

## 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

## Instant vs. Delayed .... from page 1

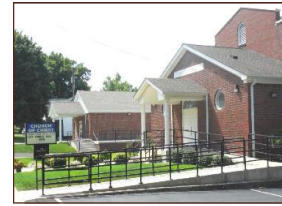
Often when we read of Samson, we focus upon his exploits as a strong man—He killed a lion with his bare hands, moved the gates of a city to a hill, etc. We neglect however, a very important statement, made by him, which reflects an attitude of selfishness. He saw a woman he should not have considered as “wife material.” Instead of dealing with his desires, and bringing them into line with what was best for him and the people around him, he told his father, “*Get her for me, for she looks good to me*” (Judges 14:3). Samson’s father followed his wishes, and Samson, and those around him, suffered the consequences. Getting what we want when we want it may seem good, but it is not always best.

## Are You An Expert? continued from pg. 3

The medical people advice otherwise. Yet these “experts” ignore the advice of the real experts and do their own thing. The expert, James stated, “*For what is life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away*” (James 4:14).

Some people are experts regarding Christianity. These “experts” will tell of their experience and what others have said. They will elevate the traditions of men over the Word of God (Mt. 15:9). These “experts” would say it doesn’t matter what church you belong to or how you worship, just so long as you are sincere.

Are you an expert? God is. He knows all that we need, and He gives us what we need. Sometimes what God gives is a test. God gives us blessings. He always gives us what He wants to help us through life (2 Pet. 1:3). Do you want all that God has to give or are you going to be the “expert” and do it your own way?



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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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## Instant vs. Delayed (or Denied) Gradification

“*Give me what I want, and I want it right now,*” seems to be a message that is prevalent in our world today. In years past it was normal for children to go through the stage of selfishness. It was just as normal for parents to recognize selfishness and help the child through that by taking their focus off their wants and wishes and directing them toward more responsible choices. Unfortunately, the desire for instant gratification is present in many adults.

However, taking one’s focus off their own wants and needs serves at least three purposes: 1) It helps them see the value of patience and hard work. 2) It helps them realize their responsibility to other people. 3) It helps them see that there are things they should not have—ever.

Patience and hard work have long been recognized as virtues. Employers look upon these characteristics as desirables one for current and prospective employees. But when people are not taught these virtues, goals are pursued without them. The results will be decreased quality and productivity.

Beyond the damage to one’s own productivity and worth, is the impact that selfishness has on society. Whether we realize it or not, we depend heavily on others and they in turn, depend upon us. Going into debts which we know we cannot pay will not only hurt us, but our community as well.

Finally, there is the matter of wanting things (more specifically, relationships) we should (morally) not have. It might be reasoned, “If I can have the things I want, why can I not have the relationships I want.” Should it surprise us then, that in a materialistic society, fornication and adultery are rampant? Recent societal consequences of such behavior have been minimal at best. The need for companionship can be supplied through seeking someone who is eligible to be in a lawful relationship with us.

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher had a 2nd round of injections in her back in preparation for nerve blocks, Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Jerry Ann Logsdon is in TJ Samson Skilled Care Rm. 293, no visitors at this time, prayers for progress; Sue Bunnell; Lisa Schuler has to stay off her ankle for a few more weeks; Brenda Jagers; 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; Steve Higginbotham; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Ashley Bryant; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; sympathy to Mark Quigley and family in the death of his dad James Quigley in Washington; health care workers; staffs in our school districts, first responders

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Ellzey; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt;

### 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 8th lesson in the Fall Quarter on the theme: "Exploits of David" Today's topic: "David and Abigail" I Samuel 25: 23-42 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!!

### FIFTH SUNDAY OCT 31

Oct. has 5 Sundays, Robbie Fudge will on that day. He missed last time because he had COVID. Our elders have decided to meet on that Sunday afternoon at 2:00 instead of our regular 5 pm service.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wed. night is our monthly singing and devotional. Thanks to Scott Huff for the great lesson last Wed. night on light vs. darkness.

### 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.

**DVD OF OUR SUMMER SERIES** Wayne has prepared copies and are now available on two DVDs. Hope they will work in your DVD player.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What does Proverbs tell us is more profitable than silver and gold?

Answer to our question last week:  
Thessalonica

## Wrapped In Light

by Al Behel

When I read the Psalms I often wonder if I really know how to praise God. David and other Psalters seemed to grasp the essence of their Creator far better than we have done. Their recognition of His presence and power, as well as His love and

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mercy, caused them to lift up their voices in hymns of praise with hearts of devotion.

One of those Psalms portrays the majesty of God by describing seven wonders of His creation. Following a declaration of God's greatness as one who is "clothed with splendor and majesty", King David outlines the various ways in which God has revealed Himself through His creation (Psalm 104).

First, he declares that God "wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent" (v. 2). The sky is filled with evidence of His glory. The Hebrew word for "wraps" suggest that God "darkens" Himself with light. His splendor is so wonderful that man cannot see it, but can only stand in awe of it. We look at His creation and marvel at what He has made. The psalmist was able to look beyond the creation to the glory of the One who made it.

The second wonder David mentions is the earth, around which He has set a boundary (vs. 5-9). In another psalm he declared "the whole earth is full of Thy glory." Next, he praises God for the water which God supplies to the earth and its inhabitants. When he looks at the grass and flowers and trees, he erupts in praise that the Lord has taken care of every need through massive vegetation. As one who spent many nights on the mountain ranges with the sheep he had shepherded, David couldn't forget the moon and the sun. Their radiant beauty was a constant reminder that God was near. The sea, "vast and spacious" (v.25), is structurally balanced with the celestial realm of creation.

The crowning part of God's creation is man himself, to whom He has given life and for which He deserves to be praised and worshipped. David concludes his

thoughts by saying, "May the glory of the Lord endure forever."

## Are You An Expert?

by Bill Brandstatter

My grandpa used to say that an expert was a man 50 miles away from home with a white shirt and a tie. Today people might be considered an expert if they have a large following on Facebook. If a person can get a number of people to agree with a certain point of view, that person might be considered an expert. Usually, we can find someone that will agree with us on almost every position we take. Today in our world there are a number of "experts." They are not 50 miles away from home with a white shirt and a tie. They are on all the major outlets such as: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and others. These "experts" are believed because their information agrees with others, not necessarily with the truth.

Some people are "experts" regarding the Bible. Some who don't study the Bible much or not at all would tell you about what they did to be saved. Their salvation experience often doesn't line up with what the Bible says. It always bothers me when someone will tell me what I ought to do as a preacher; or, they will tell me that I ought to know certain matters pertaining to the Bible. I guess they would be "experts" in their own eyes. In Acts 5:36, a man named Theudas rose up. He claimed to be somebody. Perhaps he would have called himself an "expert." He failed, as did those who followed him.

Some people are experts regarding life. These "experts" would say that anything in moderation is okay. They would also say that since certain habits or practices have not hurt them that they are immune to problems. Some people don't like others telling them what to do with their lives. concluded on back page