

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

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:
 Faith - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
 Repentance – Luke 13:3
 Confession – Romans 10:10
 Be baptized for remission of sins –
 Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21;
 Be faithful, committed, walk in light –
 Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Feb. 15
 READ SCRIPTURE
 Malon Schuler
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Mike Thompson
 OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
 Bill Brooks
 SERVE COMMUNION
 Rex Wallace Michael Richardson
 Sydney Bunnell
 PREACHING
 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 LEAD SINGING
 Ken Russell

Three Simples Answers... (from pg. 3)

clear that this was a part of obeying the gospel when the whole of the book of Acts is read. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:21)

- Steven Hunter, Lehman Ave. Bulletin
 Feb. 8, 2015 Bowling Green, KY

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"I MUST DO SOMETHING" will always accomplish more than "SOMETHING MUST BE DONE."

Never comes mortal utterance so near to eternity as when a child utters words of loving praise to a mother. Every syllable drops into the jewel box of her memory to be treasured forever and ever (George B. Lyon).



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 Worship 11 AM & 5 PM Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

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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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Christ, the Better Way

In life, you can choose to serve Satan as a sinner or serve Christ as a Christian. You can live either way, but Christ is the better way.

Christ is the better way because it means salvation. Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Christ is the better way because He rids us of our old sinful life. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Christ is the better way because God can work through the life of a Christian. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Christ is the better way because Christians enjoy the peace of God. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth.,, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

You will not be sorry for becoming a Christian or for living the Christian life. It is better for now and for eternity. A Christian is a believer in Christ who has repented and been baptized for the remission of sins: "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins: and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). You must obey the gospel to be saved (Mark 16:15-16). The Lord adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:47). The saved person must remain faithful till death (Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8). Obey the gospel and live for Christ now, so that you may live eternally with Him.

- by Charles Box

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler; Jean Hogan at home; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Renee` Perkins; Robert Brooks; James Horton is taking chemo treatments in Glasgow. He has been off work for over four weeks; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; Kathy Clarke; Wrendle Jones (Becky Hatcher's dad); Mark Hatcher & Donnie Edwards ongoing back problems; Rodney Middleton (Shady Grove) with COPD; Robert Gossett (member at Shady Grove); Leon Seaton has been confined at home not feeling well at all; Helen Edwards has been sick; Willie Cyphers has been sick at home with the flu

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brandon Schuler was admitted to U of L Hosp. Friday night. He expects to stay 2 or 3 days.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Doris Garrison; Kevin Gardner; Sherry Waddell; David Atwell; John Taylor (Sara Brooks' dad); Roger Lile; Zandon Hay, the 2 yr. old son of Brandon Hay and grandson of Archie & Ann Hay in Vanderbilt is doing better; little Dehlih Benningfield came home last week from Centennial Hosp. in Nashville; Gunner Easton, student at Barren Co. H.S.; Edith Davis (Helen Edwards' aunt)

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PRAY FOR OUR RADIO MINISTRY on WLOC-1150 AM on Sunday mornings from 8:30 - 9:00 - Words of Truth and the Truth in Love.

Also remember our ministry of HouseToHouse/HeartToHeart that we have been mailing to homes here in Horse Cave for about the past 14-15 years. They contain some of the best teaching articles anywhere. We just wish more people could see and recognize the difference between truth and error.

VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>

NEW STUDY ON WED.

The new class on Wed. night called "Circles of Truth" being taught by Mike Thompson continues to go well. It will be valuable as we fulfill the Lord's desire that the gospel of Christ be taught or preached in all the world (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16)

Likewise, we are studying some excellent lessons on Sunday morning in the auditorium class that Wayne is teaching. The theme of this quarter is: Things We Teach

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 28 Fundamental Truths Seminar hosted by Lehman Ave. Church of Christ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. "Being In the World, But Not of It: Maintaining our Christian Identity"

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What OT prophet put an end to Baal-worship with God's help?

The answer to last week's bible question:

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Visitors are always welcomed !!!!

Three Simple Answers About the Thief on the Cross

One of the distinguishing doctrines that appears in the New Testament, and that we preach as a part of obeying the gospel is the inclusion of baptism as a necessary component to salvation. However, when we speak with some of our friends who differ from us, one of the rebuttals that they often bring up is the thief on the cross.

The thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him when Christ came into His kingdom, and the Lord said that the thief would be with Him that very day in paradise (Luke 23:42-3). According to our friend's line of reasoning — which is logical — if we believe that one must be baptized to be saved (cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21), then what about the thief? This is a good question, but there are three complimentary answers that would answer this question:

1) The question assumes that the thief on the cross wasn't baptized. However, the Bible doesn't say that he either was or wasn't. This is an assumption made by the questioner. When we read the opening of John the Baptist's ministry, many people in the region of Judea were going to John to be baptized in the river Jordan (Matt. 3:5-6; Mark 1:5; Luke 3:7; John 3:23). Who's to say that this particular thief wasn't among them? However, this response nullifies the objection, because we just don't know if the thief was or wasn't baptized.

2) Jesus didn't command anyone to be baptized in the kingdom until after He arose from the dead. If baptism was required for salvation, and if Christ only commanded it after His resurrection by giving the Great

Commission, how could the thief, or anyone for that matter, have known that they needed to be baptized to be saved? This too nullifies the objection and makes the point moot.

3) Finally, if Jesus had even commanded baptism for the remission of sins before He died, it would not have been binding until after His death given the provision that's listed in Hebrews 9:15-17 that reads: *Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.*

Frankly, those who have this question have a legitimate question, but they neglect to distinguish between the times of the old and new covenants. When Jesus lived, people were baptized with John's baptism of repentance in preparation for the kingdom of God (the church).

The kingdom was ushered in on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and they preached the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. Jesus' Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:16) included baptizing as a part of disciple making. Moreover, baptism was a part of the conversion a person underwent to access the cleansing effect of the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:3-6). Contrary to many wanting to dehydrate the gospel of water baptism, it's

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