

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

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Instead of exhorting, proclaiming, or rebuking, they share reflections and musings. This is "weak" preaching of the wrong sort! Paul preached "in weakness and fear," meaning he renounced lofty speech (rhetorical eloquence) and theological speculation ("wisdom"). His was a simple, straightforward proclamation of Jesus Christ, crucified and raised.

Rejected as a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks, the preaching of the cross is nevertheless declared to be both the power and wisdom of God. "For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:22-24).

--Cecil May, Jr. (adapted) via Preacher Talk

Lincoln Said

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

"We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God that made us!"

—Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of 1863
 [How does this compare to today's world?] - WH



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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 Century After Jonah

by Joe Slater

Most who read this remember from childhood about Jonah being swallowed by the great fish. The reluctant prophet finally preached repentance to Nineveh, capital of the Assyrian empire. The Ninevites repented, and the city was spared from destruction.

Unfortunately, people seldom heed the word of God for very long. The Assyrians returned to their wicked ways, so the Lord announced their doom through His prophet, Nahum, about a century after Jonah's time.

The Lord warned the arrogant Assyrians of another city He had destroyed due to its sin. "Are you better than No-Amon that was situated by the river, that had the waters around her, whose rampart was the sea, whose wall was the sea?" (Nahum 3:8). No-Amon was the Egyptian city of Thebes and had only recently been destroyed. Despite having allies to protect her, she perished because God brought her down.

Assyria couldn't rely on the past better behavior of her ancestors. Her current conduct condemned her! "Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. It's victim never departs . . . There is a multitude of slain, a great number of bodies, countless corpses – they stumble over the corpses – The mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries" (3:3-4).

Why did God wait a century? "The Lord is slow to anger" (Nahum 1:3). He gave them more than enough time to repent. Let us thank Him for His longsuffering, but never presume upon it, for "the day of the Lord will come!" (2 Peter 10). Our ancestors' faithfulness will not save us either. We will be judged according to our own works (Revelation 20:12)

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher at home with Wayne as her caregiver. She goes to Glasgow now on Mon., Wed. and Fridays for dialysis; Lori Brewer's back surgery is on hold as needs a heart cath before surgery can be done; Joyce Dye had a skin cancer removed that is melanoma; Lois Edwards recovering at home from a fractured C1 in her neck; Dennis Hatcher has to wear the boot on his foot for another week or so; Mark Hatcher; Sue Bunnell; Laura Brooks is not feeling well; Carolyn Russell came back with a cold from their trip to FL; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Daryl Lowe taking chemo treatments; Gayla Fudge Graham's is taking more treatments; Merida Brooks (Bessie Brooks' sister-in-law is home feeling better; Victoria Adams recovering from a broken leg; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC has been diagnosed with a type of T-Cell Lymphoma and is taking chemo treatments

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS 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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter on the theme: Gospel Personages. Lesson 10 "Nicodemus" John 3:1-14; John 19:38-42 Wayne will serve as the teacher this week.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach at 11 am "The Organiza-

tion of the Local Church" Danny McCain will preach at our 5 pm service.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Darrell Wallace is scheduled to teach this Wed. as we meet at 6 p.m. "Colossians"

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**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

His Lessons in May

May 7 - "Finding the Truth"

May 14 - "I Am Not Ashamed"

May 21 - "Rejoice in the Lord"

May 28 - "Can I Repent?"

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

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 in the Library

Every Member Is Needed

In Mark 2:3-12 we read about a paralytic. Not being able to come to Jesus by himself, he required assistance from others. Fortunately, he had some able-bodied friends who helped him.

The Bible attests to this man's faith and his determination to see Jesus. His friends picked up the bed (mat) on which he was lying and carried him to the house where Jesus was. Not just one or two men could have brought him to Jesus; it took all four friends carrying their respective corners to get the job done. *continued next page*

But wait! The story becomes even more intriguing as we find that there were so many people in the house that the four men couldn't get their stricken friend inside. Mark 2:24 tells us that his friends lifted the paralytic, bed and all, to the top of the roof of the house, then lowered him into the room where Jesus was preaching. Jesus was impressed with the paralytic's faith and said to him, "Son, your sins are forgiven you" (Mark 2:5).

What a great story of faith and persistence! This man immediately took up his bed as Jesus directed him and went out from the presence of them all. Then they glorified God saying, "We never saw anything like this before!" (2:11-12).

Friend, do you realize that many in any community will never find the truth or hear the words of Jesus about salvation without our help? If any of those four friends had dropped his corner, the paralyzed man couldn't have reached Jesus. As a Christian, have you dropped your corner, or are you carrying it as best you can? Every member is needed to carry their part for the Lord's work to progress. We need Bible class teachers; we need parents to set the right example for their children. We need men who aspire to serve as elders and deacons, and wives who graciously support them. Let us all do our best to carry our corner!

--Richard Dent (adapted) via Old Paths

Centered

Centered? Centered in what? Centered on what? What are we focused on? Where is our heart?

When they were young our children were diagnosed with ADHD. They had a difficult time focusing on anything. Oh, that was a

challenge! Church, when we come together to worship, what do we focus on? What are our hearts and minds centered on?

The question applies to every day and every moment of our lives! May our God help us to remember that Jesus Christ must be the center of our faith. The storms will come. We will face trials. Clinging to Jesus, we will be safe, shielded, protected. But even so, we will be challenged, stretched, wrung out. By staying focused on Jesus, we will be anchored in Him, secure and unshaken.

Race car drivers are trained to focus their attention on where they want to go, as opposed to where they don't want to go. The premise is simple: they are traveling so fast that if something catches their attention and they look at it, they'll hit it! Therefore they learn to tune out the peripheral and focus on the road ahead.

Friend, focusing on Jesus will always keep us moving in the right direction. With little or no attention to the peripheral, we press on ahead, our attention on Jesus. If not, we can't follow where He is going; we're less in tune with Him.

May our heartbeat be in tune with His heartbeat. Let's just keep it simple and keep it centered. It's the greatest of challenges!

--Charles Goodnight (via Old Paths)

Don't Preach To Me!

Except for those who already believe, preaching is heard with suspicion or just turned off. Some negative attitudes are well-founded, being a reaction to certain televangelists.

Some preachers try to offset this negative view by sounding like they're not preaching.

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