

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Jennifer Von Gruenigen has been promoted to Vice President, Operational Development at Investors Heritage, Frankfort, KY. Jennifer is the daughter of our Ken & Carolyn Russell.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Since our Summer Series has concluded, we will resume out study of the book of Hebrews. Thanks to Billy Bybee for a summary of chapters 8 & 9 last week. Wayne will be the teacher this Wed. night in chapter 10.

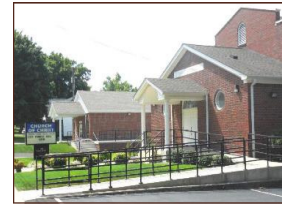
Be Sober (1 Peter 5:8)

When you hear the word, sober, what do you think? Immediately, I begin to think about staying away from drugs and alcohol. While this word certainly has that in mind, it is more focused on simply staying alert and at the ready. The reason Christians need to be sober minded is because our adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. If we are not alert or paying attention, we become an easy target for Satan.

It is funny that Peter tells his readers in the previous verse to cast their anxiety on God, and then in the following verse, adds to their anxiety by saying, "There is a lion on the loose, look out!" However, it is important to notice that Peter is helping us understand that just because we have cast our anxiety on God, that does not mean that we can relax and give Satan an opportunity. We need to continue to stay alert and remain faithful.

If we can be sober minded and remain faithful, notice the blessings for us in verse 10, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." So, do not lose heart in your present circumstances, be of sober mind, stand firm in the faith, and receive the blessings that the God of all grace has prepared for you.

- Travis Robertson



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Do You Know Which Way Is Up?

by Joe Slater

"That poor fellow doesn't know which way is up!" By that we mean he's confused, misinformed, or maybe not the brightest bulb in the chandelier.

When it comes to spiritual matters, seek above all else to know which way is up! And once you know, follow that way.

You must select between two ways. Hear the word of the Lord: "*Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it*" (Matthew 7:13-14).

A vast majority travel the broad way leading down to destruction. Why? Because it's easy! I grew up with dirt roads, many of them narrow. Moving farm implements from one field to another presented serious problems. I didn't like narrow roads then, and like them even less now. Give me a wide, paved highway any day!

Most feel the same about how they live. No restrictions, plenty of company - sounds great, doesn't it? (Until you consider the destination, that is!)

What about the way that leads upward to life in Heaven? Not only is it difficult, but even the entrance (gate) is narrow. If you pass through that gate, it will be on purpose. You won't travel the difficult way by coincidence. You must be content to be in the minority, for those on the difficult way are not many, but few. But oh, the destination: Life!

Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life*" (John 14:6). If you know Jesus, you know which way is up. Follow Jesus!

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher continues to make a little progress; Wayne continues to be her caregiver. It has been great to see her at some of our evening services; Sue Bunnell; Rex Wallace; Lisa Schuler; Mike Thompson; Willie Cyphers; Lori Brewer; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Tom Whittington; Judy Owens (Marie Burd's sister); Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Steve Higginbotham; Robin Wallace's nephew Nash Smith left for Syria Sept. 4; Brenda Jagers' daughter Tracy is home; Sara Brooks is doing much better; David Bale had eye lid surgery in Nashville; Ashley Bryant (step granddaughter of Marilyn Ray); pray for our health care workers; staff in our school districts; pray for Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger.

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; prayers for Amanda Nutt, Caverna High School teacher is battling COVID in ICU. She is on a vent

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 2nd lesson in the Fall Quarter on the theme: "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David and His Brothers" I Samuel 17:12-30
Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee
8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

PREACHING SCHEDULE IN SEPT.

Sept 5: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Darrell Wallace
Sept 12: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher
Sept 19: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Darrell Wallace
Sept 26: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher
We look forward to being together on the Lord's Day!!

THANK YOU LETTER

On behalf of the flood victims, Waverly Church of Christ would like to thank you so much for your generous donation. Because of your generosity many families will be helped. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and generous gift.

Sincerely, The Elders of the Waverly Church of Christ, Waverly, TN

RESIGNATION

Mark Hatcher recently notified the elders that he felt the need to resign as deacon due to his health issues from the last few months. Mark stated "my faith and love for God is as strong as it always had been...the pain that I have keeps me at home."

We appreciate the years he has served. We love Mark & Jennifer. We are sorry for the problems he is having. Our prayers for Mark's back issues to improve.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who had a five year old son who became crippled in both feet?

Answer to our question last week:
Simon Peter & Andrew; James & John

The "I Must's" of Jesus

by Dale Jenkins

I once heard a preacher make light of his fellow preachers for tossing around words like "must" and "have to." I didn't agree with him, for the Bible clearly uses such words. But the longer his barb has hung in my mind, the more I think I understand what he meant. We do toss those words around a little too lightly. They are designed to be heavy words.

The word "must" first appears in the New Testament in Matthew 16:21 as Jesus began warning the disciples of His impending crucifixion.

In Luke 4:43 Jesus issues the "must" of responsibility: "I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

Luke also records for us a transaction that lets us know that sometimes the needs of others' "musts" came into His scope: "When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, 'Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house'" (Luke 19:5).

On two occasions Jesus shows us the importance of obedience to the scriptures with the "musts" that He issues (Luke 22:37; 24:44).

And the words of necessity are clear from the lips of the Lord when it comes to worshipping His Father (John 4:24).

In John 9:4 Jesus teaches says: "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

Of course we know that greatest question ever asked involves a "must," "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). But even after that question has been answered and followed correctly, there are still some "musts" for the Christian.

For a culture that prides its "postmodern" self in not accepting being "told" what it has to do, there are "musts" for any person who

would be a follower of Christ. Among those things clearly pointed out by Christ involve: denying self and taking up one's cross responsibilities (Luke 4:43), inconveniencing ourselves to meet the needs of others (Luke 19:5), and being involved in the work of God (John 9:4-5).

I didn't ask it lightly: What must you do?

Are You Searching For the Truth?

by Ron Bartanen

Are you searching for truth? Some are not searching because they don't believe in absolute truth—everything to them is relative. Others are not searching because their church tells them what the truth is, These feel they already have the fullness of truth. All should heed Paul's warning: "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things" (Acts 20:30). Others seek the truth in their own hearts, though the Bible warns, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). The importance of seeking truth is emphasized in Scripture. 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? Ultimate truth is found in Jesus, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes 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).

Where are you searching for truth?

by Ron Bartanen