

## 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

## Did Jonah Finally Get It?

### Do We? by Joe Slater

"I'd rather die than . . ." We find some things so distasteful that we say we'd rather die than do them. Jonah meant that quite literally! The Lord ordered Jonah to preach repentance to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire. But Jonah had no intention to obey. He boarded a ship going the opposite direction!

Jonah dreaded Assyria for good reason. Conquered people suffered unspeakable cruelty from Assyrian kings. Cutting off limbs, noses, and ears, skinning people alive, and burning them alive are just a few of the barbaric ways the Assyrians terrorized and humiliated their captives.

I've read comments by professing Christians in reference to Islamic terrorists: "I hope they die and go to Hell!" That's likely close to Jonah's feeling toward the Assyrians. But while righteous indignation was justified, hatred was not. And it still isn't!

Even when God sent a storm to plague Jonah's ship, he chose death over repentance and obedience to the Lord's command to preach to Nineveh. No doubt he fully expected to drown when the sailors reluctantly threw him into the sea (1:12-15).

Jonah finally submitted to God's order, but he still wanted to die when the Ninevites repented (4:3). Such hatred! He lingered outside the city, hoping God might yet destroy it (4:5). When the plant that shaded him withered, however, he again wished for death (4:7-9).

The book concludes when the Lord shows Jonah that His own concern for lost souls was far more pressing than Jonah's concern about shade (4:10-11). Such an abrupt ending makes us wonder: Did Jonah finally get it? More importantly do we understand that lost souls are more important than our comforts? And yes, God's love and concern extend even to the worst of sinners. Does ours? Do we get it?



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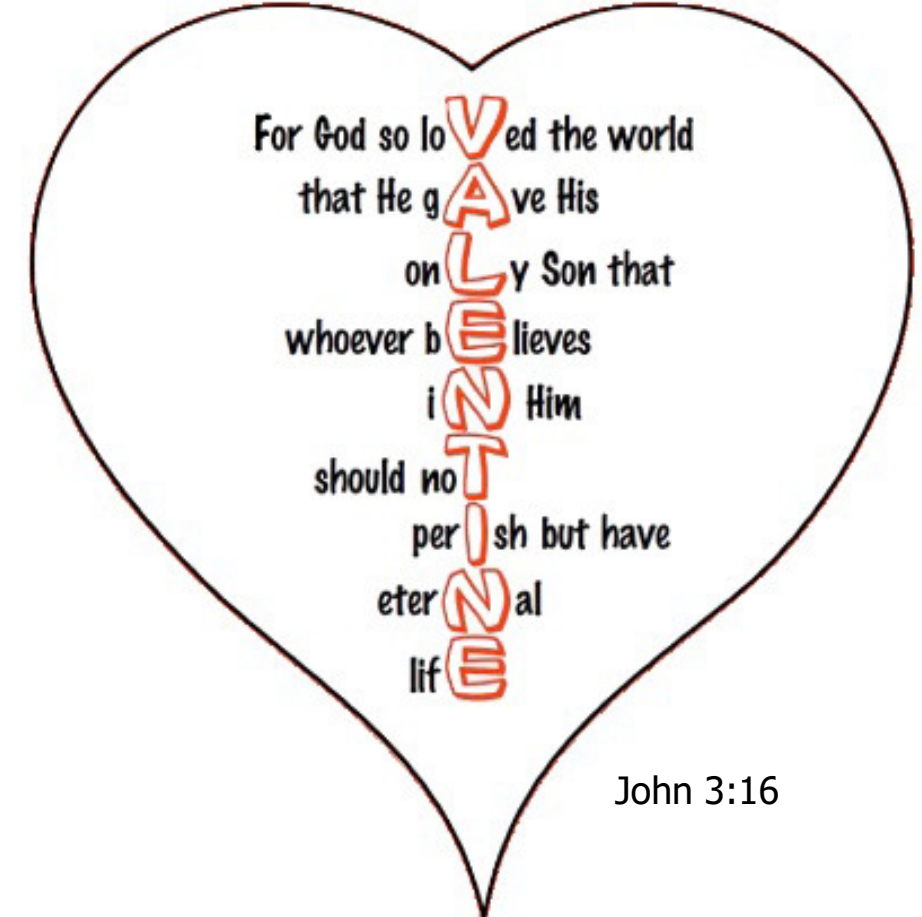
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John 3:16

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards; Becky Hatcher is still in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114, she is to have an MRI Thursday; Billy Bybee; Mary Whittington recovering from surgery; Mark Hatcher having treatments on his back; Lori Brewer looks to have back surgery before long; Jim Mears; 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 is in Signature Health here in Horse Cave after quadruple by-pass surgery; Gayla Graham's radiation/chemo treatments are encouraging as the tumor is shrinking; David Worth (husband of Mark & Kim Quigley's cousin Denessa) is in VA Hospital in Louisville with pneumonia & COVID; prayers for Dan Winkler gospel preacher in Springhill, TN stage 2 colon cancer; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones  
Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass  
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HART COUNTY

Vincent Ward (Lisa Schuler's dad) Rm 504

### 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 11: "Jacob in Egypt" Gen. 47:1-12, 27-31 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as

teacher. Our Spring Quarter beginning in March will be "The Thessalonian Letters"

### 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

### NEW TV PROGRAM

The Lehman Ave. church of Christ launched a new program on WNKY (NBC 40) on Sunday mornings at 10:30 called "*Light of the World*" with pulpit minister Neal Pollard

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour. Sermon topic: The Christian's Attitude Toward the Lost"

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Whose golden idol did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse to worship?

The answer to our question last week:  
Gideon Judges 7:19

## The Fish Net

When Jesus began His ministry, He began with a fish story (of sorts). Not really a fish story, but an occasion where experienced fisherman worked all night and was preparing to return, having caught nothing. Jesus sees the men returning and they were somewhat downcast as a result of an empty night. The Lord then told them to take their nets and cast them over the side for a catch; somewhat doubtful, they do. Amazed at the catch, Peter presents himself to the Lord humbly (Luke 5:8). This, as far as Luke presents, is the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Israelite nation.

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## The Fish Net continued from pg. 2

When John finishes his gospel, we are again at the lake and, again, Jesus tells the fisherman to cast their nets over the side for a catch. They do so and the catch is great (John 21:1-8).

At the beginning of the Lord's mission He taught His disciples how to catch men; the net used was going to be two parts. First, it would be the message of the Lord taught and, second, it would be the message of the Lord lived. Some, unfortunately, are better able to teach than live. In such cases, the net has "sprung a leak"! Let us be sure to patch nets in order that we can teach and live the gospel.

by Ron Thomas

## Seeing And Believing or Believing and Seeing

by Edd Sterchi

I heard about a man who was having a conversation with someone about a ball team when he blurted out: "I'll see it when I believe it." Of course, he meant to say, "I'll believe it when I see it." But, in actuality, here is a lot of biblical truth to that statement that I'm sure was perceived as a faux pas. Christians are those who "see" things based upon their belief. Let me explain.

Have you ever seen God? No one has (cf. 1 John 4:12). Do you believe that He exists? I hope you do. Why do you believe that? We believe that God exists because the Bible has revealed Him to us and because the evidences of a Creator are abundant (Gen. 1:1; Psa. 90:2; Rom. 1:20).

Do you believe in heaven? How can you, having never actually "seen" it? We believe because heaven is revealed to us through

the inspired Scriptures (Deut. 26:15; Col. 1:5). We can "see" heaven because we believe in the first-hand account and description John gives in the Revelation that Jesus gave him (Rev. 21-22).

You get the point. We "see" it because we read of it in the Bible and believe it. You see, the Christian's faith is not a "blind faith." Yes, faith is seeing the unseen, but it is seeing the unseen based upon the evidences God has revealed in His Word. "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*" (Heb. 11:1). Were we there when God built the world? Of course not! But we can (and should) believe the way the Bible describes it. That is faith – believing it because we see it in the Scriptures, "*By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible*" (Heb. 11:3).

Noah built an ark in faith, not having seen the torrential flood that was yet to come. But he did so based upon information from God (Heb. 11:5). Likewise, Abraham had faith in things not yet seen. He believed, trusted, and acted solely upon the word of God (Heb. 11:8).

Have you ever seen Jesus? Thomas saw the resurrected Lord and believed. Jesus told him, "*...because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*" (John 20:29). The next two verses in John 20 basically say that we can "see" Jesus in the words that are written in the gospel accounts, and that we can (and should) believe in Him. And believing, we should also act in faith, obeying Him. This is true faith – and it is anything but blind!