

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; I Peter 3:21

Be faithful, committed, walk in light –

Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

How To Be Happy

by Barry Gilreath

If you ask a millionaire to define happiness, he might say that to be happy is to have two million dollars. If you ask a nine-year old boy, he might answer happiness is being ten years old. If you ask a candidate, he might say winning an upcoming election. To the athlete, it might be winning the big game.

All of these are fleeting, but God knows how to bring lasting happiness to each of us. Happiness is found in the following:

1. **Being corrected by God:** "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty" (Job 5:17).
2. **Having children:** "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them" (Psalm 127:5).
3. **Working an honest day for an honest day's pay:** "For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee" (Psalm 128:2).
4. **Being the children of Almighty God:** "Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 144:15).
5. **Happiness is found in obeying the will of the Father:** "He that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18).
6. **Giving to those in need:** "He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he" (Proverbs 14:21).
7. **Having a tender heart that can be pricked by God's word:** "Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief" (Proverbs 28:14).

Where are you searching for happiness? Try God's way.



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From the Heart

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A desert wanderer found a crystal spring of unsurpassed freshness and decided to bring some to his king. Barely satisfying his own thirst, he filled a leather bottle and carried it many days beneath the desert sun to reach the palace. By that time the water had become stale due to the old container in which it was stored. But the king tasted it with expressions of gratitude and delight, and sent away the loyal heart filled with gladness.

After he left, others sampled it and expressed their surprise at how bad it was. Ah! said he, It was not the water I tasted, but the love that prompted the offering. What we bring to God is marked by multiplied imperfections, but He looks beyond that to our motives. We may think our singing voice is stale and rank, but God listens with delight. Our prayers may not be filled with eloquence but God wants to hear what is on our hearts. Could our worship be better sounding, better looking? Perhaps! Yet God is primarily looking for the love that prompted the offering.

"...the LORD looketh on the heart"

- 1 Samuel 16:7

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy and Janice Sue Bybee are recuperating at home; Margie Gentry was admitted to hospital last week. She came home Wed. and is on oxygen; Becky Hatcher was able to go to Wound Care Thurs. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Lisa Schuler's mom Juanita Ward and her sister Linda are at home with COVID, and her dad Vincent is in BG hospital with COVID and other issues; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back); Denisha Kirby had surgery Thursday; Denisha is the daughter of our Darrell & Robin Wallace & granddaughter of our Rex & Doris Wallace; Joyce Dye is to have a Caudal Nerve Block in her spine Jan. 7 and knee surgery after the holidays; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Doris Wallace has a meniscus tear in her knee; Lori Brewer; Brenda Jaggars; Chad Davis as he undergoes treatments for colon cancer; Sara Brooks; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders; all the victims from the recent storm

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Chris Houk; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; family of Genie Adwell

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet at 6:00. Wayne will serve as teacher this week. Thanks to Darrell for the good lesson from Hebrews 11:1-6 last week.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 5th lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "*The Parable of the Vineyard*" Isaiah 5:1-23 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching today at 11 am and 5 pm

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

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*

^They will pick up the week of Jan. 9th

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many successive kings ruled in Judah during the term of Isaiah's prophecy?

Answer to our question last week:

Lot and his daughters Gen. 19:30

BABY SHOWER INVITATION

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Ryan and Samantha Richardson Sat., Jan. 8th 2:00-4:00 pm at Macedonia United Baptist Church Hosted by Stephanie Richardson and Amanda Brooks Registered at Amazon and Walmart

How Far Will You Go?

by Joe Chesser

I was reading about Jesus the other day and was impressed again how far he was willing to go so that I could be saved from my sins and live with him in heaven forever.

- He left heaven so that we could go to heaven
- He gave up equality with God so that we could become like God
- He was born in a stable so that we could be born again
- He was focused on serving God at age 12 showing us it's never too early to start
- He was obedient to his parents even though he created them
- He was baptized to fulfill God's will even though he had no sin
- He had no home so he could be free to fulfill his ministry
- He loved people, treating them with kindness regardless of how they treated him
- He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, was compassionate toward the hurting
- He always told the truth regardless of his audience
- He corrected those in error with love and hope
- He obeyed the Father always, even when it was difficult or seemed unreasonable
- He never reviled those who reviled him; when he suffered, he never threatened
- He offered the peace of God to a world that resisted God
- He prayed, "not my will, but your will be done"

- He allowed the mob to arrest him under the cover of darkness
- He willingly endured humiliation and torture when he had the power to stop it
- He asked God to forgive his enemies as he was dying on the cross
- He saved a thief who was being crucified by his side
- He provided for his mother's care as life was slipping away
- He finished everything he came to do
- He commended his spirit to God as he breathed his last

This is by no means a comprehensive list, but when I reflect on things like these, when I consider how far Jesus was willing to go for me, I am challenged to ask myself how far I am willing to go for him. Oh sure, we know that Jesus teaches us to give up everything for him, to put him above all else (Matthew 6.33; Luke 9.23, 14.33; Mark 12.28-31; etc.), but don't you find yourself at times trying to water down these "all or nothing" expectations? Are we sometimes like the Pharisees who had convinced themselves that they were obeying God, when instead they were living by a plan they had devised themselves (Matthew 15.1-9)? I don't know about you, but sometimes I am not as honest with myself as I think I am about how far I would go to serve the Lord. A question I need to repeatedly ask myself is this, "Who is really ruling my life ... Jesus or me?"

When I consider how far Jesus went for me, it challenges me to take a deep look at my heart and commit to dying to myself and living for Jesus. I hope you think about it too.