

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 the
light - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7

What Will the Marker Say?

Everyone wants to be remembered. But how do we want to be remembered? What would you want your epitaph to say? Consider some possible epitaphs that could be said of the following Bible characters:

Jesus - "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

Dorcas - "full of good works and charitable deeds" (Acts 9:36).

Abraham - "the friend of God" (James 2:23).

Enoch - "and Enoch walked with God" (Genesis 5:24).

David - "a man after [God's] own heart" (Acts 13:22).

Paul - "for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

But consider the following evil people and how their epitaphs might read:

Judas Iscariot - "Judas, which betrayed Him" (Matthew 26:25).

Rich fool - "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12:20).

Rich man - "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented" (Luke 16:25).

Demas - "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10).

Alexander the coppersmith - "did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works" (2 Timothy 4:14).

How we live will long out-live how long we lived. Like Abel, we being dead will yet speak. Our epitaphs will be determined by what we do or do not do. What will your epitaph say?

—Howell Ferguson, Bells, Tennessee



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In Loving Memory of

Genie B. Hogan

September 14, 1924 — September 19, 2023



What a blessing it has been to know and love Genie Hogan. He celebrated his 99th birthday last Thursday while in the hospital. Genie has been a great inspiration to this congregation as we saw his faithfulness, his love for Christ, the church, God's Word, his devotion to his wife Marilyn of 73

years and his country having served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He is now with the Lord.

Genie is survived by his daughter Cindy (Ron) of Fairbanks, Alaska; son Greg Hogan of Cave City, KY; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister Willie Mae Miller of Saratoga Springs, NY; two brothers, Arthur Hogan of CA and Rondal (Zona) of Anchorage, Alaska and a host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12 p.m. Mon. Sept. 25 at the Bob Hunt Funeral Chapel in Cave City. Visitation today from 4 until 8 p.m. and on Mon. from 10 a.m. until the time of services. He will be laid to rest in the Cave City Cemetery. -WH

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher continues with dialysis 3X a week; Wayne dealing with A-Fib; Becky Bush has been cleared for back surgery; Rex & Doris Wallace; Fran Mears; Jennifer Hatcher; Jackie Coop needs more therapy; Michael Richardson released to return to work; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Daryl Lowe finished with treatments; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Sue Underwood (neighbor of Danny & Janet McCain; prayers for our schools that are back in session

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Ruth Bradford

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We have begun a study in our Fall Quarter Today is lesson 4: *"God the Gracious One"* Exodus 33:16-19, 34:5-9 Numbers 6:24-26 Wayne serves as teacher. Thanks Ken for teaching last week when I couldn't.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. *"Tough Questions"* Habakkuk 1 Thanks Scott for filling in for me last Sun. Danny McCain at 5 p.m. sermons from the book of Mark

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

Our monthly singing and devotional

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor *"In Search of the Lord' Way"* heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

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signal, you can log on to wloconline.com

There are choices to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING

October 15-18 with John Board, Pulpit Minister with the E-town Church of Christ. Theme: *"Listening to GOD"* Mark your calendar. Prayers for this effort.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Sept. 24-27 Poplar Log Church of Christ 12220 Tompkinsville Rd Glasgow, KY with Randy Wells Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 7 p.m. Flyer on bulletin board

LADIES DAY

Oct. 14 Coral Hill Church of Christ 3303 Coral Hill Rd. Glasgow, KY with Kim Higginbotham See bulletin board

Oct. 14 Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY with Paula Bault

JESUS The Recruiter

Most college coaches recruit by writing letters, making calls, and visiting. They send overnight packages. They bring good players in for visits and show them the advantages of coming to their school. They may also point out why they should not go to other schools. Jesus once ran a "school"; of course, He recruited students. He was the most unusual recruiter.

- Jesus did not look at physical size or speed or prior experience. He looked at the heart (John 2:25).
- He recruited not for four years but for a lifetime. He asked each to give the rest of his life to His cause (Luke 9:62).
- He recruited those that no one else seemed to want. He saw value where others did not (Acts 4:13).
- When He invited them for a visit, it

was to a lowly place—not some grand facility (John 1:39).

- He chose recruits in spite of flaws and weaknesses. He wanted to teach and train them (John 1:42).

- He offered them something unusual. He said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Matthew 8:20). He told them they would have hardships and persecutions (Mark 13:9; John 12:32-33).

Ultimately, He promised them they would have eternal life.

- He told the Twelve the truth. Most coaches promise they will be there for years but may leave for a better job. Jesus told the disciples that He would have to die, but that He would return and be with them forever (Matthew 16:21; 28:18-20).

- He recruited them to do the unusual—to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

- He would be with them until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). Many coaches are through with players when they graduate.

- Jesus was unusual in that no other "team" ever achieved such success and became immortalized in the process (Colossians 1:21-23)

By What Standard of Authority?

by Wendell Winkler

By what authority do you and I practice the things we do in religion? Consider the following questions:

Is **the majority** the correct standard of authority? Surely not. Where was the

majority in the flood? What about Sodom and Gomorrah? Jesus said many travel the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

Are **kinsmen** the correct standard of authority? Surely not. If they were, then every religion, even those that deny the divinity of Christ and reject the Bible as the infallible guide in religion, would be acceptable if accepted by kinsmen.

Are **the creeds of men** the correct standard of authority? Surely not. They are contradictory to the infallible Word of God. They contain the doctrines and commandments of men, concerning which Jesus said, "In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9).

Is **"I think"** the correct standard of authority? Surely not. Jeremiah wrote, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

Also observe: *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 14:12).

Christ and His testament give us the correct standard of authority. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Christ (Matthew 28:18). His testament is complete, final, and all-sufficient (John 16:13; Jude 1:3). Religious practices are to be based on His Word. Peter wrote, *"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God"* (1 Peter 4:11). In view of this, can you give book, chapter, and verse for what you practice in religion?