

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

I Need God! I Really Need God!

by Joseph D. Chase

The older I get the more I realize that I am inadequate on my own. Even the simple things in life are beyond my ability to accomplish. God provides every breath and every life-sustaining need. He gives me purpose, strength, and resolve to live, move, and be.

In many ways, I've learned that God's provision is a good and perfect gift from above. It is too easy to take for granted the rich bounty of blessings if I am not careful. It is easy to bemoan things that I think I need when really God knows and provides my true needs.

Many years ago a great poet by the name Annie Sherwood Hawks penned some words which were set to music by Robert Lowry. These words are a valuable reminder for each morning as I rise and evening as I rest. I pray that each of us will heed these precious words.

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;

No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;

Oh, bless me now, my Savior!
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour,
Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
Oh, make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

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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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Trust the Lord

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

The pressures and anxieties of life can lead us to trust worldly wisdom rather than in our all-knowing God. However, real peace and strength are only found when we place our confidence in Him (Psalm 32:10; 125:1). We should trust the Lord

In Everything. *"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).* Some revel in their independence; others think they are self-sufficient (Revelation 3:17). Nothing could be further from the truth! We are insufficient (James 4:10) and are desperate for God's help. *"The Lord shall help them. . . because they trust in him" (Psalm 37:40).*

For Everything. *"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).* Every good and perfect gift comes from the heavenly Father (James 1:17). It is easy for us to think that everything we attain is solely through our own efforts, but that is not so, for in God we live and move and have our very being (Acts 17:28).

With Everything. *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).* Some people cling to possessions or pride as though they were going to have them forever. To the faithful child of God, the Father must come first (Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:25-33).

Through Everything. *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17).* We must trust God even in the midst of trials, for although we may not understand the purpose of those difficulties, He will get us through them. *"The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate" (Psalm 34:22).*

May we truly be able to say, "In God we trust!"

by Mike Vestal

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards; Becky Hatcher has spent the past week in TJ Samson Hosp. as of Sat. she is still there, Rm 366; Billy Bybee has tested positive for COVID-19, and we pray that it will be a light case and for a full recovery. He was feeling better Thurs. after getting an infusion/injection; Mark Hatcher having treatments on his back; Jim Mears; Lori Brewer; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Tom Whittington; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Steve Higginbotham; Lisa Schuler's dad, Vincent Ward, as his doctors have decided to insert stents instead of by-pass surgery; Gayla Graham as she undergoes radiation/chemo treatments for the tumor behind her eye; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers for Dan Winkler gospel preacher in Springhill, TN has colon cancer, surgery tomorrow; prayers that the vaccines will be successful for COVID; our nation and new leaders taking office; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Kerry McDaniel; Seaborn Elzey

SYMPATHY

Our friend Wayne Davis passed away early last Sunday morning. We extend our deepest sympathy to Connie, Chad, Jill and all his family and friends. He is a brother-in-law to our Mike & Vickie Thompson

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

We are in our Winter Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning lesson 9: "Pharaoh Promotes Joseph" Gen. 41:37-57 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. *Words of Truth* - Billy Bybee
8:45-9:00 a.m. *Truth In Love* - Wayne Hatcher

GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable 24/7 Check them out on GBN's Facebook page

FIFTH SUNDAY

We welcome Robbie Fudge this morning to preach at 11:00. He has been doing this for a few years on the 5th Sundays.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who were the two disciples to whom Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men"?

The answer to our question last week: James and John Matt. 10:2

Ask For the Old Paths

Christianity is not some newfangled way gotten up in modern times by men more zealous than well-informed. The whole of Christianity is in the New Testament. Anything in religion which is not as old as the New Testament is no part of Christianity. The "Old Paths" for us are the ways traveled by the apostles and early Christians who were guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 6:16; John 16:13). The New Testament gives us a history of the church of Christ for nearly three quarters of a century. You should choose that church today, and make your life as a member of it conform to the New Testament doctrine. -Gus Nichols

The Devil's Schemes

by Ron Adams

FACTS

Stop signs don't stop cars—people still fail to stop.

Laws don't stop crime—people still commit crimes.

God's commandments don't stop sin—people still sin.

When something is prohibited by law or command it doesn't prevent someone from doing it. Road signs only regulate traffic. Laws against an activity only state that it is against the law to do it. God's prohibitions only state what is forbidden. The "teeth" in a law or a command is in the punishment (consequence).

The tree of knowledge of good and evil in the garden of Eden was easily accessible. There was no fence or wall around it. No locked gate. Adam and Eve had the ability and opportunity to eat it's fruit at any time. God's command did not keep them from eating the fruit of that tree.

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### GOD SAID

The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

### SERPENT SAID

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die. For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, know-

ing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

### SATAN'S STRATEGY

Deny the consequence. Won't die. (Plant the seed of doubt.)

Promote the benefits. Will gain knowledge, be like God. (Plant the seed of desire.) Question God's motive. Why? (Plant the seed of distrust.)

### THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

First – Doubt the consequences. (Doubt either the possibility or the severity.)

DEFENSE: Don't doubt or question the awesome power of God.

Second – Consider the benefits. (Savor the thought of having or doing.)

DEFENSE: Look past it and focus on the consequences that will surely follow.

Third – Question the reason for the prohibition. (Why is it prohibited?)

DEFENSE: Realize your wisdom is limited; trust God's infinite wisdom.

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STAND FIRM

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:11

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:3

God's commands are given for our benefit:

- (1) to lead us in the right direction and,
- (2) to keep us from harm.