

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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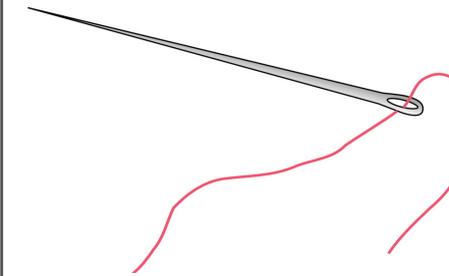
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The Needle and the Thread

The Bible uses some interesting figures to represent Christians and their relationship to God: Vine and branches, clay and Sculptor, sheep and Shepherd. Another interesting metaphor came not from the Bible, but from an African convert. This young man prayed one evening, "O Lord, you are the needle and I am the thread." He had just visited a school where girls were learning to sew. He watched intently and noticed a simple principle: wherever the needle went, the thread followed. That, he decided, represented his relationship to God. If he would stay close to the Lord, praying, reading His Word, depending entirely upon Him and following Him, God would always lead him where he needed to go. He simply was the thread following the needle. God will guide if we will follow. We often sing the song, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

"...Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." Luke 9:57

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell is to go back April 29 for a CAT Scan; tentative date for surgery is May 7 if she is strong enough. If surgery cannot be done, will do chemo and radiation; Bill Brooks; Jim Mears; Laura Brooks; Becky Hatcher; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; 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 local schools will not return for the remaining time. Last day for NTI is May 15.

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

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 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 build-

ing today, **April 26**. You are still encouraged to continue worshipping at home. 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 have chosen to use 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 back together.

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

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How long did the apostle Paul say he had his "thorn in the flesh" when he wrote 2 Corinthians 12?

The answer to our question last week:

Ham and Japhath Gen. 10:1

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The Bible contains a message for every state of the mind of man:

- When we are grieved, it provides comfort (1 Thessalonians 4:18).
- When we are happy, it adds greater joy (Matthew 5:3–12; Romans 14:17; Philippians 4:4).
- When we are discouraged, it gives us courage (1 Kings 18–19; Galatians 6:9; Psalm 46:1).
- When we are lonely, it reminds us we are never alone (2 Timothy 4:17; Hebrews 13:5).

7 Signs

by Dan Winkler

The book of John focuses on seven of Jesus' miracles, and a careful study of each provides us with principles of encouragement.

Disappointments? Remember when Jesus addressed an embarrassing moment by turning water into wine? (John 2:1–11). He is still the one to turn to when life turns on us. "At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me . . . But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me" (2 Timothy 4:16–17).

Doubts? Remember when Jesus—from a distance—healed a boy and told his father to return home, and the man went without question? (John 4:46–54). He is still the one in whom we place our faith and our dreams. After all, He is "Christ . . . the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

Disabilities? Remember when Jesus healed a man that had been an invalid for thirty-eight years at the pool of Bethesda? (John 5:2–9). Because of His loving providence, we can still "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10), echoing the words of Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Desires? Remember when He fed 5,000 with a little boy's sack lunch? (John 6:1–14). He still fills the spiritual desires of men and women who cry, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

Despair? Remember when the hand of Jesus reached out to Peter while he walked on water? (John 6:16–21; cf. Matthew 14:23

–32). Aren't we thankful that His hand extends in our direction with the promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you"? (Hebrews 13:5).

Darkness? Remember when He gave sight to a man blind from birth? (John 9:1–11). To man stumbling in the wretched darkness of Satan, He is still "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

Death? Remember when He stood outside the tomb of a friend and shouted amidst visible tears, "Lazarus, come forth!?" (John 11:1–44). Better yet, there will come a day "in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice, and come forth" (John 5:28–29).

As we reflect on the miracles Jesus performed, are we not led to praise Him as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"? (Revelation 17:14; 19:16). As we reflect on the multitude of ways He touches our lives for the better, are we not driven to our knees with the words of Thomas, "My Lord and my God"? (John 20:28).

Dimensions of God's Amazing Love

Paul spoke of the width, length, depth, and height of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Jesus spoke of the same dimensions, in the same order, in the most famous verse of the Bible: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

For God so loved the world - Width
That He gave His only begotten Son - Length
Whoever believes in Him should not perish - Depth

But have everlasting life - Height

God's love is comprehensive and overwhelming!

- Mark Posey