

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

Moving Ahead Into the Unknown

When the children of God were about to cross the Jordan river and take possession of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua, they were heading into the unknown. So God gave Joshua these words of assurance: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Josh. 1:9). We are always headed into the unknown. These words can be an inspiration and comfort to us, as well.

As we forge ahead into the uncertain future, let us remember:

- ◆ We need to rely on our abilities ("Be strong")
- ◆ We need to be brave ("and of good courage")
- ◆ We need to step in faith ("do not be afraid")
- ◆ We need to be optimistic ("nor be dismayed")
- ◆ We need to remember that God is with us ("for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go")

What lies ahead for each of our lives? Who knows? God knows! And He will help and guide us if we trust in Him. Knowing that, we should step into tomorrow with much confidence, hope, faith, and courage.

by Ed Sterchi

[As I read that article, I was reminded of what the writer of Hebrews 11:8 said about Abraham. "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." His faith trusted God and obeyed God. We also must trust God and obey. - Wayne



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Trust and Obey by Joe Slater

In the final analysis, "Trust And Obey" has been the requirement of God from the Garden of Eden until now. For Adam and Eve, it was "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 1:28). Eat all the vegetables and fruit you want with the single exception of the fruit of one particular tree. Trust and obey.

During the Patriarchal Age God expressed His will to individuals directly. He told Cain and Abel to offer sacrifice. He directed Noah to build the ark. Abraham was to leave Ur of the Chaldees and go to the place God showed him. He commissioned Moses to lead the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt. Trust and obey.

God gave Moses His law on Mt. Sinai. It contained numerous statutes and ordinances for the His chosen people, Israel, to obey carefully. "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2). Trust and obey.

Neither Adam and Eve nor any of their descendants trusted and obeyed flawlessly. God knew they wouldn't. In His mercy He planned from eternity to send Jesus to offer His own body and blood to save sinners. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). "If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Trust and obey.

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey."

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy Bybee is in St. Thomas Hospital having tests; Dianna Proffitt was feeling well enough to be out last Sun. morning; Jackie Coop recovering from kidney stones; Jerry Ann Logsdon in Glenview Health Care but may return home soon; Rob Miller (Joey & Susan Palmore's son-in-law had his neck surgery praying it will relieve his pain; Becky Hatcher at home, Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Janice Sue Bybee had knee surgery Wed. and is home recuperating; Sue Bunnell; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Laura Brooks is staying with her daughter Rhonda and family since leaving the hospital; Lisa Schuler's ankle has made improvements; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jagers; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Sara Brooks; Jake Quenzer (grandson of Laura Brooks); Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Steve Higginbotham; 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 in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 13th lesson in the Fall Quarter "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David

and Nathan" 2 Samuel 12:1-15 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

Iye Winter Quarter begins Sunday Dec. 5. The theme will be: Isaiah Part 1. Be sure and pick up your study guide.

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 will be preaching at 11 am and 5 pm instead of Darrell who is sick.

Scott Huff is filling in today at Shady Grove for Billy Bybee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Last Wed. night was our monthly singing and devotional. The Lord willing, Darrell Wallace will be our teacher this coming week. Be here for another good lesson from him.

GOSPEL MEETING

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

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

They need our help again by donating any of the following commodities:

liquid laundry detergent
toothpaste *Pledge furniture cleaner*
mini wheat cereal *pink lemonade mix*

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was the first person recorded in the Bible as being miraculously healed from leprosy?

Answer to our question last week:
"Peace be unto you." John 20:19

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 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.

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Being sincere is essential but sincerity will not get you to heaven.