

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:

Faith - 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 24

READ SCRIPTURE

Rex Wallace

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION

Rex Wallace

Michael Richardson Phillip Perkins

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Mike Thompson

6 p. m. - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

READ SCRIPTURE

1 - Scott Huff

8 - Sydney Bunnell

15 - Rex Wallace

22 - Ken Russell

29 - Mike Thompson

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Bill Brooks

SERVE COMMUNION

Malon Schuler

Theron Schultz Dennis Hatcher

PREACHING

1 - Wayne Hatcher

8 - Wayne Hatcher

15 - Mike Thompson

22 - Mike Thompson

29 - Guest

LEAD SINGING

1 - Ken Russell

8 - Scott Huff

15 - Ken Russell

22 - Scott Huff

29 - Ken Russell



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TIME OF SERVICES:

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

Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

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Obsession or Option?

To view some Christians, they live their lives like they are obsessed with pleasing God. They come to worship and every gathering of the church that they possibly can. They even come when they don't feel all that well. It is as if they are compelled to come. They also volunteer and work every time a need arises in the church. What makes them that way? It is as if they are preoccupied with serving God and honoring Him. They even seem obligated to tell others about Jesus. Pleasing and honoring God is all they can think about. They literally act like God is in complete control of their lives.

To look at other Christians and their lack of attendance, service, and enthusiasm, one would get the idea that they feel that pleasing God is optional. Oh, they may try to do it at times, but those times seem few and far between. They come to worship when it suits them, volunteer when it's convenient, and generally do as they please concerning the Lord and His church. It is almost as if they feel like pleasing God is an elective act. As a result, they rarely mention Jesus to others. They literally act like they are in control of God and only allow Him into their lives when they wish.

Christian, take a close look at your life and what all you do. Could it be labeled as one in which pleasing God appears to others as an obsession or option?

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal. 2:20) - Edd Sterchi - Broadway Church of Christ Campbellsville, KY

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Leon Seaton; R.T. Turner; Renee` Perkins; James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mom); Dennis Hatcher; Christian Chadburne undergoing chemo again; Ann Schuler (Malon Schuler's mother); Eugene Campbell; Bill Brooks severe arthritis in his neck; Temisha Denison; John Taylor (Sarah Brooks' father); Kathy Clarke and Jackie Coop spent time in T. J. Samson this past week; Bryson Hatcher

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jessica Dennison; Joey Chaney; Stella Downs; Sherian Gray (member at S. Green St.); Randy Scott is improving; Brad Terry; Doug Isenberg; Kim Hatcher; Anita Aubrey; Charlene Skaggs (Dianna Proffitt's mom)

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SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter - "Tragedy and Hope in Jeremiah". This morning's lesson: *A New Covenant*. Wayne is the teacher

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We are off to a great start on our new study on Wed. nights -- "*The End of Time*" Mike Thompson serves as the teacher, and he always does a great job!! If you are not attending our bible

classes, you are missing some great studies!!

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Our Spring Gospel Meeting from last weekend was a special blessing to all who attended. We appreciate the fine lessons brought by W. Tom Hall, Bart Warren and Michael D. Greene. A special thanks to our members for the bountiful meal!!! *See Wayne if you want a DVD.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 24-27 S. Green St. Church of Christ with Steven Hunter of Lehman Ave. preaching. Week nights at 7:00

April 28—May 1 at the Center Church of Christ with Tim Alsup Thurs. - Sat. 7

May 1-4 at the Church of Christ at Coral Hill with Mike Johnson of Richmond, KY 7 pm

May 1-4 at the Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ in Bowling Green with Dan Chambers of Brentwood, TN

(see bulletin board for details)

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

May 1 at Refuge Church of Christ in Eighty Eight, KY 9:30 & 10:30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 15-18 our Vacation Bible School The Theme will be - *The Voyage: Exploring the "I Am" statements of Jesus*

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who would be the first redhead mentioned in the Bible?

The answer to last week's bible question: both had twins Gen. 25:24-26; 38:27-30

Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!

Do You Know the Lord...?

by Dan Jenkins

There is a phrase, most often used in a question form, to describe one's relationship to the Lord and one's salvation. It is not uncommon for individuals to ask others, "Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior?" There is nothing wrong with this phrase, but it can so easily be used in a way vastly different from the way the Bible uses it.

The correct answer to this question is not to be found by looking internally and then telling others about the emotional ties we have to Jesus. Such an approach is clothed in subjectivity. Take the most radical aspect of "Christianity" in our land and ask a devotee to that religion if he feels a closeness to Jesus. Ask him if he "knows the Lord as a personal Savior." Because of the teaching he has found in what might be called radical "Christendom" his affirmative answer would be quickly rejected by many.

So, how do you decide if you know the Lord? The apostle John answers this in one brief sentence. "He who says I know Him and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). The question, "Do you know the Lord," is not answered by looking inwardly and then verbalizing a subjective feeling which comes from one's personal religious background. It comes by looking at the Bible and then at how devoted one is to obeying the Lord. The God-given answer is not found on one's lips, but in one's life.

What is amazing is how much "political incorrectness" God then uses in this verse. The Holy Spirit of God makes it so clear. That individual who minimizes obedience to God while at the same time claiming that he knows the Lord as his personal Savior is a liar. God said that man is a liar!

How does all of this confusion come about in our day? Consider the preaching of Peter on Pentecost. He told the Jews, "...God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). There are two aspects of deity in this verse. Jesus is both Lord and Christ.

Many today readily "accept Jesus as a personal Savior" but very few "accept Jesus as a personal Lord." The acceptance of Jesus as Lord results in obedience to all that He asks of us. Those who asked what they should do because they had crucified the Son of God were told to repent and be baptized in the name of the Jesus Christ. The expression "in the name of Jesus" means by His authority. It is not enough to want Jesus to be our Savior, we must also make Him our Savior.

Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior? Do not answer this just with words. The real answer is not found in your lips, but in your life! Let Him be Lord of all of your life!

The concept of a personal savior does not reside in emotion, but in obedience to the Truth.