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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:

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 - April 2

READ SCRIPTURE

Malon Schuler

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Genie Hogan Dennis Hatcher

Theron Shultz

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

6 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

Message, Not Messenger from pg. 3

Quarreling over preachers has been around a long, long time. That kind of division may be human nature, but it's not God's nature. God chose the "foolishness of preaching" the message of the cross so that our faith might not rest in the messenger, but in the message (1 Cor. 1.20-2.5).

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Worry is life a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

Most middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play, and to play at their worship.

People these days are so keyed-up and stressed out that it is almost impossible to put them to sleep with an ordinary sermon. -selected



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TIME OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

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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Who Will Be Saved?

by Rob Albright

Many in the world reason this way: "Since God is love (1 John 4:8) and He does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9), then it naturally follows that all will be saved eternally and no one will be lost."

That thinking has been around for a long, long time and it sure sounds good, but there is one major problem with that thinking. The idea that all will be saved eternally is not true! God's Word is true (John 17:17) and the Bible does not teach all will be saved.

While it is true that God is love and that He does not want anyone to be lost eternally, it is equally true what is stated in the last part of 2 Peter 3:9. God wants all to come to repentance. Not everyone is willing to repent (change).

The gospel is available and is to be preached to the entire world, but not everyone will accept the gospel. Not everyone will come to believe in Jesus, repent of sins, and be baptized into Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 238; Romans 6:3-5) therefor, not all will be saved. When one comes to the point of baptism, their sins are washed away (Acts 22:16) and they begin a new life in the right relationship with Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17-21). The result of being "in Christ" is not to have sin laid to our charge and a host of other spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3)

God certainly wants all to be saved, but the Bible does not teach all will comply with God's will and be saved.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; Bill & Bessie Brooks; R.T. Turner; Jenny Thompson; Martha Russell; Lori Brewer; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Helen Edwards' step granddaughter; Mike Waddell; Kelli Long; Jim Mears' son-in-law J. Maddox; Joey Palmore; Jim Bunnell (Sydney's brother) had triple by-pass surgery Wed. at Centennial Hosp. in Nashville; Randall Wallace (Rex's brother) fell and broke six ribs, and he now has pneumonia; Mike Thompson has been suffering with a kidney stone and the week before he was sick. Wayne preached the last two Sundays in Mike's place; Marilyn Hogan is having tests tomorrow

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jimmy Briggs undergoing treatments; Marlene Kerr treatments; Joey Chaney; Frankie Walters; Stella Downs; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Bobby Witty; Beth Brown; Randy Scott; Ruby Hill; Roger Davis; Stanford Matthews; family of Margaret Dennison

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

SHARING SORROWS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rollin Peden. He is the uncle of Carolyn Russell and was a member of the Coral Hill Church of Christ. His funeral is today at 2 pm at

the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the fifth lesson in our Spring Quarter on the theme: "Mysteries in Daniel" This morning we will study "*The Furnace of Fire*" Dan. 3:13-30 Wayne is the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We are in a new study on Wednesday nights on church history. Mike Thompson is the teacher. Everyone is encouraged to attend our bible classes.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 23-26 Here at Horse Cave with David Sain "*Things That Will Encourage You*" All evening services at 7:00

April 23-26 E-town Church of Christ with Gary Massey

(see flyers on bulletin board)

MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE

Began a new class on "JESUS IS" March 21st at 6:30 pm Runs 12 weeks.

ELDERS AND DEACONS

will meet this afternoon at 3:00

All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Are scheduled to meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Annex. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many days were the spies gone checking out the land of Canaan?

The answer to last week's question: he buried it Matt. 25:18

Welcome to our visitors!!! We truly appreciate your presence!!!!

Message, Not Messenger

by Joe Chesser

From time to time we need to be reminded that the power of the word of God is in the message, not the messenger. A simple illustration was when Jesus was heading into Jerusalem for His final week on earth. He sent two of His disciples ahead of Him to go and get a colt that was tied up just inside the city. Why would someone let strangers untie their colt and lead it off? So, Jesus told the disciples that if they were questioned why they were taking the colt, their reply was to be, "The Lord needs it." Sure enough, the owners of the colt questioned them, but when they heard that the Lord needed it, they let the disciples take it away (Luke 19.29-34). The power was in the message, not the messengers.

Amazingly, even Jesus, the Son of God, was rejected as a messenger. He gave up equality with God to become flesh and to bring the message of salvation face to face (Philippians 2.6-7; John 1.1). For a short time, people flocked from the villages to hear Him. But even His preaching and miracles were not enough for them to follow Him and accept His message. The greatest message ever was rejected because of the messenger (John 1.11).

Human nature being what it is, we have an understandable tendency to be drawn to great messengers over great messages. We love to listen to gifted and polished speakers. We love stories and captivating illustrations, and that's

natural. Nothing wrong with that in and of itself. The danger is when we fall in love with charm, personality and wit to the neglect of truth and spiritual nourishment. But the food is more important than the packaging.

I thank God for gifted preachers who can communicate God's powerful word with humility, persuasiveness and love. May their number increase. But I'm just as thankful for those men who, though less gifted, are proclaiming God's message to the best of their abilities to people who love the Lord and are anxious to hear a word from God. I'm also thankful for these patient and faithful brethren who assemble every week to hear the word of God preached, regardless of the abilities of those who are standing before them. Men should always do their best when it comes to proclaiming the gospel, but with a constant awareness that the power is in God and His word, not in their ability to preach it.

If we are not reminded of this occasionally we will naturally drift toward elevating the messenger over the message. It has always been this way, and always will. People have always had their favorite preachers. This problem quickly arose in the 1st century. Paul heard about "preacheritus" in Corinth and needed to correct it ASAP (1 Corinthians 1.10-13). Believe it or not, not everyone in the church at Corinth was a fan of Paul ... or of Peter ... or even of Apollos (a gifted and powerful speaker; cf Acts 18.24).

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