

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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good to others regardless of how that love is received or returned. God is the epitome of "Let all that you do be done in love." And through His transforming power, that is what we can become, but it goes against our human nature. Our love is inconsistent. Our love is conditional. Our love is biased. Our love is selfish.

It's not natural for husbands and wives to treat each other with love all day every day. It's not natural for parents to be 100% loving to their children all the time. It's not natural for us to always be loving towards our neighbors or co-workers or even our friends. It's not natural for us to do everything in love when in traffic or at ball games or in politics. It's not natural for us to love the lost so much we will sacrifice our time, money and energy in taking the gospel to the whole world.

It's not natural. It's very difficult. But it is possible. I know it's possible because that's what God says He expects of us. That's why He taught us that the greatest command is to love Him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and the second greatest command is to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12.30-31). That's why it was necessary for Jesus to become flesh and go to the cross ... so that we could witness love in action. That's why God gave His powerful, active word (Hebrews 4.12) that can transform our minds to become like Him (Romans 12.2).

Doing everything in love is a most difficult command. But it is possible!

THANKS

Our sign in the front looks like new. Thanks to Ken Russell and Rex Wallace for working on it and putting in new plexi-glass!!

Also Tim Wallace & Rex painted the rails at both buildings a few days ago. Looks nice!!



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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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A Good Christian Attitude

A good Christian attitude will mean that we love the Lord, and are growing as a Christian. This kind of attitude will help you win in your struggle against sin. A good Christian attitude will help you be humble, and submissive toward God and His word. As a general rule, persons who have a good attitude find it easier to serve God.

Accepting personal responsibility for both your attitudes and your actions is a big thing to God. Once you know, and are willing to accept personal responsibility you need to follow through on what is expected of you. Fulfilling responsibility with the right attitude is not a burden, but rather a source of joy. "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (Romans 14:7).

God has blessed you with certain abilities. Happiness comes as you use those abilities in His service. Study your Bible and obey God, in order that you may learn how to have the best Christian attitude possible.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher had 1 of 2 nerve ablations in her back a few days ago; Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks is staying with her daughter Rhonda and family since leaving the hospital; Lisa Schuler's ankle has made improvements; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jaggars; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Sara Brooks; Jake Quenzer (grandson of Laura Brooks); Tom Whittington; 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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 11th lesson in the Fall Quarter "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David and Mephibosheth" 2 Samuel 9: 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 TODAY

Wayne Hatcher
11 am "The Love of God" 5 pm "Enduring Storms Together" Acts 17:14-36

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Last Wed. night Billy Bybee had a great lesson on the three "let us" found in Heb. 10:22-24 The Lord willing, Scott Huff will be our teacher. Be here for another good lesson from him.

GOSPEL MEETING

Dec. 5-7 at Coral Hill Church of Christ "The Cross of Christ" 1 Cor. 1:23 Guest Speaker: Josh Allen Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Monday & Tuesday 7 pm

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Name the books in the Bible that begin with the letter "Z"

Answer to our question last week:

a dove Gen. 8:8

Let Us Love One Another

by Kevin Rutherford

The church at Corinth had many problems. Some of those problems directly affected the relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ. The way those Christians were treating each other is the reason why Paul showed them a more excellent way. The more excellent way is love (1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13)

When Christians do not love one another there are going to be problems in the church. Not only will there be problems in the church but there will be Christians who lose their souls. John wrote, "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:14, 15). con't next page

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Whether or not we love our brothers and sisters in Christ says a lot about our relationship with God (1 John 4:7-11). If we do not love our fellow Christians then we are not born of God, do not love God, and do not know God. We can claim to love God all we want to but if we are not treating our brothers and sisters in a loving manner we are simply liars.

The greatest example of love is God's love for mankind (1 John 4:10-11). God sent His Son to die for us. That gives evidence of tremendous love. We love God because He loved us and made it possible for our sins to be removed. John drew an important conclusion based upon these facts. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

The love that we have for other Christians will be seen in the way that we live, and in the things that we do (1 John 3:16-18). If we see a brother and we have the ability to help them we will do so. In fact, it should make us happy to be able to help out a fellow Christian. If we are not willing to help each other we are not of the truth and our hearts condemn us before God (1 John 3:19).

Our love for one another will greatly affect our eternal destiny and our influence in the community. Why would anyone want to be a part of a group if they do not believe the members of that group love one another? We need to have a genuine love for fellow Christians that will be obvious even to those who are in the world (Romans 12:9, 10). When they see the love we have for another it is possible they may be drawn to the church.

To be Christ-like we must love one an-

other. To be godly we must love one another. To have a strong influence on others we must love one another. To encourage each other we must love one another. To help each other we must love one another. To go to heaven together we must love one another. May God help us always to abound more and in our love for Him and in our love for our fellow Christians.

The Most Difficult Command

by Joe Chesser

What do you think is the most difficult command God has given us? I'm sure you could think of many options. I'm guessing the rich young ruler in Matthew 19 thought selling all his property and giving it to the poor was the most difficult thing God expected. And that would be tough, wouldn't it? Others might think the command in Luke 9.23 to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus might be the most difficult thing to do. What about the command to make every effort to live at peace with all men (Hebrews 12:14)? All men? Really? That is challenging.

To decide which command God has given is the most difficult of all may not be possible, or even necessary. But this question came to my mind when I read 1 Corinthians 16:14: "Let all that you do be done in love." Now, that's a tall order!

This is not a difficult command because it is hard to understand. It's a pretty simple statement. Do everything in love. You'd need help to misunderstand this. No, what makes this so challenging is that it is so unnatural for us. We do not naturally love like God does, especially in everything we do. God's love is agape love, meaning that love is constantly looking for a way to do

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