

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

When Sorrow Walked With Me

Robert Browning wrote the following insightful lines:

I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chattered all the way,
But she left me none the wiser,
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!

Perhaps Browning drew his inspiration from the following words of Solomon: "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart" (Ecclesiastes 7:2).

Bible Comfort

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

Presidential Wisdom

"There are men and women who make the world better just by being the kind of people they are. They have the gift of kindness or courage or loyalty or integrity. It really matters very little whether they are behind the wheel of a truck or running a business or bringing up a family. They teach the truth by living it."

-James A. Garfield, 20th U.S. President -



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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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Musings In A Graveyard

by Forrest D. Moyer (1929 - 1997)

A cemetery is a sobering place to wander. Sometimes it is better to saunter there and have fellowship with the dead than to walk in the companionship of the living. You see, we can sometimes learn more from the silence of the dead than from the speech of the living. I have walked among hallowed monuments and ornate gravestones in luxuriant gardens and read the epitaphs of the wealthy of the earth. I have stumbled among the rocky and weed-grown graves of country folks whose burial sites are all but forgotten. I have read beautifully inscribed words on polished granite. I have deciphered poorly printed messages from handmade stones of clay. But all of these have one thing in common whether among the rich in their stately tombs or the poor in their pine boxes: death is no respecter of persons. It comes to all.

I am impressed also by the fact that while sometimes the epitaph written may well describe the person beneath, that the destiny of the dead is not determined by the beautiful words written on the tombs. That person's own acceptance or rejection of the truth will determine his or her destiny. God will be the judge in all cases, and what man writes will have no bearing before His judgment throne. But epitaphs are interesting to say the least.

In the Bible there are many epitaphs. To me a strange but interesting and instructive one is found in 2 Chronicles 21:20. It is spoken concerning Jehoram the king of Judah who died at the age of forty. "He departed without being desired." Now Jehoram had a wonderful opportunity to be a truly great king. His father was Jehoshaphat, one of the best kings ever to rule over Judah. "He did right in the sight of the Lord." But Jehoram did not follow in his father's footsteps. He was a cruel man.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher continues to make a little progress; Wayne continues to be her caregiver. It has been great to see Becky at some of our evening services; Lisa Schuler; Mike Thompson; Lori Brewer; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Tom Whittington; Judy Owens (Marie Burd's sister); Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Steve Higginbotham; Robin Wallace's nephew Nash Smith leaves for Syria Sept. 4; Brenda Jagers' daughter Tracy Ann in hospital with COVID; Sara Brooks (Bessie Brook's daughter-in-law, Mark's wife) is now back home and improving from COVID; David Bale had eye lid surgery in Nashville; pray for our health care workers; staff in our school districts

Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; family of Pat Moran, family of Jerry Johnson

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 first lesson in the Fall Quarter on the theme: "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David and Samuel" I Samuel 16:1-13 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sept 5: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Darrell Wallace

Sept 12: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

We look forward to being together on the Lord's Day!!

OUR SUMMER SERIES

this past Wed. night John Board, preacher at the E-town Church of Christ, concluded our Summer Series with another great lesson. His topic was: "Be Patient and Prayerful Till Jesus Returns" James 5: 7-11 This year's series has been top quality. We are grateful for our speakers: Marty Edwards, Darrell Wallace, Robbie Fudge, Edd Sterchi, Bart Warren, Danny McCain Tom Hall, Allen Jones and John Board.

OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING CANCELED

Our elders have made the difficult decision to cancel our Fall Gospel Meeting with Mel Futrell due to the surge locally in the Delta variant of COVID-19 here. It was planned for this month the 19th - 22. We hope to re-schedule a later date.

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 Men of the congregation are also invited.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

will meet Monday evening at 5:30. They have changed the time from 6:30. Ladies this is a great opportunity of spending time studying, learning and doing service projects. If you have any questions, see Renee Perkins.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Name the 2 brother combinations among Jesus' disciples

Answer to our question last week:

Joshua Josh. 10:13

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and of all the men to fear, he is the one to fear the most. He was an idolater. He bowed before a heathen shrine and forced others to do so also.

However, if there is any one thing we learn from reading the Old Testament, it is that God rules in the kingdoms of men. And God would not tolerate an ungodly king like Jehoram. "So after all this the Lord smote him in his bowels with an incurable sickness. Now it came about in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels came out because of the sickness and he died in great pain"(2 Chron. 21:18-19). When he died, there were no mourners in Judah. "He departed without being desired." What a sad epitaph!

But what about your epitaph and mine? Could it be that mine could be just as sad? What is our legacy? I wonder who will be in Heaven because of me? Or because of you? Will you be able to look around in Heaven and shake hands with people whom you led to Christ? What about your life? When you die, will people say, "We sorely miss him or her. Theirs was such a beautiful and useful life."

Someday, somewhere, someone will be walking in a cemetery. They will come upon a stone that will say, "Forrest D. Moyer." I don't know what other words my surviving family may choose to write on my stone.* But one thing is for sure. God will write the final epitaph with His finger and the sands of time will never remove it. My life now will determine what God will write. "Oh, Great and Sovereign God; help me to walk in your way now that I may live with You forever!"

*On the grave marker of Forrest D. Moyer are the words from 1 Timothy 1:5: "love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith."

Trusting Self Leaves No Room For God by Kevin Cauley

For all the things that the Lord did for the Israelites, they rejected Him again and again. Consider Numbers 14:11:

"Then the Lord said to Moses: 'How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?'"

Sometimes we hear people say, "If I had lived during the time of Christ, I would have believed!" Would we have? Listen to the words of Jesus to those who saw all the miracles He did: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

There is never enough evidence for the person who believes in self instead of Jesus. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Jeremiah 10:23 declares, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."

The problem is that we often trust self instead of Christ. Self-trust is behind all our discontents, and it is why the Bible repeatedly tells us to put our faith and trust in Jesus—so that He can help us! Overcoming self means letting go of self and believing in Jesus alone. Jesus says, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

It is when we let go of self that Christ can truly change us with His Spirit.

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