

## 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; I Peter 3:21  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light –  
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

## Reliable by J. Brooks Boyd Jr.

It is probably sound advice that, when a car leaves you stranded, you should return the favor. Few people would keep a car that cannot be depended upon to work as needed. There may be a parable here.

Remember that David described himself and his fellow Israelites as "...his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100:3). In other words, they belonged to God and were to serve according to the pleasure of His will. Recall that those rebuilding the wall with Zerubbabel identified themselves as "...the servants of the God of heaven and earth..." (Ezra 5:11). They were determined not to let anyone or anything stop them from finishing their God-appointed tasks.

Jesus used the analogy of sheep to represent his disciples. He said that His sheep (followers) will hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:3, 16, 27). Later, when Peter answered the council's command for the apostles to stop preaching in the name of Jesus, he said, "...Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 5:19, 20). Peter was determined to follow the instructions of the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4).

As members of the local church, we are sheep who make up the flock (Acts 20:28). We are at the same time servants of Christ (Acts 4:29). We must ask ourselves, "Can the Lord depend on me?" Can He depend on me to be present at feeding time (every service and Bible class)? Can He depend on me to stand up for His truth when it is under attack? Can He depend on me to give as He has made me prosper? Remember that it was Jesus who asked, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). He is relying on all of us to be about His business.



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## God's Minorities

During the time NOAH was building an ark, he was very much in the minority – but he won in the end.

When JOSEPH was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was a decided minority – but he won in the end.

When GIDEON and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight, they were an insignificant minority – but they won in the end.

When DAVID, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was a conspicuous minority – but he won in the end.

When ELIJAH prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was a notable minority – but he won in the end.

What about you, my friend? Are you in the minority, standing with Christ, or are you on the other side? Why not stand where the faithful have always stood – in God's minority. You will win in the end if you do so.

*"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it"* (Matt. 7:13-14).

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher has not felt well lately and is having more back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Lori Brewer is due to have her shoulder surgery redone; Fran Mears; Agnes Seaton; 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 Jagers; Becky Bush has been very sick, spent three days in the hospital but is better; 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

Phillip Perkins is recuperating at home and having physical therapy after knee replacement surgery. We wish for him a full and speedy recovery.

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Laura Brooks was admitted to T. J. Samson Hospital in the ICU with multiple health issues. Prayers for her and her family

### 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 5th lesson in the Spring Quarter "Epistles to Timothy" Today's topic: "Christian Conduct" 1 Tim. 3:14—4:5 Wayne

Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

This Wed. night we will resume our study in Hebrews 12. Wayne will be teaching this week

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach today at 11 am "The Joy In Being A Christian" and at 5 pm "Facing Trials With Joy" James 1:2-12

### 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 **TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ**

What was the name of the first born son of Hosea and Gomer?

Answer to our last question:

Bathsheba 2 Samuel 12:24

## Who Are You Living For?

Who is it that we should live life for? Is it to please others, self, or God? Remember what Jesus prayed for in the Garden of Gethsemane: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39b).

It was not about others. It was not about himself. It was all about living for God and doing God's will throughout His life. If Jesus lived life this way, we should live life the same way, "not as I will, but as you will."

Thinking about this passage and how Jesus lived his life, I came across these sayings this week, and I pray that they will encourage you as they did me. (next page)

- ◆ If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives – BE KIND ANYWAY.
- ◆ If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends, and some genuine enemies — SUCCEED ANYWAY.
- ◆ If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you – BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.
- ◆ If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous – BE HAPPY ANYWAY.
- ◆ The good you do today, will often be forgotten – DO GOOD ANYWAY.
- ◆ Give the best you have, and it will never be enough — GIVE YOUR BEST
- ◆ In the final analysis, it's between you and God — IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.

Who are you living life for, ANYWAY?

by Lance Morrisett

## Trust the Lord

by Mike Vestal

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5). Applying this verse is sometimes extremely difficult. The pressures and anxieties of life can lead us to trust in worldly wisdom rather than in our all-knowing God. However, real peace and strength are only found when we place our confidence in Him (Psa. 32:1; 125:1)

We should trust the Lord:

**IN EVERYTHING.** "In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Prov. 3:6). Many people seem to revel in their independence; they view

themselves as being self-sufficient, and have little or no room for God in their life (Rev. 3:17). But nothing could be farther from the truth! Trusting the Lord in everything shows our realization of our own insufficiency (Jas. 4:10), and our desperate need for God's help. "And the LORD shall help them...Because they trust in Him." (Psa. 37:40).

**FOR EVERYTHING.** "Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass" (Psa. 37:5). Every good and perfect gift comes from the Heavenly Father (Jas. 1:17). It is easy for us to think that everything we have was attained solely through our own efforts, but this is simply not so. It is through God that we live and move, and have our very being (Acts 17:28).

**WITH EVERYTHING.** "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Some people cling to their possessions or pride as though they were going to have them forever. The folly of this thinking will sadly carry over into eternity. To the faithful child of God, the Father must come first (Matt. 6:33; Luke 14:25-33). When we trust in God with our all, then we have our priorities set properly.

**THROUGH EVERYTHING.** "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:17). We need to trust in Him even in the midst of trials and

sufferings, for although we may not understand the purpose of those difficulties, we still can live righteously before God and glorify Him. "The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned" (Psa. 34:22).

May we truly be able to say, "In God We Trust!"