

## 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

## Searching for Truth

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that the man of God should be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Within its sacred pages we have revealed to us the account of God's dealing with mankind, past, present and future, none of which should be casually ignored. Will we understand everything revealed therein? Assuredly not. I confess that I still have much to learn, and don't expect a full enlightenment until I'm with the Lord, and He can explain some things to me! But that doesn't excuse me from seeking a better understanding of what God wants me to know. God wants us to be well-fed, and we do not do well in spurning what He sets before us. We do not have to await the coming of another new year before we make a resolution to spend more time in reading the Bible and prayerfully seeking a better understanding of God's truths.

## The Opposite of Love

Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Auschwitz and Buchenwald death camps in WWII, said, "Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it is indifference. Because of indifference, one dies before one actually dies."

When Paul came to Athens, Luke describes the condition of his heart as "his spirit was provoked within him" (Acts 17:16). He saw heathen gods everywhere. He saw a people in the darkness of ignorance. And that kind of "provocation" within led to action.

Someone has said, "The busy man is troubled by one devil, and the idle by a thousand." We must labor if we are to enter the rest (Hebrews 4:11). Solomon adds that whatever we do, we must do it with our might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).  
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## Which Soil Describes Your Heart?

In His parable of the sower (Luke 8) Jesus described God's word as seed planted into four types of soil (human hearts). The seed's fruitfulness, or lack thereof, depended on the condition of the soil (heart).

First was the "wayside," literally the path or road surrounding the field (Luke 8:5). As seed cannot germinate and grow on hardpacked ground, God's word cannot grow in a hard heart. Satan easily removes the word from the resistant soul.

Next came the rock (v. 6). This doesn't mean stony ground, but a thin layer of earth atop bedrock. Seed might sprout on such shallow soil, but the tender shoot would wither and die, having no deep root to reach water. Just so, a person with shallow faith might joyfully receive the word of God at first, but would fall away in times of trial.

Third, Jesus spoke of ground infested with thorns (v. 7). Seed could begin to grow under such conditions, but the thorns would eventually choke out the good plants, rendering them fruitless. Thorns represent distractions - worldly cares, riches, and pleasures (v. 14). God's word produces no harvest in a distracted heart.

Finally, the good ground produced an abundant crop (v. 8). The good, noble heart isn't hard, has a deep and abiding faith, and steers clear of the world's distractions. Such a person not only believes God's word, but keeps it (i.e. obeys it, v. 15).

Which of these four soil types best describes your heart? Are you resisting God's word with a hard heart? Is your faith shallow, fading away when trials appear? Are you distracted with the deceitful world's cares, riches, and pleasures? Or do you have a deep, abiding faith that keeps God's word?

You control the condition of your heart!

by Joe Slater

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jennifer Hatcher is recuperating from knee replacement surgery; Carolyn Russell recovering from the 3rd surgery on her arm; continue to remember Sue Bunnell; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Joey Palmore recently had an appendectomy; Becky Bush; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda and Lisa's dad Vincent Ward at home; Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) as waiting for a liver transplant; Isaiah Richardson (Bessie Brooks' great-grandson); Daryl Lowe (colon cancer) Marie Burd's brother Roger Rutledge; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; John Carter at home; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; our local schools, students & staff; first responders; the family of Bradley Bogue; the family of Marilyn Hogan

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher is in the Medical Center at Caverna. She is in Room 118; visitors are welcome. On Tues., Thurs., and Saturdays she is transported to the Pavilion for dialysis.

Hal Garland member at Mt. Vernon is in the Med Center in BG. Hal was a member here years ago and is loved by all of us.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
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 finish our study "One-Book Chapters" this morning with lesson 13, "Dangerous Apostasies" Jude 12-25 This morning

Darrell Wallace will be the teacher  
Our Spring Quarter begins next Sunday on the theme: Gospel Personages. First lesson is *Elizabeth Luke 1:39-45, 57-63.*

### PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace at 11 am and Danny McCain at 5 pm

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Studying the book of James

### 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 as we sow 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

### EQUIPPED - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY: Studies in the book of James

April 20-23 at the Lehman Ave. church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY

### MORE AREA EVENTS

March 18 Poplar Log Church of Christ Ladies Day "*Boots and Pearls*" Women soldiers for Christ Speaker: Becky Honeycutt See flyer on bulletin board

March 18 E-town church of Christ Ladies Day *Spring Cleaning of the Heart & Soul* Speaker: Vicky Yocum See flyer on bulletin board

March 26-29 Columbia Church of Christ in Columbia, KY with Todd Houston on the theme of "*Pursuing the Fulness of Christ*"

March 31-April 2 South Green St. church of Christ Spring Gospel Meeting with TJ Kirk

### THANK YOU CARD

Dear Horse Cave Church of Christ family  
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. Marilyn loved flowers. Also, thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, support and love during Marilyn's month-long illness. Horse Cave is such a caring church family and your love has meant so much to us. We would also like to thank you for letting us use the annex and all the help and support with that meal.

Love, Genie & Greg Hogan

Cindy & Ron Binkley

### PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Becky Bush has indicated that she wishes to place her membership here at Horse Cave. We warmly welcome Becky as a member here. Her address is: 591 Violet Avenue Horse Cave, KY 42749 Her birthday is Oct. 20 We will try and get her page to add to our directory.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Under whom did Paul study Jewish law?

Answer to our last question:

He carried the cross for Christ the remainder of the way to be crucified Matt. 27:32

## Searching For Truth?

by Ron Bartenan

The wise man Solomon advised, "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). In the marketplace of ideas one must be careful to distinguish the true from the counterfeit. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). How will we know the truth when we see it?

Some seek truth in their own hearts, though the Bible warns, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). How much religious error do we subject ourselves to when we follow the path of simply doing what "seems right", or "what I've always believed."

Some seek truth from preachers and church councils, accepting what they are told without question, though Paul warned, "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things" (Acts 20:30). Men are fallible, subject to error. Preachers and religious-leaders may be ever so sincere in their beliefs, and still be misled. We who endeavor to preach the truth of God should do so with fear and trembling. We dare not seek what is regarded as popular in our religious circles. While this may seem to be the way to go, it opens the door to error.

Ultimate truth is found in Jesus, who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Truth is found in His word, the Scriptures, of which Paul wrote, "All scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). How many supposed "truths" do we defend even when we have accepted such "truths" on their popularity. We should follow the example of the noble Bereans who, upon hearing the apostle Paul's proclamation of the gospel, "searched the scriptures (to see) whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

The search for truth doesn't end when one becomes a Christian. Actually, that was just the beginning of the search. The apostle Paul, addressing those who had earlier been converted to Christ, and had also been milk-fed with basic truths by him, but had grown lax in maturity sufficient to move on to the meat of the word of God, saying, "The Bible is God's gift of a text-book for guidance. "All scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

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