

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

Three Great Principles

Life is Tough.

Job observed that man has but a few days, and they are full of trouble. Jesus said that each day has its own evil. The wise man Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes about the subject...Heaven is not on earth. Nothing is ever as good as we think or as bad as we think...Christians are not immunized, exempted from the pains of life...Being human is hazardous to your health.

God is Good.

Do not confuse God with life! Life is tough, unfair. God is good. Don't blame God first then pray last. Pray first and blame Satan...God can be trusted... We can give ourselves totally to God. Faith does not give us the answers; faith allows us to live without the answers... In Job's deepest distress declared of God and his faith in Him, "Though He slay me, yet I will trust in Him" (Job 13:15)...Nothing touches us that has not already passed through the hands of God. The secret to our life is God-not circumstances. Things don't work out-God works things out.

Heaven is Sure.

Day by day we must remind ourselves about our deaths. In Christ's resurrection we have the hope that when life is over it is not over...God wants me in heaven. He wants you in heaven too! What a blessed hope!...We must want to go to heaven more than anything else on earth.

- Charles Hodge

(condensed from a May 2001 Gospel Advocate article) copied from Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY



A Weekly Publication of the Horse Cave CHURCH OF CHRIST

120 Cave Street
Horse Cave, KY 42749

TIME OF SERVICES (CST):

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

Church Webpage: www.horsecavecoc.com

Bulletin Editor: Wayne Hatcher

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.

Vol. 54

April 24, 2022

Number 16

Horse Cave Church of Christ

Email:
church@horsecavecoc.com

PHONE:
(270) 786-2550

SHEPHERDS:
Billy Bybee
786-2884

Willie Cyphers
786-1263

Kenny Russell
786-1450

Rex Wallace
786-1648

DEACONS:
Phillip Perkins

MINISTER:
Wayne Hatcher
wayne@horsecavecoc.com

Finding My Worth in God by Kerry Williams

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Phil 2:3 NKJV).

One of the greatest struggles for humanity is the discovery of our own value and self-worth. People often feel so very empty and insignificant. The cares of life tend to batter down our self-image and leave us with a sense of meaninglessness and even self-loathing. This is part of the reason why so many people turn to so many vices-alcohol, drugs, sexuality-in an attempt to "fill the void."

The world is quick to offer solutions. The self-appointed therapists of afternoon talk shows and the mega-rich attitude coaches of late-night infomercials tell us that we need to practice "self love," and engage in more positive "self-talk." They tell us that we have to love ourselves first before we can ever learn to love anyone else. Yet, however quaint their advice may be, it is as far from truth as the east is from the west.

The Bible tells us that positive self-image does not come through believing we are wonderful, but through the knowledge that God loves us. We don't need better "self-esteem," but need a better understanding of God's estimation of us! In fact, the Bible tells us that the first step to wholeness is understanding and accepting our own wretchedness and turning in utter dependence to God's awesome grace. Perhaps the old children's song has more practical advice on developing self-esteem than all of today's pop-psychology: "Jesus first, yourself LAST, and others in-between."

HORSE CAVE CHURCH OF CHRIST
120 Cave Street
Horse Cave, KY 42749

worldenglishinstitute.net

Become a
Global
Missionary
from Home.



Hundreds wait
daily to be taught
the word of God
while they learn
English grammar.



Website



Facebook

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher still at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Phillip Perkins was here Sunday without his cane; Fran Mears; Agnes Seaton; Margie Gentry at home; Mark Hatcher (back); Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye as she also deals with back pain; Becky Bush; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Brenda Jagers received a good report from her dr.; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward is home; Tom Whittington; Don Waddell; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; the first responders; the citizens of Ukraine, there are several members of the Lord's church being impacted especially in Mariupol

Lori Brewer recovering at home from a repeat surgery on her shoulder.

Friends from our community: the family of Kelly Jewell

IN THE HOSPITAL

Ken Russell had gall bladder surgery Thursday at TJ Samson in Glasgow.

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 8th lesson in the Spring Quarter "Epistles to Timothy" Today's topic: "Respecting Men" 1 Tim. 5:17—6:2 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

Wed. night we will resume our study of Hebrews 12. It will be Wayne's time to teach.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace is to preach today at 11 am and at 5 pm

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

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

April 21-24 at the Center church of Christ with Ed Melott concludes today at 10 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Scott Huff had an excellent class this past week on dealing with distractions that hinder our spiritual lives. Wayne will be the teacher this Wed. at 6:00. We will resume our study in Hebrews 12.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many of the four gospels record Peter's denial of Christ?

Answer to our last question:

Saul 1 Sam. 17

The Transitions of Life

by Bryan McAlister

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

Finding a companion is a blessing, one can't to next page

to be cherished. If your companion stumbles or is hurt, there is one who is ready to help in time of trouble and need. It is a fitting theme for marriage, but that is a theme fit for another day. For now, with the hearts of many of our brethren hurting and wearied, be it at home, the Ukraine, or any point between or beyond, we look to God's words to us, for a companion who is eternal and untouched by the troubles of our hearts. We look for a companion stronger than us, wiser than us, and holier than us. We look for a companion who is not burdened by our weakness or our worry. We look for a companion who is able to conquer what we encounter. Scripture reveals Who that companion is for us.

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help" (Psalm 121:1)? A person's eyes can tell the whole story. In one look you can see pain or pleasure, sorrow or surprise. With one look you can know if a person is distracted, disappointed, or even despondent. The eyes are the window to the soul. *"My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me"* (Psalm 38:10). *"I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my God"* (Psalm 69:3).

Did you see that? The light of life had been taken from the eyes of the one hurting. The eyes of the hurting had cried so much, their throat had gone dry and the eyes failed, they had no more tears to give. When the heart has reached its breaking point, when it has had all that it can take; when the eyes have cried all the tears they can cry and when there is an emptiness beyond description of words, *"I will lift up my eyes to the hills."* Disease, divorce, death, discouragement, debt, disaster; if

you stare long enough and intently enough at any one of these, your eyes will be filled with the pain of these moments. *"From whence comes my help?"* It was rhetorical, because deep down inside, cutting through the pain, was the reminder of truth, *"My help comes from the Lord."*

The transitions our soul will encounter are too numerous to name here. Suffice it to say, whether it is in the course of life, a change in season of living, a new work, new school, a new challenge, or change of any shape, we are a people who, by the virtue of our relationship with the Lord, turn to His Word for the help and comfort our lives long to receive. His Word is our source for the strength of every day and the supply of every step in our sometimes difficult way. *"I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord"* (Psalm 121).

Near Sighted People

An eye doctor once said that there are more nearsighted people in New York City than any other city. He thought the reason was because people were hemmed in by skyscrapers, and their vision was restricted in such a way that the only opportunity they had for long-range vision was to look straight up, which very few people ever did. The constant use of the eyes for only short distances leads to nearsightedness.

Our thought for today is to not let the immediate, short-term obstacles block your long-term vision! Look up to God and keep the bigger picture in view!

"My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up" (Psalm 5:3).

- Matt Clifton