

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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today Jan 12

READ SCRIPTURE

Scott Huff

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Rex Wallace

SERVE COMMUNION

Malon Schuler Sonny Dye

Mark Hatcher

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

GREETERS

Rex & Doris Wallace

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around us. And if we get caught in the practice of sin long enough, he will even close the gate.

The Hebrews writer warned his readers (and all Christians) of the danger of falling into this trap:

- ◆ Heb. 3:13 says that sin is deceitful.
- ◆ Heb. 11:25 calls sin a passing pleasure.
- ◆ Heb. 12:1 warns that sin can easily ensnare us.

Don't get caught in Satan's trap. Repent and get out of that lifestyle of sin. Let Jesus free you from the bondage of sin. *"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."* (John 8:36)

--Edd Sterchi (Broadway Church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY)



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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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Of Hogs and Men

Once there was a small town on the edge of a large forest. In the forest lived a large herd of wild pigs. These hogs would ravage the villagers' crops, gardens, and yards. Finally the townsfolk had enough, so they formed a band of men to hunt the hogs. But they found that the wild pigs were smart and wily. So they called on a famous hunter to help them.

When he arrived with his supplies and announced his plan of action, they were quite surprised. Here's what he did: First, he put out some corn in a clearing. After several days, he noticed the hogs had finally found the place and eaten all the corn. He then replaced the corn and, of course, the hogs came back. After a few more times of this, he put up fence posts around the corn. In a few days, he then added the wire. A few more days of this and he then added the gate. Finally one morning, while the pigs were greedily eating the corn, he sneaked up and simply closed the gate. When the villagers complimented him on his brilliance, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Those hogs were mine the day they ate their first mouthful of corn."

We need to be warned of Satan's devices (cf. 2 Cor. 2:11), and one of them is getting us accustomed to sinning. We may think when we sin that it doesn't seem harmful, or that we will not get caught, or that we can stop anytime - but what we may not realize is that while we habitually sin and justify it, Satan is building a fence

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks; Jim Mears is home. from SKY Rehab; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Parker Bybee; Sue Bunnell at home after her 3rd chemo treatment; Dennis Hatcher had blood tests done and is off work; Becky Hatcher is having vision problems. They did an injection in her right eye on Tues. She goes back in a month; Mary Thompson; church family of the West Freeway Church of Christ in Texas; Phillip Perkins is to have a medical procedure tomorrow at Vanderbilt Hosp.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Sammi Jo Eubank; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Roger Rutledge; Marion Esters; Doris Garrison

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 109 JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is lesson 7 of our Winter Quarter: Peter in Acts "Working Miracles" 9:32-43
Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

THANK YOU CARD

To our church family:
Thank you for remembering us with the beautiful flowers. Your thoughtfulness and love is very much appreciated.

Love, Phillip and Renee
and the Russell Family

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Horse Cave Church of Christ was in the TOP 50% of all participating congrega-

tion, having mailed 10,534 copies of House To House/Heart To Heart in 2019. *The true fruit of your efforts will only be known in heaven.* From the elders of the Jacksonville Church of Christ.

THANK FOR HELPING POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Thanks for your generous involvement in their Commodity Program. They picked up our items valued at \$300 and also \$530 in cash and checks.

They also left us 6 Coin Cans to put your spare change in. They are on the table in the foyer. You have until June before they return to pick them up.

FILLING THE PULPIT THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is away this morning teaching class and preaching at the Beckton Church of Christ.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

According to Hebrews 11:2, what is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen??

The answer to our question last week:
38 years John 5:5

Welcome to our visitors!!!

We are grateful for your presence!!

Like A Jewell

You've given me another day, dear Lord!

May I handle it like a jewel;
not waste it away by vain words I say,
just chatting away like a fool.

Let me do something constructive today;

(Time is slipping away so fast)
by prayer, word, or deed
fill somebody's need,
a jewel that forever will last!

- Alice Hansche Mortenson

The Trail is Marked

by Roy Allen Crutcher

"And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18 ASV).

In a recent episode of North Woods Law the officers detained two ATV riders for riding in forbidden areas of government wetlands. When confronted with their illegal actions their response was, "We didn't know. There should be signs posted where we are not supposed to ride." The officer's response was, "The trails are marked where you are allowed to ride."

I was immediately reminded of a response often offered by those who think that "anything goes" regarding religion.: "The Bible doesn't say not to."

One of the fundamental understandings that many people seem not to grasp is that when directions are given for what is allowed, it is usually understood that everything else is disallowed.

When trails are marked where ATV's are allowed it is understood that if there are no signs permitting riding then you cannot ride where there are no signs.

Most parents have experienced this with their children. For example, you give your child a twenty dollar bill with instructions to go to the store and purchase a loaf of bread. Three hours later the child returns with the bread and no change. "What took so long and where's my change?" "Well I took in a movie and I also purchased candy and drinks." "But I told you to get bread!" "But you didn't say not to buy other things."

It all boils down to a matter of authority,

and recognizing who has that authority. Many are the examples given to us in God's word. For example, in Genesis 6 God told Noah to build an ark of gopher wood. In specifying what type of wood to use, He did not have to list all other types and tell Noah not to use those. The command was specific and excluded all other types of wood.

Understanding and following the directions of one having authority is vital to doing things the right way. It would have saved the ATV riders from paying a fine. More importantly, as it relates to our salvation, recognizing God as the only authority, and following His dictates, will save us from eternal condemnation.

The lesson is clear: Stay on the trail that is marked by the one having authority.

The Opposite Of Love

Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Auschwitz and Buchenwald death camps in WWII, said, "Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it is indifference. Because of indifference, one dies before one actually dies."

When Paul came to Athens, Luke describes the condition of his heart as "his spirit was provoked within him" (Acts 17:16). He saw heathen gods everywhere. He saw a people in the darkness of ignorance. And that kind of "provocation" within led to action.

Someone has said, "The busy man is troubled by one devil, and the idle by a thousand." We must labor if we are to enter the rest (Hebrews 4:11). Solomon adds that whatever we do, we must do it with our might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). - copied