

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

Christian does he is to be *"the light of the world,"* a light that is not hidden. He is told, *"Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven"* (Matt. 5:14-16). Notice that Jesus does not beg his disciples to become lights in the world. He merely states a fact: you are lights in the world (compare also Phil. 2:15-16). We ought to understand these words to mean, *"If you are truly my disciples (John 8:31) you are the light of the world."* There can be a great difference, you know, between Christians and professed Christians. God used the obedient examples, the piety and good works of the true disciples of Christ to enlighten the world. Christians are living examples of what God can do with a person's life.

Jesus does not mean that we should try to impress people with our own righteousness and good works. But he reminds us that no one is really invisible. If one lives for God, others will see it. If one lives without God, that will be apparent too. When a person becomes a Christian he is committed to a new way of life. Changes become obvious in his attitudes - especially toward other people, in his sense of values, and in his use of his time, energy, money and other resources. In many other ways he will be visibly and conspicuously different. Not because he is trying to attract attention to himself, but only because God calls Christians to be obedient to Him in ways that cannot easily be kept hidden from others. You cannot hide a city that is built on a hillside, and you cannot hide the kind of obedience that God requires of all followers of Jesus Christ. So do not try to hide. Just go on and shine!



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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 Glimpse Into the Future by Glen Elliott

The rapidity with which changes have taken place over the past several years leaves us longing for some sort of glimpse into the future. What will the financial markets look like in six months? What will be the political landscape a year from today? And, what about the spiritual and moral climate in our society? What new challenges will we face in the year ahead. The best we can offer are educated guesses based on the past. We simply do not know about tomorrow (Mt. 6:34). But, while we cannot know the future, at least to the extent that our anxiety-driven curiosity requires, we can know the God who holds the future in His hands.

In previous ages, God spoke *"to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways..."* (Heb. 1:1). Fulfilled prophecy is a major component of the body of evidence that supports the inspiration of the Bible. Detailed descriptions of people and events written hundreds of years before their fulfillment leaves us with the indelible impression that the Lord has, indeed, spoken through His servants, the prophets.

Yet, there have always been those who falsely claim to speak in the name of *the Lord*. *Perhaps, for this reason, Moses hypothetically posed the question: "How will we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?"* (Dt. 18:21). Answering his own question, Moses says, *"When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him"* (vs. 22).

How often are modern-day prognosticators given a free pass by their adherents even when it becomes clearly evident that their predictions have altogether missed the mark? Because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit, God's prophets were always 100% accurate in their predictions. By contrast, today's false prophet, in spite of using the same taken-out-of-context passages year after year, cannot get their teaching to line up with actual events with any degree of reliability or specificity. Should they not be held accountable for their false predictions? (1 Jn. 4:1).

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carolyn Russell had a 3rd surgery on her arm in BG Thursday; continue to remember Sue Bunnell; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jackie Coop; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush undergoing tests in Louisville; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; continue to pray for Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) as she awaits for a liver transplant; Don Waddell is doing better; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; John Carter at home; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; Rhealyn Denison had her cast removed and is wearing braces; our local schools, students & staff, first responders; family of Robin Wilson Rutledge

IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher was admitted to TJ Samson Hosp. Friday Jan. 6 She is in Step-Down, room 208

Marilyn Hogan was also admitted to TJ Samson Hosp. last week. She is in Room 347

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks

The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing Manna Project

HIGHLAND RIDGE Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SHANTI NIKETAN HOSPICE HOME Glasgow

Ann Schuler

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our new quarter on the theme

"One-Book Chapters" Lesson 7 is 2 John "John and the Elect" 2 John 1—6 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will preach at 11 am and 5 pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

We are continuing our study of the book of James. Darrell finished chapter 3 last week. Scott Huff will serve as the teacher this week.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring "*In Search of the Lord's 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**. Prayers for this work in sowing the seed of the gospel

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"*Light of the World*" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"*In Search of the Lord's Way*" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

POTTER COMMODITIES

Thanks for your participation in the Potter Children's Home Commodity program. \$450 in checks, \$155 cash, non-perishable items \$350 for a total of \$955.

They left us six more silver Coin Banks (cans) if you would like to collect your change.

FREED-HARDEMAN 87th ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP

Feb. 5-9, 2023 "*For Such a Time As This*" Restoring God's People in *Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther*

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

In what country did Jacob die?

Answer to our last question:

Moses' sister Exodus 2:4

God's Easy Yoke and Light Burden

by David R. Ferguson

If you have ever found yourself feeling as if the weight of the world was thrust upon your shoulders, then you are certainly in good company, for assuredly that great man of God, Moses, felt this way oftentimes while leading the Israelite people in their Wilderness Wanderings. On one of these occasions, he even despaired to the point where he pleaded with God to take his life. Moses said to the Lord, "*Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me, saying, 'Give us meat that we may eat!' I alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too burdensome for me. So if You are going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Your sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness*" (Numbers 11:13-15 [NAS]). God heard His servant Moses and He relieved his burden by giving him seventy elders to help him with the people.

Moses didn't have to feel or be miserable to the point of death. The Israelites had not rejected or despised him, but the Lord. The Lord didn't expect Moses to do everything, to feel invincible, or to be error-free. Calling in sick, taking a break, or sleeping in late bothered Moses more than it bothered God. Moses didn't have to be perfect; just to be patient. God didn't demand Moses to be a saint, but to be a servant.

A servant, by definition, is not his own boss. The Lord is ultimately re-

sponsible for all decisions, actions, and troubles. Any complaint or displeasure against His faithful servants is an affront to Him.

Rejecting the Lord is one of the most serious charges the Lord can bring against His people. This was the first time the Lord was accusing Israel of such a serious charge. Later God would accuse them of despising the land (Numbers 14:31). Three times, the Israelites were charged with rejecting the Lord – when they rejected Moses in this passage, when they later rejected Samuel as judge (1 Samuel 8:7), and, ultimately, when they were deported to Assyria for rejecting God's decrees and for following worthless idols (2 Kings 17:6, 15). The consequence of rejecting the Lord is ruin.

Jesus said, "*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me. For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*" (Matthew 11:28-29). God is your Father, too, and He longs to help relieve you of your burdens (Matthew 11:28-30). Turn them over to God today! You will find that the Lord will never let you down. He will be with you every step of the way, lending you His Strength.

We Are Not Invisible

by Gerald Cowan

Everything a Christian says and does must be designed to lead others to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31-32). There is nothing about the Christian life that is neutral or unimportant. In everything a (next page)