

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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Clearly, sin is sin, regardless how much human attitudes may change. Not only so, neither God nor his Word changes: "For I am the Lord, I change not..." (Mal. 3:6); "God is not man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19); "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:34).

It is certain that there will be the judgment day coming. Sadly for many, what people think will not be the standard. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge hm in the last day" (John 12:48).

Today

by Micheal Dubina

Each day of life that dawns for me
Is dearer than it used to be
And I am more content, each day,
To live each hour a better way;
I want for less - and ask for less -
Of all that life proclaims is best
And find my greatest need, each day,
Is just to worship God and pray.

I'm getting old and very tired
Of chasing dreams that youth inspired,
And tired of chasing after goals
That lack rewards for heart and soul;
Today - I only strive to find
A simple peace of heart and mind
And try to make each dawning day
A bond of love to Heaven's way.

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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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I Want To Go To Heaven

"Every athlete exercises self-control...They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one..." (1 Cor. 9:25)

John "Pepper" Martin played for the St. Louis Cardinals and was the star of the 1931 World Series. Following one of those games Pepper was interviewed by a newsman. The first question he was asked was, "Pepper, what's your chief ambition?" Without hesitating Pepper responded, "My chief ambition is to go to heaven."

The newsman who interviewed Pepper Martin laughed at his response and said rather sarcastically, "Oh, you want to play a harp, eh?" Martin shot back at him, "My friend, I don't think that is funny. I know you don't mean to be a smart aleck, but there's something wrong with a person's attitude when he's flippant about serious things. If there's anything foolish about reading the Bible every day and believing what it says, and if there's anything funny about wanting to go to heaven when you leave this world, then I'm afraid life here isn't worth living."

What a goal! To go to heaven. I've often asked people, "If you could go anywhere and do anything, what would you choose?" The responses have been interesting. A common response is, "I'd like to go to Europe, Paris, or to Greece, etc." I don't remember anyone saying, "I'd like to go to heaven."

The Christian life is like running a race. In the ancient Olympic games the winner received a perishable wreath of ivy or pine. We are in a race for an imperishable wreath that will never decay. We want to go to heaven. Nothing we gain in life in our careers or accumulate through wealth will be taken into our caskets. Our friends will not go with us. We will go alone. All earthly treasures will be left behind. But, we look beyond these temporary trinkets to an eternal home where we will live for all eternity. In the words of our hymn, *"Heaven will surely be worth it all."*

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher had 1 of 2 nerve eblations in her back Wednesday; Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Jerry Ann Logsdon is in TJ Samson Skilled Care Rm. 293, no visitors at this time; Laura Brooks was admitted to TJ Samson, will go to Rhonda's when dismissed; Sue Bunnell; Lisa Schuler's ankle has made improvement; Billy Bybee has a couple of cracked ribs; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jagers; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Sara Brooks; Jake Quenzer (grandson of Laura Brooks); Tom Whittington; Judy Owens (Marie Burd's sister); Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Steve Higginbotham; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; health care workers; staffs in our school districts, first responders

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Ellzey; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt

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

CONGRATULATIONS

David & Jean Bale have a new great-grandson Walker Gray Miller born 11:19 p.m. Nov. 3 at T.J. Samson Hosp.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 10th lesson in the Fall Quarter "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David and Michal" 2 Samuel 6: 3-8, 12-18, 20-23 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 TODAY Wayne Hatcher
11 am "The Glory of God" 5 pm "Three Questions For Disciples" Matt. 16:21-26

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Last Wed. night Darrell Wallace gave a great presentation explaining the work with World English Institute (WEI). Darrell serves as the Director of Teacher Recruitment & Training.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 in the auditorium

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What is the second species of bird mentioned in the Bible?

Answer to our question last week:
Seven Acts 6:1-7

The Weeping Christ

by Joe Chesser

Every time I read the gospels, I am more impressed with both the humanity and deity of Jesus. Of course, that's why they were written, to help us get to know Jesus better and better, and thereby strengthening our faith and leading us to eternal life with Him (John 20:30-31). But the particular thing about Jesus that caught my attention this time is found in Luke 19:41-42:

"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes.'"

There is another more familiar verse about Jesus weeping found in John 11. On that occasion, the cause of Jesus' tears continued to next page

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was the death of a dear friend. He loved Lazarus and his sisters, and he shared tears of compassion with Mary and Martha at Lazarus' death. But he knew those tears would be short lived. He knew that in just a matter of moments the tears would turn to laughter and praise to God when He would call to His friend, "Lazarus, come out!"

However, in Luke 19 Jesus' tears were different. On this occasion his compassion and weeping for the city of Jerusalem were not going to end in laughter and praise. Unlike the situation with Lazarus, there was nothing Jesus could do to turn His weeping into joy. His deity wouldn't allow it. As a whole, the people of Jerusalem were spiritually hard-hearted. He would have loved to have gathered them together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but they refused (Luke 13:34). They were unwilling to accept His help, even with their greatest needs. Oh how He wanted to! He longed with all His heart to help. But all He could do was weep for them. Even though He could see the ugly destruction that lay ahead of them and even though He had the power to protect them from that suffering, in the end all He could do was weep.

Jesus didn't love Lazarus any more than He loved the people of Jerusalem. He wept for both. Jesus doesn't love any person more than any other person. God showed how much He loves the entire world by sending Jesus to the cross (John 3:16). For some, Jesus' love and compassion will result in eternal life. But for most, His love and compassion will result in death and destruction (Matthew 7:14). The difference is not Jesus. The difference is

us. Lazarus loved Jesus, believed in Jesus, followed Jesus. Jesus' tears for him ended in blessings. On the other hand, Jerusalem did not believe in or love or follow Jesus. His tears for them are the most heart-breaking of all. They were tears about what could have been, yet in the end were tears without hope.

Jesus' compassion for people is evident in His tears. He loves us more than we can know. Jerusalem had the opportunity to believe in and follow Jesus, but they were unwilling to do so. My prayer is that you will accept His offers of help by believing in Him, loving Him and obeying Him. You don't want His tears to be hopeless.

Times Have Changed

by A. C. Quinn

"Times have changed" is a common refrain from those who find themselves in contradiction with the Word of God. This happens especially when moral standards are involved.

First of all, one might question what folks mean when they say "Times have changed." Are they talking about a changing culture? Are they talking about changing attitudes—one's view of the world? It is most likely the latter.

The idea that times have changed seems to indicate to many folks that somehow God's standards have changed with regards to the sanctity of marriage, sexual improprieties, and myriads of other sins. There is a fundamental truth that is lost in this thinking which leads many to lives of sin: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).

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