

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 the
light - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7

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It will require a change of heart and mind. It will be a constant battle to refuse to conform to the world around us. Sadly, the more we choose to be like the world around us the less we will be comfortable being with God and His people.

Yet, becoming aliens and strangers is what God demands of us. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12.2). "Because you are children who obey God, don't live the kind of lives you once lived. Once you lived to satisfy your desires because you didn't know any better. But because God who called you is holy you must be holy in every aspect of your life" (1 Peter 1.14-15 GW).

Living like the world alienates us from God. Living as God calls us to live alienates us from the world. We are aliens either way. Which kind of alien are you choosing to be? Can you truly sing, "This world is not my home; I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

The Power of Sin

Sin is not stagnant. It never stays in one place, person, family, community, or country. A judge may sequester a jury, and a doctor may quarantine a disease, but no man or earthly power can isolate sin. Sin stalks its victim as a hunter does his prey. Sin slithers like a snake, inserting its venom of death into the veins of those who bear the image of God.

Sin marches like locusts over the landscape of humanity, leaving a world of human wreckage in its wake. Sin is a vulture feasting on its own handiwork. Adam and Eve's transgressions initiated a stream of sin that proved torrential in its power and worldwide in its scope.

—Frank Chesser, Montgomery, Alabama



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The Bible and Aliens

by Joe Chesser

I'm not sure what you expected when you read the title of this article, but this article is not about Avatars or giant Kaiju monsters invading Earth. Nor is this about people who cross national borders illegally.

No, this article is about us. That's right. According to the Bible we Christians are aliens. Not that we look weird, or have superpowers, but aliens in the sense that we really don't belong to this world in which we currently live. One of my favorite songs puts it this way: "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing thru. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue ... and I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

As misfits in this world, the Bible refers to us as strangers and aliens. Jesus said to his apostles, "If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world therefore the world hates you" (John 15.19). Later that same night in his prayer before leaving the upper room, Jesus said of his apostles, "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (John 17.16).

But it's not just the apostles who did not belong to this world. The Bible speaks of all Christians this way. To the Philippian church Paul wrote, "For our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3.20). Peter also spoke of Christians as "aliens and strangers" (1 Peter 2.11 NASB/NIV).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher continues with dialysis 3X a week. Wayne is her caregiver; Becky Bush had a nuclear stress test Thursday; Doris Wallace waiting on dr. appt.; Genie Hogan fell at home Monday. He had surgery at Med Center to repair a hairline crack in his femur, he also has a blood clot in his lung; Lori Brewer is home; Fran Mears; Jennifer Hatcher; Jackie Coop improving with his knee replacement; Michael Richardson improving from a broken bone in his elbow; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Daryl Lowe; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Sue Underwood (neighbor of Danny & Janet McCain); prayers for our schools that are back in session

SYMPATHY to family of Michael Lee Burd a relative of our Marie Burd.

NHC Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT
Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We have begun a study of our Fall Quarter Today is lesson 2: "God the Father" *Jeremiah 31:9, Hosea 11:1-4, Luke 2:46-50, Matthew 6:6-15* Wayne serves as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. "Living In Babylon: Daniel Has His Own Dream" Daniel 7 Danny McCain at 5 p.m. sermons from the book of Mark

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We have resumed our study of the book of *Colossians*. Darrell is to teach this week.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "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

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** There are choices to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING

October 15-18 with John Board, Pulpit Minister with the E-town Church of Christ. Mark your calendar. Prayers for this effort.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Sept. 10-13 South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow, KY with Steve Higginbotham "Jesus Is the Answer" John 6:67-68 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

HORSE CAVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Sept. 15 & 16 We plan to have a booth this year, and we need volunteers to work Friday 6pm-8pm; Saturday noon-2pm; 2pm-4 pm; 4pm-6pm Assist in sign up for bible correspondence courses; make available House-ToHouse info and tracts, limited handout of ink pens and notepads. We are also giving away a very nice Apologetics Study Bible. See the sign up sheet on the banister beside the bulletins.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Sept. 16 Potter Children's Home in B. Green

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by Clifton Angel

A couple decades before Christ was born, Horace penned "Carpe Diem," which in English means, "Seize the Day." More recently, some have said, "Life is short. Live it up." Even more recently, we've developed the acronym Y.O.L.O.—

"You Only Live Once". There is a true principle in each of these. Unfortunately, they are often used with reference to worldly endeavors and sinful practices. Rather, we need to use the fact that we only live once to motivate us to live for God.

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth,

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

If only everyone would think this way. Even Christians are tempted to focus on things seen, and not the eternal things invisible (not seen).

Paul continued,

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life" (2 Corinthians 5:1-4).

Remember, Paul is writing to Christians, not just anyone. Not everyone has reserved their home in heaven. Unfortunately, many will be found spiritually naked when the Lord returns.

"Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit."

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:5-8).

What a mindset! What an encouragement for Christians! What a challenge for us to think on things eternal, and not things temporary!

Finally, we will consider these words of Paul,

"Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

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So, God intends for His people, His church, to be different from the world. Like foreigners who speak a different language, who dress and act differently, who have different customs, values and priorities, Christians are not to be like their surroundings. To complete what Peter said above, "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles" (1 Peter 2:11-12). The Apostle John wrote, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

The Bible doesn't say this will be easy or comfortable. In fact, it will not. It will require sacrifice. *(concluded on the back)*