

## 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

## What Did They See?

*"And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him . . . and the people stood looking on"* (Luke 23:33-35).

Look at those last few words one more time: "the people stood looking on" (Greek theoreo, "theorizing"). They stood by the cross of Jesus, trying to put things together. And what did they see?

### They saw the obvious.

They saw how cruel men could be to others. Death by crucifixion was horrible. Victims frequently died stark raving mad from days of exposure and thirst—a thought that underscores the agony behind Jesus' words, "I thirst!" (John 19:28).

### They saw something mysterious.

They experienced an eerie darkness "over all the earth." The sun refused to shine, as if it were paying tribute to the death of our Savior (Luke 23:44-45).

### They saw something vicarious.

They witnessed the death of God in the flesh, an agonizing death that made possible our abundant life (John 10:10; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3).

### They saw something marvelous.

They saw the same thing you and I are blessed to see when we partake of the Lord's supper—the love of God (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; cf. 1 John 4:9-10).

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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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## What is the CHURCH

A practice field for patience and compassion.

A fellowship against loneliness. A resting place.

A garden where God comes looking for us.

A bathing for washing guilt away.

A reflecting pool.

An internship for minister-members.

A kneeling bench.

A rescue mission where God finds us.

A laboratory of life.

A school instructing those who would fear God.

A hospital for healing souls.

A cafeteria where God feeds us.

A classroom of truth. A track for walkers in the Way of Christ.

A hospitable door.

A herald of Good News—joyful, hopeful, helpful words.

*"The kingdom of heaven is like . . ."* **MATTHEW 22:2**

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell had a teleconference on Zoom Wed with her dr. She goes back April 29 for a CAT Scan; tentative date if she is strong enough for surgery is May 7. If surgery cannot be done, will do chemo and radiation; Bill Brooks; Jim Mears; Laura Brooks; Becky Hatcher; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Mary Thompson; Jackie Coop; Parker Bybee; Jamie Proffitt chemo treatments a solution for the COVID-19 virus pandemic; prayers for those sick with the virus; all the health care workers, "essential" workers, first responders who are on the frontline; prayers for the leaders in our communities and nation to make correct and wise decisions to maintain safety and order during these stressful and difficult times; our schools continue to be closed till the first of May, and they may not even go back for the remaining time.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks

The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 102 JoAnn Wallace

### GOSPEL MEETING CANCELED

Our Gospel Meeting with Mel Futrell that was scheduled May 14-17, 2020 had to be cancelled due to issues with the virus.

### A Reminder:

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast:

8:30-8:45 a.m. - **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. - **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

These may be heard on 101.7 FM, 1150 AM or from their webpage: [wlocoline.com](http://wlocoline.com) Click on

the link to listen on your computer. Mobile users click on the **Tunein** icon Remember this ministry in your prayers.

**NOTE:** There will be no services at the building today, **April 19**. You are still encouraged to continue worshipping in your homes. We are blessed to have several good sites on the internet where you can share worship services. Also you can watch GBN on SCRTC cable 113.

Some of you chose to pick up communion supplies that we made available.

Also do not forget your contributions. You may mail it or drop it in the mail slot in our front door. Or you may set it aside until are able to physically meet together for worship.

We do look forward to the time when we can safely assemble.

\*Remember you have your quarterly study guide on the book of **Hebrews** that we were using on Sunday mornings. Be reading and studying the book of Hebrews.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who are the only two brothers of Shem named in the Bible?

The answer to our question last week:

Absalom 2 Sam. 14:26

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### God's Word is a

- Medicine when our hearts are broken (Proverbs 4:20-23).
- Fire to warm our souls (Jeremiah 23:29).
- Hammer to break our addictions (Jeremiah 23:29).
- Seed to grow righteousness in our hearts (Luke 8:11).
- Sword to war against Satan and spiritual wickedness (Hebrews 4:12).
- Honeycomb to delight our taste (Psalm 19:10).
- Light to guide us home (Psalm 119:105).

## "I Want It My Way!"

by Jeff Arnette

Have you ever said that? I bet a lot of us have never said that! Well, I bet we haven't said it "out loud" for others to hear. Yet, I would venture a guess that we have all acted that way at one time or another. This way of thinking is almost typical of most Americans. We have grown up thinking that we are entitled to get what we want simply because we are Americans. We have been told so many times that if we want it and work hard, we will get it. I think it goes even further because we believe that we should get what we want. This mindset creates people who try to conform to Christ and Christianity to suit their wants and expectations.

This has affected the way people approach God. It doesn't matter if it is worship or how to become Christians. We want it our way, and if we don't get it, we will go in search of a place where we can get it our way. You would think that it was not a big problem, especially since Christians should be Christ-like and selfless. The problem is that the majority of those who call themselves Christian are not Christ-like. Instead, they are narcissistic, selfish, and egocentric.

This has affected the way we accept teachings about difficult subjects. As soon as someone teaches something that does not line up with what we want to believe we leave or at least try to change it. If we want a church that believes that homosexuality is ok, we will go in search of it until we find it. If we want a church that is ok with any number of sins, it is not hard to find a church that will say it is ok. If we want an exciting church, with lots of programs, and

lots of things designed to entertain us, it too is not hard to find. I could go on, but I think you get my point. The reason for the thousands of churches in America is because we want a church to cater to our wants and desires.

I have actually had people tell me, "If I don't get what I want, I will go find someone who will."

This attitude is anti-Christian and opposes everything Jesus Christ lived and embodied. Church, it is time that we lay down such attitudes and pick up the new life Christ died to give us.

Stop right here and open your bible and read Ephesians 4:20-24. Don't continue until you have read it for yourself.

Paul's point is that we should put off the "old self." The "old self" is the person we were before becoming Christians. That person was corrupt and sentenced to death, but the good news is that in our obedience to Jesus, the old person has died. This is what baptism is meant to teach us (Romans 6:3-4). As Paul said, it is time to be renewed in our thinking, in our minds, and in our spirit. It is time that we put on the new self that is created by God, to be just like Him.

So let me challenge you to learn, think, and grow. Just as important, I want you to focus on becoming more Christ-like in what you do, more Christ-like in how you treat others, and more Christ-like in your willingness to conform your life and actions to the will of God.

*Romans 12:2 - "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*