

## 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

## In Him

by Alton Norman

Ephesians is a book every Christian should lay up in his heart. It is about the tremendous privilege we have as Christians. It is about the great blessings we enjoy as a result of being Christians. It is about the huge challenges we face because we are Christians. And it is about the eager anticipation we enjoy because we are Christians. In Ephesians Paul uses the phrase "in Him" to describe what it means to be a Christian. And he will identify the "him" by speaking of being "in Christ" twelve times.

In Him we have redemption through His blood (1:7). In Him we have forgiveness (1:7). In Him we are recipients of the abundant grace of God (1:7, 8). In Him we have an inheritance (1:11). Remember how Peter described this inheritance in 1 Peter 1:4-9. And so we, like them, "trusted in Him" after we heard the word of truth and in Him we were sealed with the Holy Spirit (1:13). And now because we are in Him we "have boldness and access (to God) with confidence because of our faith in Him (3:12; Romans 5:1-11).

As a Christian you are "in Him" and that is where every spiritual blessing is located (1:3). If this does not get you excited and make you want to study God's word more I do not know what will.

## Merry Christmas!!!

to each of you here at Horse Cave and to our many friends who receive our bulletin locally and across the U.S.

Becky and I are thankful and blessed to be a part of this good church. April 14, 2022 will mark our 20th Anniversary with you. We love you very much....Wayne and Becky



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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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## The Reason For the Season?

by Dwight Fuqua

It's December! For many, especially children, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." It is also the time of the year when we hear the slogan, "Jesus is the reason for the season." How do you feel about that slogan?

I take issue! Jesus is not "the reason for the season." For devoted Christians, Jesus is "the reason for all of life" — our lives! Read Colossians 3:1-4! Paul reminds us that Christ is "our life." We "died" and "were raised with Christ," an allusion to our repentance and baptism (2:11-12). We "seek those things which are above" and our minds are set "on things above." Our lives are "hidden with Christ in God." A "season" may be long enough for those of a secular mindset, for those who give a little thought to Jesus this time of the year. But to God's faithful a "lifetime" is not long enough to serve the Lord we love! He is not "the reason for our season" — He is "the reason for our surrender."

We rejoice every day that God sent His Son into the world to save us — the story of His birth being a part of that grander scheme. Many are enamored with the story of Jesus' birth because a babe in a manger makes no demand upon their lives. They can have God without obligation. They can talk about His birth, sing a carol or two and then walk away! The emphasis of the gospel, however, is on the Lordship of Christ, not the birth of Christ. In the first sermon to the Jews Peter declared that Jesus is "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). In the first sermon to the Gentiles he declared that Jesus is "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36). His birth is only the beginning of the story! Surrendering to Him as Lord is the story! Wise men still seek Him! Wise men surrender to Him as Lord!

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy and Janice Sue Bybee are recuperating at home; Becky Hatcher has not felt well lately. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter Rhonda and family; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye still dealing with serious back pain; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Doris Wallacae has a meniscus tear in her knee; Lisa Schuler's ankle is improved; Lori Brewer; Fran Mears; Connie Campbell recovering from pneumonia; Brenda Jaggers; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Sara Brooks; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders; all the victims from the recent storm

Friends in our community:

The family Seaborn Ellzey; Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; Chris Houk is recuperating at Signature Health Care

### 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 in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jonathan & Roberta (Gossett) Holley in the loss of his mother Teresa Poynter Johnson. Her graveside service was conducted by Wayne Sat. afternoon at the Cave City Cemetery.

### THANK YOU CARD

During a time like this we realize how much

our friends really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Jerry Logsdon. *"To the church family—Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement you sent. Most of all, thank you for loving our mom through the years"*

*Love, Trena and Tommy*

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 3rd lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: *"Let Us Reason Together"* Isaiah 1:1-23 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne will be preaching today. at 11 am: "The Immutability of God" and 5 pm "What Are We Known For?" I Thess 1:1-10

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING

We appreciate the great lesson Scott Huff had last Wed. evening from James 4.

This Wed. night we will have our Monthly Singing and Devotional at 6:00.

### 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

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

They need our help again by donating any of the following commodities:

*liquid laundry detergent*

*toothpaste Pledge furniture cleaner*

*mini wheat cereal pink lemonade mix*

They will be here of Jan. 9th

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

From what country did Solomon get the timber to build the temple in Jerusalem?

Answer to our question last week:

3 Matt 9: 23-35 Luke 7:11-15 John 11:43-44

### BABY SHOWER INVITATION

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Ryan and Samantha Richardson

Sat., Jan. 8th 2:00-4:00 pm at Macedonia United Baptist Church Hosted by Stephanie Richardson and Amanda Brooks Registered at Amazon and Walmart

## "The Prince of Peace"

by Bill Brandstatter

Jesus was referred to in the Bible as the "Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6) What does the word "peace" mean, biblically? Was Jesus the person to end all wars and stop all conflicts? When I look at peace, I also think about the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine. Will there ever be peace in that area? Of course, religiously, I think about Jesus, the great Prince of Peace, who brought division into the religious world of His day. (Matt. 10:34) Let us look at some things that must be done in any area for peace to be achieved. These items could apply to peace in the home, country, heart, or any place where peace is desired.

First, there must be the right disposition. A person who doesn't want peace is not going to agree to anything that will promote it. Christians should surely have a disposition toward peace. Paul admonished: "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." (Rom. 12:18) A person who is always concerned about his way will never feel real peace.

Second, there must be the right desire. Obviously, this point is forever connected to the first. Christians ought to not only desire peace but to seek it and pursue it. (1 Pet. 3:11) We must pursue the avenues of peace whenever possible. (Rom. 12:18)

Third, there must be the proper design. The

word "design" is used here to mean purpose. If a person just makes a show of peace to please someone, that peace will not last. The kind of peace Jesus can give is nothing like the peace the world may offer. (John 14:27) Some may seek certain avenues such as drugs, alcohol, or other illicit means in order to get peace; yet those are all the wrong avenues. A husband who stops drinking or running around just to shut up his nagging wife is doing so for the wrong reason. Peace must be for the right reason, and from the right motive.

The peace that God gives passes our understanding; (Phil. 4:7) but, in order to have this peace that passes understanding, I must be faithful to God. I must understand that my purpose in life is to glorify God. (1 Cor. 6:19, 20) God did not put me here just to enjoy life and to be comfortable. I am to serve Him. (Rom. 12:1) In doing this I can enjoy a peace that the world does not know, but that all Christians know and enjoy. (Rev. 14:13)

## Echoes of Love

The other day a boy refused to obey his mother. Angrily he ran to a ravine and cried, "I hate you!" Suddenly the words came echoing back, "I hate you!" Frightened, the boy ran to his mother and said, "There's a bad man in the woods. I heard him say, "I hate you."

Knowing what had happened she said, "Go back and say, "I love you." The little boy called out, "I love you." And the same words came back to him. "Son," she said, "this is a law of life, what you give, you get. What you say, you hear."

The Bible says *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap"* (Galatians 6:7). - Copied