

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

Our Greatest Need

If humanity's greatest need had been **entertainment**, God would have sent a **performer**.

If our greatest need had been **technology**, God would have sent a **scientist**.

If our greatest need had been **money**, God would have sent an **economist**.

But since our greatest need was **forgiveness**, God sent us a **Savior**.

--via House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart

Love and God's Commandments

Do you want to live in the blessings of Jesus' love for you? Then keep His commandments. "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." (John 15:10)

Do you want to show your love for Jesus? Then keep His commandments. "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

Do you want God's Spirit to lovingly abide in you? Then keep His commandments. "Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us." (1 John 3:24)

Do you love your brethren? Then keep God's commandments. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments." (1 John 5:2)

Do you want to make it to heaven where love will reign forevermore? Then keep God's commandments. "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." (Revelation 22:14)

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3)
- 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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How Valuable Is Jesus To You? by Phil Sanders

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:7-8).

When the apostle Paul was Saul of Tarsus, he had become a rising star among the Jews in Jerusalem. He was "advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions" (Galatians 1:14). He had an impeccable relationship and heritage among the Pharisees and was regarded highly by the Sanhedrin.

Yet, Paul was willing and eager to give it all up to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and attain the resurrection. This certainly differs from the Jewish leaders who believed in Jesus but would not confess Him so they could remain in their positions at their synagogues (John 12:42-43).

What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of knowing Jesus Christ? Would you leave error as Paul did to come to the truth? Would you give up a pet sin or an encumbering practice that competes with your commitment to Christ?

If the kingdom of God and His righteousness is truly first in your life, you will be willing to deny yourself and take up your cross daily to follow Him (Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:23). Serving the Lord every day will be your focus and your pleasure. - The Search Light 09/2021

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher had a 2nd round of injections in her back for nerve blocks, Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Jerry Ann Logsdon had shoulder replacement surgery. She is in TJ Samson Skilled Care Rm. 293, no visitors at this time, prayers for progress & strengthening; Sue Bunnell; Lisa Schuler has to stay off her ankle for 6 more weeks; Brenda Jagers came home last week after spending a few days in hospital; Mike Thompson; Lori Brewer; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Laura Brooks; Sara Brooks; Tom Whittington; Judy Owens (Marie Burd's sister); Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Steve Higginbotham; health care workers; staffs in our school districts, first responders; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; sympathy to Mark Quigley and family in the death of his dad in Washington state Friday.

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; family of Gary Dennison

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 7th lesson in the Fall Quarter on the theme: "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David and Nabal" I Samuel 25: 2-22
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

Darrell Wallace will be preaching today at 11 am and at 5 pm

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Scott Huff will be teaching class this Wednesday night. Come out and be with us as we study from God's Word.

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 of the following cities is farthest north: Corinth, Thessalonica, Ephesus or Colossae??

Answer to our question last week:
Psalm 107: 8, 15, 21, and 31

Church? by Joe Slater

"Church" gets a bad rap these days. God? In most cases He's ok. Jesus? Yeah, He's fine. But church? No, thanks.

We wish folks in the world saw the difference between gimmickry like "miracle spring water" and the church. Really, though, it's our job to demonstrate that difference. But how can that happen when many who have obeyed the gospel still display a faulty and even negative concept of the church? Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus gives us vital understanding:

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First, "Christ is the head of the church" (Ephesians 5:23). God the Father didn't send Jesus to become the president of a civic club! Rather, the church is the spiritual body of Christ (1:23). Just as your body has a head, so does Christ's.

Second, "the church is subject to Christ" (Ephesians 5:24). The members of your body do as your head says – if they don't, you find a doctor to see what's wrong! "Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually" (1 Corinthians 12:27). You are the eyes, ears, fingers, and toes of Christ's body, doing the things Jesus wants done. If you, as a member, are not carrying out the wishes of the Head (Jesus), both your attitude and actions must change!

Finally, Christ loves the church, nourishes it, and cherishes it (Ephesians 5:25, 29). People may turn up their noses at the church, but Christ loves it so much He bled and died for it! He nourishes it through His word. He cherishes it (i.e. cares with it with warm affection). To denigrate the church, then, is to belittle Christ's body which He loves and for which He died.

Now what do you think about the church?

When the Good Becomes the Enemy of the Best

by Rob Redden

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42 NIV).

Mary realized that the Messiah was in their midst teaching them precious, eternal truths, while Martha was preparing dinner. Martha complained to Jesus that Mary, her sister, had

left her alone to prepare the meal. Jesus defended Mary, and kindly admonished Martha for her misplaced concern.

No one would suggest that being a good hostess is a bad thing. No one would look at preparing a meal for others as sinful. So, why did Jesus reprove His friend, Martha? Well, in the first place there is what we call a priority of values. If we are able to make a wiser choice and fail to do it, there is room for Jesus' disapproval.

So often people are satisfied with their level of commitment because they are not doing anything sinful. Parents often put their children in sports, and see this as a way to help keep the children out of trouble, and to help them develop social skills needed in adult life. Children also learn by experience how to be humble in both victory and defeat. But if these "good" activities take children away from worship and Bible study then these good things are the enemy of the best.

When people choose concerts, guests, or other wholesome activities over the Lord's Day worship, is it not the truth that the good has become the enemy of the best? Today people are so wrapped up in the political and governmental issues of the day that they have no time for Bible study, private devotions, or Christian deeds. There's nothing wrong with being a responsible citizen who seeks the good for our country. But, again, don't they become wrong when these things displace what God wants for us? The good has become the enemy of the best.

Cooking a meal is a fine thing to do for others. Very commendable! But what if that becomes more important than listening to the word of God proclaimed? This is about priorities isn't it?

Have we "chosen what is better"?