

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

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of deception, lures us from the standard of Scripture, man is left with the words of those who would speak "contrary to the doctrine" the apostles taught, and who "by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:17-18). In seeking God with our whole heart, may we be reminded that God's eternal and infallible word has not ceased being a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path (Psalms 119:105). He is wise who will read it, study it, believe it, and obey it. "Seek the LORD while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

You Can Rejoice!

By Edd Sterchi

You may not have much in pocket or purse
And before it gets better, it could get worse
Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have health as well as before
And your illnesses could multiply more
Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have what others may own
And what you do have, away may be flown
Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have the most rewarding career
And you may be stuck with it - no ending near
Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have the perfect home life
And deal with vexing kids, husband, or wife
Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

If God has saved you through the blood of His Son

Then life's setbacks mean nothing - the victory's won.

Through any situation - any - bar none
You can rejoice - You can rejoice!



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The Kind of Faith That Saves by Wayne Hatcher

We have been studying Hebrews 11 on Wednesday evenings about the heroes who demonstrated biblical faith. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, by faith they passed through the Red Sea, by faith the walls of Jericho fell down, Rahab was saved by faith.

We learn that biblical faith is when we believe what God says, trust and obey what He asks of us. These examples of faith are a far cry from what many modern preachers are telling people today. Most of them have devised their own definition of faith. They love to recite Ephesians 2:8-9 "for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory." All of that is true, but they take faith and add the words "alone". The verse does not say we are saved by grace through faith alone.

Praying a "sinner's prayer" has now become a substitute for obedience to the gospel. Repentance and especially baptism have been removed as not be essential to be saved. All of this in spite of numerous examples in scripture such as Jesus' words in Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Peter's inspired words on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:37-38; and all the cases of conversion in Acts just to name a few.

If faith is just a mental acceptance then how were the children of Israel able to cross the Red Sea, or the huge protective wall of Jericho fall by faith alone? They each had a responsibility to trust God and do what He told them to do. Can you imagine Joshua saying lets just pray for the walls to come tumbling down because we believe? No, there were conditions that Israel had to do before the walls would fall. Read those conditions in Joshua 6. The walls fell because they obeyed and God did it.

Today people are being told that one is saved before or without baptism for the remission of sins. They are claiming that baptism is a "work". How can it be when God's word commands it? It's an act of faith trusting in the blood of Christ to wash away our sins (Acts 22:16). Have you repented of your sins, confessed Christ as the Son of God and been baptized for the remission of your sins? Obey before it's too late.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rex and Doris Wallace still testing positive for COVID; Becky Hatcher is having more back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Lori Brewer is due to have her shoulder surgery redone; Fran Mears undergoing tests; Margie Gentry at home; Mark Hatcher (back); Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye as she also deals with back pain; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Brenda Jaggers; Becky Bush; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; first responders; the citizens of Ukraine under major attack from Russia. There are several Christians being impacted.

In Our Community: Sympathy for the families of Freddy Woodard, Alma Ford. Ronnie Cline and Billy Minton

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE Horse Cave
Vincent Ward Rm. 504 (may go home soon)
Ann Schuler, Rm. 604

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

Bobby Bybee (therapy)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our first lesson in the Spring Quarter "Epistles to Timothy" Today's topic: "Paul's Ministry" I Tim. 1:12-20 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Wed. night Scott Huff will bring our les-

son at 6:00. We look forward to it.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace is to preach today at 11 am and at 5 pm

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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

LADIES DAY AT E-TOWN

March 19 with Jonee` Lewis

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

March 20-23 at E-town Church of Christ with Mike Greene

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Whom did Paul send back to Philemon?

Answer to our question last week:

The 2nd one Exod. 8:6

But It Sounds So Good!

by Joe Slator

Now this I say, lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words (Colossians 2:4).

John described Satan as the one who deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9). In the garden of Eden, the devil did this in person (Genesis 3:1-6). Most often, though, he uses people to spread his lies.

The Christians in Colosse faced an onslaught of error which Paul urged them to reject. Consisting of a mixture of Greek philosophy, Jewish speculation, and just enough Bible to make it palatable, this novel system resulted in denying the gospel and forfeiting salvation!

Why would anyone buy into it? Because it sounded good, especially when presented by a skillful speaker. For example, it taught the Colossians to worship angels (Colossians 2:18). Angels are great! What

could be wrong with getting the angels on our side? Sounds good! But in fact such is idolatry which robs us of our reward! Today the same type of reasoning tells us to pray to "saints," especially Mary. Who would have more influence with her Son than Mary? So get her on your side! Sounds good! But Biblical teaching says Jesus Himself is the one mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). We come to God through Him (John 14:6; 15:16).

Paul warned against being deceived by "persuasive words" (Colossians 2:4). Persuasive means they sound reasonable, but are, in fact, false. Such was Satan's tactic in Eden: "Eve, you won't die! You'll be like God, knowing good and evil!" How reasonable and good that must have sounded; but what a disaster resulted from believing it!

Beware of those who "by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:28). Just because it sounds good doesn't mean it is!

Seeking God

by Ron Bartanen

No one finds God by accident. God's word declares, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). These words were given by God through His prophet, Jeremiah to the nation of Judah, a people who had broken covenant with God, despising His laws and going after other gods. They were a people destined to be captives of foreign powers for centuries to come. They had ignored the stern warnings of Jeremiah, and prior prophets, heeding only those who spoke comforting words. However, they were not left without hope. God would not utterly forsake His people. If,

through their sufferings, their hearts could be turned back to God, to seek Him once more, He would again be willing to receive them. It would have to be, however, with "all your heart."

While this promise was spoken collectively to a nation, obviously it could never become a reality until those within the nation individually responded to God's call. In making application to us, conditions in our nation are becoming alarmingly similar to conditions in Judah just before their destruction. A people who once affirmed themselves to be "one nation under God" have effectively sought to confine Him within the walls of church buildings. His laws are now regarded as archaic, and to try to uphold them is to invite charges of bigotry and hate. As a nation, like Judah, we have lost God. Our prayers and efforts should be to call men back to God, urging that all seek Him, for "He is not far from every one of us" (Acts 17:27).

But how may we seek Him? While much could be said in answer to this question, one is basic. We cannot seek and find God apart from His word. They would seek in vain who would rather trust the words of philosophers, cult-leaders, or even preachers that claim to speak for God apart from God's word. Even those in the city of Berea that questioned the apostle Paul's preaching were declared noble, for "they searched the scriptures daily (to see) whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). True preachers of the word will not contradict Scripture, which is "given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When Satan, the master

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