

## 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 - May 1

READ SCRIPTURE

Scott Huff

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Bill Brooks

SERVE COMMUNION

Malon Schuler

Theron Schultz Dennis Hatcher

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

6 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

## Faith

A man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my **MASTER** is there, and that is enough."

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

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 7 PM

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## Baptism and the Forgiveness of Sins

by Travis L. Quertermous

In Acts 2:37-38, the Bible says, "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Much controversy surrounds the phrase "be baptized...for the remission of sins" in Acts 2:38. Does the preposition "for" mean "in order to receive the forgiveness of sins"? Or does it mean "because of sins already forgiven"? If the former, baptism is absolutely essential to our salvation from sin; if the latter, it is not essential. So which is it?

First, note that there are two commands given by the apostle Peter, namely, repent and be baptized, both of which are said to be "for the remission of sins." Does one repent because of sins already forgiven by God? Of course not, one repents in order to receive His forgiveness. Likewise, then, one is baptized in order to receive the forgiveness of sins.

Second, the Lord used the identical expression in Matthew 26:28 when instituting the Lord's Supper. We read, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Did Christ shed His blood because of the remission of sins or in order for those sins to be forgiven? Obviously, it is the latter; even so, in Acts 2:38, baptism is in order to receive the remission of sins.

So were you baptized because of sins you already believed forgiven by God? If so, you were not immersed for the proper reason and need to be scripturally baptized "for the remission of sins." Can we help you obey the true gospel today?

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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; Kathy Clarke; 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; Temisha Denison; John Taylor (Sarah Brooks' father); Jackie Coop; Bill Brooks now has pneumonia and will probably not be out for about two weeks; sympathy to Kaye and the family of Phillip Carter (former members here from 2007-2012)

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Stella Downs; Sherian Gray; Randy Scott; Brad Terry; Doug Isenberg; Kim Hatcher; Anita Aubrey; Charlene Skaggs (Dianna Proffitt's mom); Jeanette Clack

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### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Remember 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!!

### ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

this afternoon at 4:00

All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Annex. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

**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)

### HAPPY NEWS - NEW BIRTH

Sydney Bunnell reported Wed. evening that he had the joy and privilege of baptizing their grandson, Tanner Long into Christ for the remission of his sins. This is always the greatest news!!

### 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 was Aaron's mother?

The answer to last week's bible question: Esau Gen. 25:25

**Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!**

## The Importance of "Today"

by Mike Riley

A question we need to ask ourselves from time to time is, "How do I spend the blessed currency of time?" "Right now" is something each one living on the earth has in common and while multitudes of precious souls are being born into this world "right now," multitudes of precious souls are also hurdling into eternity "right now." Many of the souls leaving their earthly body wish – "right now" – they had a few more minutes to do things they must leave undone.

### "Today" Is All We Have!

Today is the most important time for each one of – because it is all we have! We are not promised next year, next month, next week, or even tomorrow. Today is important because it is when we can make the "choice" to obey, to encourage a brother or sister, to take the first step in living a life for Christ... to find one's life in losing it (Matthew 16:25).

### What Is Your Life?

James says that our lives are as a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away (James 4:14). Our life, like the morning fog, vanishes in the heat of the sun. A day in our earthly life is a valuable and precious gift because it is soon over.

### Sin Deceives Us

Sin may deceive us by telling us, "You've got time". Therefore the inspired writer of the book of Hebrews tells us to "exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened

by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13 – ESV)." James states, "Come now you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow" (James 4:12-13). The saying, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions" means that intending to take care of important duties at a future time is the pathway to eternal ruin.

Though we plan to do something good (study the Bible, obey the gospel, teach the lost, call a discouraged brother or sister, visit the sick, minister to the needy) our hectic schedules crowd out our good intentions. We may forget that there will not always be a "tomorrow".

### The Importance Of Living "Today"

We are not promised tomorrow. "Today" is all we have. James gives us instructions on what our attitude should be concerning "Tomorrow". "Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.' But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:15-17 – NKJV). We must, like the five wise virgins, make preparations for the Lord's second coming. Will Jesus find us "watching" and "waiting"? (Matthew 25:13).

Brethren, let us imitate saints of the first century of whom it is said, "And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:42 – ASV). - selected