

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

Cows and Christians

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Within three weeks the cow went dry. The city slicker returned to his neighbor and complained: "That milk cow you sold me is no good!" The astonished neighbor replied, "What do you mean?" The city slicker explained: "She has gone dry! I can't understand it, either. If ever a person was kind and considerate to an animal, I was to that cow. If I didn't need any milk, I didn't milk her. If I needed only a quart, I took only a quart." The neighbor then explained that the way to keep milk flowing wasn't to take as little as possible from the cow, but to take as much as possible.

Isn't that true of the life of a Christian? Like milk cows, we must keep giving in order to keep the flow of Christianity alive. We are to give of our time, our talent, and our treasure. If we give of these things only when an extraordinary need arises, we miss the opportunities and joys of day-to-day service.

In the case of the milk cow, there is always a need for more milk. Not everyone has a full stomach. All over the world there are hungry people. Besides, the "use it or lose it" factor is obvious. Likewise, there is always more to do in the Lord's kingdom. There are classes to be taught, discouraged people to be encouraged, sick and homebound people to be visited or called or written to, missionaries to be supported and encouraged, lost friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to be contacted, and a world full of people to be prayed for. If we are content to do only a tiny bit, we may end up doing nothing at all. On the other hand, if we will give and give of our time, talent, and treasure, God will supply every need and give us additional opportunities to glorify Him and bless other people's lives.



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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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Be A Better Person

by Carey Scott

Don't we all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor would treat us better than before? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The Golden Rule is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it, and even if they do not need help, help them anyway. Perhaps they will return the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile. Wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read 1 John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. When you focus upon helping others, you become a better person. Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher is having more back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Wayne tested positive for COVID recently and was quarantined for a week but tested negative March 21st; Lori Brewer is due to have her shoulder surgery redone; Fran Mears; 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; Tom Whittington; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward is home; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; first responders; the citizens of Ukraine; there are several members of the Lord's church being impacted; several families in our community have lost loved ones.

Phillip Perkins had knee replacement surgery Monday at the Medical Center. It went well, and we are happy he came home Tuesday evening. He will be undergoing physical therapy. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

SYMPATHY

We were very saddened that Bobby Bybee passed away March 14th. Our community has lost another pillar in Horse Cave. Bobby was also a former member and deacon of the congregation here. We express our deepest sympathy to his wife Peggy of 69 years and to all his wonderful family. His full obituary may be found on Winn Funeral Home's website.

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
Ann Schuler, Rm. 604
HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our fourth lesson in the Spring Quarter "Epistles to Timothy" Today's topic: "Church Leadership" I Tim. 3:1-13 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

This Wed. night will be our monthly singing and devotional. Thanks to Scott Huff for the lesson on the 16th and Darrell Wallace this past Wed.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach today at 11 am "Spiritual Lessons From COVID" and at 5 pm "Having the Spirit of Caleb" Num. 14:24

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

THANK YOU NOTE

During my recent bout with COVID, I was very grateful for your concerns, to those who provided food and especially your prayers. Thanks to Darrell for teaching the bible class the previous two Sundays and Billy for filling in for me last Sunday on our radio program. I am thankful I had a mild case, and also that Becky has not shown any symptoms. Becky also appreciates your continued prayers for her health problems. With appreciation and love to our church family.

Wayne and Becky Hatcher

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was Solomon's mother?

Answer to our last question:
Onesimus Philemon 1:10-11

In This House We Groan

by Charles Hicks

For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven (2 Cor 5:2)

Turning to Job we hear him say that man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble (Job. 14:1). A long time ago, I came to the conclusion that life as we know it is just one great adventure. In a very brief period of time the path we walk can change from one of happiness, comfort and peace to one in which our human frame is struck with some burden that causes our heart to be deeply troubled. We have never been promised that as a child of God we will have a life in which we will never be afflicted with adverse conditions that make our day weary and sometimes make it seem as if the night will never end. The truth is that so long as we are in this earthly tent we are going to find ourselves groaning because of those days full of trouble.

There is no need for us to feel discouraged, defeated or anxious for what may be. We serve one who is not cold or indifferent to the troubles that beset us, causing us to groan. He is tenderly touched by what is happening to us at all times (Heb. 2:16-18; Heb. 4:13-16; Psalms 55:22; 1 Pet. 5:6-7; Phil. 4:4-8). What a great blessing it is to be able to go before Him and lay before His throne of grace all our needs, seeking help to keep us safe (Heb. 4:16). I love the words of assurance found in 1 John 5:13-15, "I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And we know that if he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him."

There are so many thoughts running through my mind as I write these words. I know that for so long as we live, we will encounter those times when we will groan and be burdened. I also know that when we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30), those burdens will be much easier to bear Isa. 40:28-31; 1 Peter 5:6-11)

No one lives in an ideal situation. All of us will face those trials common to all men that cause our hearts to be burdened and groan. The secret to overcoming those trials is found in an absolute trust in the Lord our God. A trust that will allow us to say, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock where I seek refuge. My shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, my refuge (2 Sam. 22:2-3). I, for one, truly believe that for the faithful child of God, all the burdens that cause groaning will be lessened considerably when their heart is filled with thoughts of the rest that awaits when they fold up their earthly tent (1 Cor. 2:9; Rev. 14:13). Burdens and trials may cause us to groan but as a faithful child of God they will never be a hinderance in our walk with God (Heb. 12:1-3).

I leave you with this thought from one of our grand old songs: "Days are filled with sorrow and care, Hearts are lonely and drear; Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near."

Cows and Christians

by Joe Slater

A city slicker bought a farm and moved into the farmhouse. He went to his new neighbor and asked if he might purchase a milk cow. The neighbor sold him his prize milk cow, and the city slicker happily took the cow to the barn on his farm.

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