

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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heaven in a form that most did not recognize (John 1:10-14). Yet when He appears the second time, Jesus will be more beautiful than any picture ever painted of Him or any thought ever imagined of Him. It will be worth the years of waiting to one day "see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-2). During the time of William E. Gladstone, many people would travel across the Atlantic Ocean just to look on his face. Can you think of a more thrilling thought than that our eyes will look upon the face of God's Son who redeemed us from our sins?

*What a day that will be,
When my Jesus I shall see;
And I look upon His face,
The One who saved me by His grace,
When He takes me by the hand,
And leads me through the Promised
Land;
What a day, glorious day that will be.*

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Biblical forgiveness is not unconditional. God forgives those who repent and obey Him. Jesus taught that we are to rebuke those who sin against us, and if they repent, forgive them (Luke 17:3-4). He did not say to forgive even if there is no repentance. God isn't spiteful to those who haven't repented, nor should we be. But forgiveness produces the restoration of a broken relationship, which is impossible unless the offender repents.



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Forgiveness

by Joe Slater

Exactly what is forgiveness? What happens when God forgives a sinner? What happens when you or I forgive one who has sinned against us?

New Testament writers used two different words meaning forgive. The first expresses the idea of sending away. In fact that is its literal meaning in Matthew 13:36 - "*Then Jesus **sent** the multitude **away** and went into the house.*" When God forgives, He sends our sins away. Matthew 9:2 uses this word as Jesus tells a paralyzed man, "Be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." Jesus sent his sins away.

The Old Testament foreshadowed sending sins away. Each year on the Day of Atonement, Israel's High Priest put his hands on a goat's head, confessed the sins of Israel, and sent the goat into the wilderness (Leviticus 16:5-10). As the goat symbolically carried Israel's sins away, Jesus literally took our sins upon Himself and carried them away. He "*bore (took away) our sins in His own body on the tree*" (1 Peter 2:24).

The second word translated "forgive" is the verb form of the noun "grace." It means to bestow a favor, especially an undeserved favor. To forgive, then, is to favor the sinner by pardoning him and freeing him from the guilt and penalty of his sins. God did this for us, and we, likewise, are to forgive each other (Ephesians 4:32). *concluded on back pg.*

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Doris Wallace is to have back surgery Dec. 8 at St Thomas Hosp. in Nashville; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week. Wayne is her Caregiver; Becky Bush; Rex was able to get another shot; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; David Bale had surgery on his hand Friday; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Don Waddell (member at Center); Steve Seaton; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Ron Hogan is recovering in Anchorage from back surgery; prayers for our local schools

Prayers for our new minister search

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

the family of our Sue Bunnell who passed away Friday. Details of service will be announced Sunday (more in next bulletin)

the family of Virginia Thomson, aunt of our Mike Thompson Funeral Wed. Winn 11:00

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 10 "The Holy Spirit As Helper"
Wayne continues to be the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. sermon will be "Is THE END Drawing Near?"

Danny McCain will be preaching at 5 p.m.
We appreciated hearing his report of his recent mission trip to Hungary.

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.

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio

signal, you can log on to wloconline.com
You may choose to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

I Want to Look Upon His Face

by Allen Webster

I've never seen a photo, a video, a marble bust, or so much as a rock etching to show what Jesus really looked like. Yet I have no doubt that Jesus lived, and that He is the Son of God (John 20:30-31). I firmly believe that He is in heaven and that He will come back one day (Acts 1:9-11; John 14:1-2). No vision of Him is necessary right now.

- We do not need to see Him in order to believe in Him. We "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).
- We do not need to see Him in order to be blessed by Him: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).
- We do not need to see Him in order to love Him: "Whom having not seen, ye love" (1 Peter 1:8).

But I still want to see Him!

The Bible promises that one day we will. John wrote, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (Revelation 1:7). Not only will Christians see Him, but we will get to remain in His presence! "And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

What would it have been like to have lived two thousand years ago and to have seen Jesus? One who did

see Him was an old man named Simeon. Simeon lived in Jerusalem and had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until "he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26).

When Joseph and Mary took baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon met them. The historian Luke records the scene: "Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:28-30). One day we too will lay eyes on Him for the first time, and like Simeon it will be the highlight of our lives.

There is a sense in which we "see" deity now. We see Christ through His Word and His world (Psalm 19). We speak of seeing God in the face of a child, the flower of the field, the precision of the planetary orbits, and the complexity of DNA. Sir Isaac Newton said that he could take his telescope and look millions of miles into space. "But when I lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, and get down on my knees in earnest prayer, I see more of Heaven and feel closer to the Lord than if I were assisted by all the telescopes on earth" (<http://www.sermoncrafters.org/>).

The New Testament holds out the hope for more than this—that we can one day see God (Hebrews 12:14). Moses was once allowed to see the goodness, glory, and back of God (Exodus 33:17-23), but he was warned, "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (33:20). The Bible makes it clear that "no man hath seen

God at any time" (John 1:18; cf. Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:27). Job believed he would see God: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25-26). Jesus promised us: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). John confirms that in heaven we will be allowed to see God's face (Revelation 22:4)

William M. Dyke became blind at age ten. Nonetheless, he grew into an intelligent, witty, and handsome young man. While attending graduate school in England, he became engaged to an English admiral's daughter. The admiral insisted that William have a new procedure to restore his sight. Hoping against hope, William wanted the gauze removed from his eyes during the wedding, so the first thing he saw would be his bride's face. As she came down the aisle, William's father unwound the bandages—not knowing if the operation was successful. When the last layer came off William looked into his bride's face for the first time. He said: "You are more beautiful than I ever imagined."

Like this young groom, we will one day see our Beloved for the first time during a wedding (Revelation 19:9). We shall "look upon his face" (Revelation 22:3-4). When Jesus came the first time He had "no form nor comeliness" and "no beauty that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). He visited earth from

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