

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

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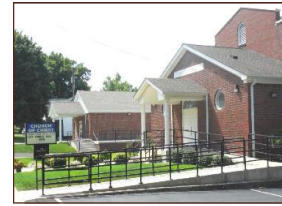
work. Unless we are fully committed to the end result of becoming like Jesus, trying to live for Jesus will be like the misery and frustration of practicing an instrument just because that's what your mom wants you to do. But if you can catch the vision of someday playing that instrument flawlessly in a great concert hall, then the misery turns into joy. Donald Whitney pointed out that if we can remember what we will become, the effort will have its reward. But discipline without direction is drudgery.

No wonder Paul could endure such hardships. He saw the challenges of the moment merely as stepping stones to achieving his goal, becoming like Jesus (Phil. 3.10-14). He then considered his difficulties as "light and momentary troubles" because he exercised the God-given ability to fix his eyes on Jesus (2 Cor. 4.16-18). Most of our spiritual drudgeries are due to taking our eyes away from Jesus and looking at anything else around us: friends, travel, sports, family, work, rest, entertainment, etc. These things are not wrong in themselves. But they do distract us from keeping our eyes on Jesus as the focus of our heart. It is inevitable that if Jesus is not your focus, your spiritual health will diminish dramatically, and you will lose the joy of living for him.

The good news is that God has created within each of us the incredible and life-changing will-power to train our hearts and actions towards godliness (1 Tim. 4.7). God will help you; so can others. But the decision to exercise this power is only yours to make.

WORK DAY/CLEANUP

A decision from E&D's Meeting was to set aside 2 days to work, clean & also repaint the hand rails at both buildings - Oct. 16th & Oct. 19th



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The True God (Part 2) by Joe Slater

There really is a difference between the true God and the innumerable gods devised by people. The true God "made the world and everything in it"; He is "Lord of heaven and earth"; and He "does not dwell in temples made with hands" (Acts 17:24). These three facts alone set the true God apart from pagan idols as far as the east is from the west. But there is more!

"Neither is he worshiped with (better 'served by') men's hands, as though He needed anything" (17:25a). Pagans thought the gods depended on their sacrifices for food and drink. In fact, though, the idols could "neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell" (Deuteronomy 4:28). And the true God made it clear in Psalm 50:12-13 - "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?" The true God is independent of His creation; He needs nothing from us.

Far from needing people to feed Him, the true God "gives to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25). At creation God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life, making him a living being (Genesis 2:7). Throughout the ages He has given us "rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). We depend on Him, not He on us!

This same God "made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings" (17:26). Every race, every nation, every person, has descended from Adam, whom God created. Neither individuals nor nations always do what God desires; but God rules them nonetheless. He is active in human affairs, whether people realize it or not. No mere regional deity, the true God raises up nations and rulers and removes them in keeping with His purpose. Wise are those who humble themselves and seek His favor!

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher is in process of injections in her back for nerve blocks, Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex Wallace undergone tests, waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Jerry Ann Logsdon had shoulder replacement surgery and stayed in ICU for a couple of days. She is in TJ Samson Rm. 348 No visitors at this time; Sue Bunnell; it was good to see Willie Cyphers out Wed. night; Lisa Schuler has to stay off her ankle for 7 more weeks; Mike Thompson; Lori Brewer; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Laura Brooks; Tom Whittington; Judy Owens (Marie Burd's sister); Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Ashley Bryant (step granddaughter of Marilyn Ray); Steve Higginbotham; health care workers; staffs in our school districts, first responders; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; Helen Edwards (Janice & Billy Bybee's sister-in-law, former member here) recently had 2 heart by-passes; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby Friends in our community: Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; the family of Robert "Kink" Carney

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 (*98th B-day Oct. 15th)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 6th lesson in the Fall Quarter on the theme: "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David Spares Saul" I Samuel 24: 1-22
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

Wayne Hatcher will be preaching today:

11 am - Seeing a Pattern of Departure from God - Part 2 Jeremiah 6:10-16

5 pm - How To Find Strength In the Lord I Timothy 1:12—2:4

We always look forward to being together on the Lord's Day!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Billy Bybee will be teaching class this Wednesday night in the book of Hebrews 10. Come out and be with us as we study from God's Word.

GRIEF SEMINAR

Oct. 15-17 South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow by Ron & Don Williams.

Friday Oct. 15 5:30 pm "What is Grief & Loss?"

Sat. Oct. 16 8:30 am "Death, Dying, Loss" and at 9:45 am "Dementia"

Sat. Oct. 16 11 am "How Can I Prepare for Grief & Loss?"

Sunday Oct 17 9:30 am "How Can the Church Help the Church?"

10:30 a.m. Sermon of Encouragement"

No cost, the sessions in the auditorium will be live streamed.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Oct. 24-27 E-town Church of Christ with Phil Sanders, host of "In Search of the Lord's Way" on the theme: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus" Flyer on the bulletin board

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which book in the Bible has a chapter with four identical verses?

Answer to our question last week: Speak, for thy servant heareth I Sam. 3:10

God Can Cause Change To Come

by Bill Brandstatter

Sometimes it seems as those things are rather chaotic in this world. In the days of a Babylonian king, Daniel wrote, "*The Most-High rules in the kingdom of men.*" (Dan. 4:17) God rules in a spiritual way and with spiritual laws. His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). If people will obey God and live faithfully for Him, change will come to our nation and the world.

In 2 Chron. 7:14, we read, "*If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*" (NKJV)

The first part of this scripture refers to God's people. God's people today are Christians. God's people once was the nation of Israel (Deut. 26:18). Now God's people are Christians (1 Pet, 2:9).

Next, we must humble ourselves. Too many today are proud and puffed up. Too many times we look for man for all the answers of life. God can do things no one else can. James states, "*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*" (James 4:6) That is why we should pray and seek His face. Prayer accomplishes a great deal. (James 5:16)

Then, we need to turn from wicked ways and be forgiven of our sins. All men everywhere are commanded to repent according to Acts 17:30. Forgiveness comes through the blood of Christ (Matt. 26:28). We get into His blood by being baptized (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38). Once a person does this, God promises "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteous-*

ness." (1 John 1:9)

If we are Christians, we have the assurance that God hears our prayers (1 Jn. 5:14). Let us be intercessors for our government and all men (1 Tim. 2:1-4). The world needs saving. Let us be God's instruments in helping to do that. God is still in charge. He is the final judge. We are His people and ones who should carry the gospel message to the world. (Acts 8:4) The gospel is powerful and it can save (Rom. 1:16). Let us be ones spreading the gospel message. God will provide the increase (1 Cor. 3:6).

The Incredible Willpower To Become

by Joe Chesser

God created within humans something that nothing else in creation has – the will and power to become. Trees have no desire to be anything but trees. Animals can be trained to do extraordinary feats, but only if they have a trainer to teach them to shake hands or ride a bicycle or jump through fiery hoops. Only humans have been given the vision and ability to alter their course and fulfill their dreams. God has created within us the incredible willpower (will and power) to become more than we are. In fact, God desires for us to choose to become more than we are. Jesus purposefully gave up equality with God to become like us so that we could choose to be transformed into His likeness (Phil. 2:6-7; Rom. 12:1-2). Believers were predestined to "be conformed to the likeness of his Son" (Rom. 8:29).

But that will not happen without disciplined focus and intentional effort. Although many of us may attempt to do so, no one will drift into the likeness of Jesus. Drifters will give up long before the goal is reached. It's just too much
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