Helen Edwards; Fran Mears; Mark Hatcher; Laura Brooks; Tom & Mary Whittington; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Joey Palmore; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; James Johnson member at Coral Hill Church of Christ Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; Joey Johnson; James Gardner; Dana Reagan (CHS. friend of Janice Bybee; Billy Frank Hunt (CHS classmate of Billy Bybee); the Tucker family

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 4th lesson in the Summer Quarter on the theme: "Peter's Epistles" Today's topic: "Submit Yourselves" I Peter 2:13-3:7 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

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

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Darrell Wallace will be preaching today at our 11:00 worship and our 5 pm. worship

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

We are collecting the following items for their pantry needs:

Yellow Cake Mix All Purpose Flour
Canned Vegetable Soup Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers

They will be here the week of July 11 to pick up ours donations.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which NT book stresses that belief in God is not enough because even the devils believe God exist?

The answer to our question last week:
Enoch Gen. 4:17

Jesus Cares

The book of Revelation is a whole book dedicated to offering comfort to persecuted believers. It explains that Jesus and His Father see our tears (7:17; 21:4), hear our prayers (8:3-4), value our sacrifices (14:13; 20:4), avenge our wrongs (6:9; 8:3), and assure our victory (15:2).

A key word in the book of Revelation is *overcome*. Of the twenty-eight times it is used in the New Testament, John used it twenty-four times—once in his gospel account, six times in his epistles, and seventeen times in Revelation (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 17:14; 21:7). An excellent one-line summary of Revelation is, "If you will overcome, then you may come over and live with God." He has shown that He cares for you; have you shown that you care for Him? (cf. John 14:15).

Why I Believe. . .

by Robert E. Guinn

Faith and belief are constantly used to justify one's religious practice and/or conduct. Yet that justification makes no sense if that faith is not a personal faith. So, what does it mean for faith to be personal?

For faith to be personal it must be more than a mere acceptance or acknowledgement of supposed facts. It is deeper than simply having an answer for a Bible question. Personally developed, faith can properly answer the question, "Why do you believe?" Not just supplying reasons to believe, but answering the question, "What truly persuades you to be a Christian?" or "Why are you convinced?" This answer should go deeper than the "I feel" responses and be more confident than "I think" statements. So, why do I believe? I am glad you asked.

I believe there is a God. When I consider Newton's Third Law, the Law of Biogenesis, and the First Law of Thermodynamics, I find the Big Bang and Evolutionary theories contradicting fundamental laws of science and the natural world. I believe that the universe was created by a supernatural being known as God. I see design, engineering, and craftsmanship in our natural world. We look at a motorized vehicle and know that due to its complexity it was designed, engineered, and crafted by someone or something. In like manner, a small leaf from one tree is more complex than that automobile. I believe in a super-natural, all-powerful Creator.

I believe in the Bible. The most relia-

ble documents from antiquity, based on manuscript evidence, are the Sacred Scriptures we call the New Testament documents. In a span of over two thousand years both the Old and New Testaments were penned. At least forty different humans, from various walks of life, were involved in its recording. Though supposed contradictions exist, I have yet to see one that cannot be adequately explained. Though its origin is found in antiquity, the Bible itself is not antiquated. The Bible has proven to be timeless and relevant to our present age with proper study and application. The Bible possesses the fingerprints of Divine origin. I believe that the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God.

I believe in Christ. The Bible is not the only ancient document that mentions Jesus as a real historical figure. Still, the New Testament, being the most reliable ancient document from manuscript evidence, clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is the son of God (Matthew 3:17, 17:5). He willingly allowed himself to be murdered by crucifixion (Luke 22-23), as a sinless sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15), for the sins of those willing to submit to His will (John 3:16, 36; Hebrews 5:9). Being raised to life again, he proved there is hope for life after this one (1 Corinthians 15; Romans 8). I believe in the risen, crucified Savior of my soul.

If I truly believe in these three faith statements, then my life should be in a constant state of transformation (Romans 12). No longer living for self but living for Christ (Romans 3). My belief should compel me to action, being grateful for God's salvation (James 1-2). Do you believe? Why do you believe?