

## 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

## A Source of Hope

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The tree of the Garden of Eden is lost in history and unattainable. The tree in the "Paradise of God" will be realized only after this creation is destroyed. But we have access to the Cross of Jesus Christ, on which he died, and from which his sacrifice is given to us. We have hope of eternal life, through faith in him and obedience to his will (Romans 6:17). Therefore even in suffering and trials we have hope to sustain us in which we can rejoice (Romans 5:2).

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## Cancel Culture For Christians

We are in a time referred to as cancel culture. Cancel culture is the act of destroying someone's life over the fact that they disagree with popular opinion. The Christian, however, should have a different take on "cancel culture." Notice, for example:

- \* We should cancel negativism and pessimism.
- \* We should cancel prejudice.
- \* We should cancel immoral thoughts.
- \* We should cancel sin.
- \* We should cancel false doctrine.

Rather than focusing on destroying others' lives, let's focus on improving our own - by doing such we will be doing our part to make the world better. *"And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."* (Gal. 5:24-25)

- Edd Sterchi



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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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## Helping the World See Jesus

by Kelby Smith

The Bible presents Jesus as the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He characterized his mission by saying: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The world greatly needs to see Jesus, and to be obedient to His teachings. This is not optional but essential to one's enjoying life on this earth and having eternal life in heaven.

The Greeks desired to see Jesus (John 12:20-21). Nicodemus came to Jesus by night (John 3:1-2). Zacchaeus even climbed up into a tree in order to see Jesus (Luke 19:2-4). The world urgently needs to see Jesus. But how? Here are three ways.

First, we can see Jesus through the written word. John concluded his gospel by saying that those things were written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 20:30-31). Christ not only is the mediator of the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15), but all Scripture also is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16). The gospel is the power of God to save, and it is that by which we will one day be judged (Romans 1:16; John 12:48).

Second, the world can see Jesus through the spoken word. The preaching of the truth is the means by which God has chosen to save men (1 Corinthians 1:21). The gospel was preached at Corinth, and preachers today are charged with the responsibility to "preach the word" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Timothy 4:1-2).

Third, the world can see Jesus through the lives of Christians. Paul mentioned the fact that Christians are living epistles— letters—and that they are "known and read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2). Christ lives in the life of every faithful Christian (Galatians 2:20). By living a godly life, Jesus is magnified and God is glorified (Matthew 5:16; Galatians 1:24).

One of our most solemn tasks is to help the world see Jesus!

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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, we are now seeking a 2nd opinion. She has an appointment in Nashville March 15; Billy Bybee; Mary Whittington recovering from surgery; Mark Hatcher 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; Gayla Graham's radiation/chemo treatments are encouraging as the tumor is shrinking; Steve Higginbotham Knoxville, TN; 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; Sue Spradlin; Seaborn Elzey

### 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

Today is our first lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" Our lesson this morning lesson 1: "The Thessalonian Church" Acts 17:1-15, 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

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour on - *Why Jesus Was "A Man of Sorrows"* Isa. 53:1-3

### RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION

Wednesday evening Theron Shultz responded to the invitation desiring to be restored as he had allowed things in his life to affect His relationship with God and the church. God bless you Theron. We love and appreciate you.

### ELDERS DEACONS MINISTERS MEETING

Today at 3:00 here at the building

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who said the following statement to whom? "*what you are going to do, do quickly.*"

The answer to our question last week:  
Simon Peter John 20:5-6

### What Have I Done?

Alfred Sutro wrote a little known play called *Maker of Men*. It contains a scene where a bank clerk comes home to his wife, having failed to receive a promotion.

"I see other men getting on; what have I done?" he said to her.

His wife replied, "You have made a woman love you. You have given me respect for you, and admiration, and loyalty, and devotion—everything a man can give his wife, except luxury, and I don't need that."

Solomon wrote, "*Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun*" (Ecclesiastes 9:9).

- Bob Prichard

## A Source of Hope

by Michael Brooks

*"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations"* (Revelation 22:1-2 ESV).

Our Bibles are "bookended" with references to the Tree of Life. Near the beginning, Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden "lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever" (Genesis 3:22). Then at the end of the final book Heaven is depicted as the environment where the tree of life continually bears fruit. Earlier in that same book Jesus promised, "To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7).

Eating special food is elsewhere associated with eternal life. Jesus taught, "I am the bread of life. ... If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:48, 51). In the same context he speaks of eating his flesh and drinking his blood (verses 53-54). Though Catholics and some others interpret that phrase literally in the doctrine of transubstantiation, most Protestants view it as figurative and not limited to or even primarily referring to the Lord's Supper. Eating his flesh and blood is seen as partaking of spiritual communion or fellowship with Jesus, "abiding in him" (Verse 56).

Nowhere in Scripture is the Cross identified as "the tree of life," nor is Jesus called its fruit. Yet, is it unreasonable for modern Christians to make that connection? Jesus body hung upon (or was borne by) the

cross. His blood was shed from it. Whether one takes "eating" those things literally or figuratively, the cross is fundamental to their availability to believers. And however one takes those items, they are sources of eternal life, just as is the fruit of the tree of life. Without the tree of life, there is no life-giving fruit. Without the cross there is also no life-giving flesh or blood (i.e., food or drink).

The difference between the cross and the tree, with their fruits, is availability to living Christians while still on earth. Before sin, humans could eat the fruit of the tree and live forever. After Jesus' return the righteous believer will again be able to do the same. But during this existence that tree is remote and unattainable. We can only hope in anticipation of eventually going to where it exists.

That hope is made real and tangible by the cross. When Jesus died for our sins he provided food that grants eternal life. If we respond with obedient faith to his great gift, we can partake of that food through fellowship and spiritual communion with him. When we do that we are promised eternal life with him when he returns to bring us to judgment after the resurrection of the dead.

When Christians gather together to commemorate Jesus' death through the Lord's Supper we are reminded that the sacrifice which he made for us (and only that sacrifice) provides forgiveness for sin (Hebrews 9:14; 10:12-14). Since sin is universal (Romans 3:23) and is the cause of both physical and spiritual death (Romans 5:12, 17-21), that which provides remission of sin is the source of life. This leads us back to our former identification of the cross as a type of the tree of life.

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