

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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all over the globe are learning about Jesus
the King and are surrendering their hearts
and lives to him.

Are we sometimes tempted to think
more like Pilate than like Jesus? Are we
tempted to trust in governments and au-
thorities of this world more than in the
rule of Jesus? For which kingdom are we
giving our time, money and effort? Hope-
fully, we will listen to the truth Jesus
brought and hold it in higher regard than
anything else. Yes, we are to honor the
king (1 Peter 2:14). But Jesus is the King of
kings and Lord of lords (Revelation
19:16)!

Jesus Cares

The book of Revelation is a whole book
dedicated to offering comfort to persecut-
ed believers. It explains that Jesus and His
Father see our tears (7:17; 21:4), hear our
prayers (8:3-4), value our sacrifices (14:13;
20:4), avenge our wrongs (6:9; 8:3),
and assure our victory (15:2).

A key word in the book of Revelation is
overcome (nikao). Of the twenty-eight
times it is used in the New Testament,
John used it twenty-four times—once in
his gospel account, six times in his epis-
tles, and seventeen times in Revelation
(2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 17:14; 21:7). An
excellent one-line summary of Revelation
is, "If you will overcome, then you may
come over and live with God." He has
shown that He cares for you; have you
shown that you care for Him? (cf. John
14:15)

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ing 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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Whose Kingdom Is Still Here?

by Joe Chesser

What a glorious morning it must have been for the
Jewish leaders. Early that morning, after an all-night "trial,"
they led Jesus to the palace of Pilate, the Roman governor.
They must have felt confident as they stood outside of the
palace having convicted Jesus by their "laws". These pious
leaders would not enter the palace to speak with Pilate
because they would then not be able to eat the Passover
(John 18:28). But they had a plan. In order to get the Roman
governor's attention, they accused Jesus of "subverting our
nation," of opposing paying taxes to Caesar, and claiming
to be a king (Luke 23:2). But the fact that they were lying in
order to have the guiltless Jesus executed didn't seem to
bother them at all. Their inconsistency is glaring to anyone
on the side of truth and integrity. Even Pilate eventually saw
through it and declared Jesus innocent of their charges
(John 18:38).

But before that, Pilate took Jesus inside the palace to
question him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" At this point
Jesus answered indirectly. He spoke to Pilate about his
kingdom. Jesus explained that his kingdom was not of this
world, but was, in fact, from another place. Of course, Pilate
was thinking of one kind of kingdom and Jesus spoke of a
different kind.

The kind of kingdoms Pilate thought of had risen and fallen
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell spent a few days in TJ Samson Hospital but is being moved to Signature Health in Glasgow; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week. Wayne is her Caregiver; Wayne is wearing a heart monitor for 30 days; Becky Bush; Marie Burd was able to be here Wed. night; Rex & Doris Wallace; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Steve Seaton; Parker Bybee; Bobby Peditgo; Ron Hogan is recovering in Anchorage, Alaska from back surgery; prayers for our local schools; the war in Israel and Gaza Pray for our elders as they lead in the search for a new minister here at HC.

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 10 a.m.

We are in our Fall Quarter "The Godhead"
We are on lesson 8 "Jesus the Son of God"
Wayne continues to be the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. sermon will be "What is the biblical position regarding modern day Israel?" There is a lot of false information
Danny McCain will be preaching at 5 p.m.
We are thankful he has safely returned from his mission trip to Hungary. We look forward to hearing his report.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "In Search of the Lord' 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 the seed of the gospel is being sown in this ministry.

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signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com**
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No Alternative

by Ron Thomas

The First Amendment to the Constitution reads this way: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

2 Timothy 3:12 reads, Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (ASV).

It appears to me we live in a time when the First Amendment is less about freedom to worship and more about taking the freedom, such as the freedom of speech. There are some in our country who do not like certain words, phrases and ideas to be expressed. Rather than the community shaming vulgar speech, some make laws (such as "hate" speech) to prevent others from speaking words with which some might disagree. This is called political correctness, otherwise known as PC. The amendment speaks against the government endorsing a religion, that is a religion of the state, this is what is prohibited, nothing more. Courts, however, afraid of many things and people expanded this phrase to mean much more than that.

Now, there is the notion of "separation of church and state",

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something not found in the Constitution, but in a personal letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Connecticut Baptists in 1802 (www.allabouthistory.org). Because of such a perverted interpretation of the phrase, the moral foundation of our country, exhibit in our government, is all but gone. John Adams wrote to a Mr. Warren that our government can only be "supported by pure Religion or Austere Morals. Private, and Public Virtue is the only Foundation of Republics" (America's God and Country, p.12). A moral standard comes from one of two sources: God, not God. There is no third option available. Since many in our community reject God, the only alternative is not God. Look where this has led us. Since we, as a country, are confused morally, the internal moral decay that destroyed Rome has already begun its destructive force against ours. It's only in the Lord's mind concerning how long He will allow us to stand as a Nation on this earth. We are we to do?

The only thing godly people (Christians) can do is live the life of Jesus Christ. *For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:* (1 Peter 2:21-23). For the Christian, there really is no other alternative. As the opportunity is ours, let us redeem (make the best use of) time (Col. 4:5). In the end, while our country

is being destroyed, those who live in accordance with the Lord Jesus will be saved.

Whose Kingdom....

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for millenniums. The Bible speaks of many of these kingdoms: Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Syria, and Greek. Major world powers that all rose and fell over the course of history. Pilate himself was a part of such a kingdom, the Roman Empire, one of the greatest of all time. But Jesus was speaking of a kingdom based on truth not power, a spiritual kingdom not a political one.

It was prophesied by Daniel (Daniel 2.44) that in the days of the Roman kingdom the God of heaven would set up a kingdom that would never be destroyed. Even though Rome was described as "strong as iron" that would crush all the others, it too would one day fall (Daniel 2.40-43). Pilate had to feel even more confident than the Jews were feeling that Jesus could not threaten the Roman Empire. He had no idea that God's spiritual kingdom could and would crush the mighty Romans, especially if this guy standing before was its king.

But, as Mike Ireland asked in his devotional book, From Morning to Evening, "Well, whose kingdom is still here?" Though it took almost four centuries from the time of Jesus for the Roman Empire to fall, fall it did. During those years, while the Rome was crumbling, the kingdom of God kept growing and expanding into nation after nation, city after city. And it's still growing as men and women (*back pg.*)