

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 - July 10

READ SCRIPTURE

Sydney Bunnell

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Michael Richardson

Mark Hatcher Sydney Bunnell

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

6 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

Be Safe Not Sorry from pg. 3

Peter was not expecting, nor demanding, perfection. In no way can we live our lives so perfectly that we could, in any sense, merit salvation. But, while it is true that "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:9), v. 10 is equally true: "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." We can be safe—not sorry only when our works manifest the reality of our faith. With Jesus as the sure foundation for our lives, and guided by His word as revealed in Scripture (the Bible), we can be truly safe—not sorry.

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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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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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Tragedy

by Joe Barnett

Things happen that hurt terribly. A youngster breaks a leg, eliminating him from participation in sports activity in which he was excelling; a tragic accident turns life into a nightmare; a "perfect" marriage is shattered by the sudden death of a partner; a promising career is fractured by a merger which puts a brilliant man out of work.

Such things put faith—even strong faith—to the test. The Bible says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 27:23). How? We can't presume to know how God works in every case. But for starters:

1. The good man seeks God's will in all he does. He doesn't make decisions without considering God's will. He consults God's Word, and prays for direction. Then if problems come, he reasons that God may be directing in a way beyond human understanding.

2. He looks for good even in the painful experiences. There will be times when even the good man fails to properly consider God's will; times when he will fail to consult the Word, and pray; times when he will act compulsively, foolishly; and even when he has fervently sought to do right there will be times when things go sour and tragedy strikes. What does he do then? He places his trust in God—convinced that, though he doesn't understand how, God will bring good out of it. Maybe there are times when God causes seeming tragedy in order to send us down a different road. More often, however, these painful experiences cannot be assigned to the Lord. He does not cause them—but He can use them. Even the terribly tragic experiences He can turn to our advantage.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Leon Seaton; R.T. Turner; James Horton; Lori Brewer; Wendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Linda Forbes; Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mom) will have eye surgery Wednesday; John Taylor (Sarah Brooks' father); Marilyn Hogan experiencing problems with her eyes due to glaucoma; Jim Mears had a successful surgery to remove another skin cancer on his forehead; we rejoice that Phillip Perkins was able to come home last week from the hospital; Bryson Hatcher (Dennis Hatcher's grandson) has been sick with strept; Lois Edwards had her second cataract Thursday; plans are to go ahead with Temisha Denison's surgery for lymphedema in Charleston, SC without her insurance; Mary Locke had surgery Friday at Vanderbilt; prayers for Mary Thompson and all the family

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Stella Downs; Sherian Gray; Randy Scott; Doug Isenberg; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Charlene Skaggs (Dianna Proffitt's mom); Larry D. Glass; Gail Hatcher Coats; family of Bill Cartmill

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SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We are now in the Summer Quarter on the theme: *Minor New Testament Figures* This morning we will study "John Mark" Wayne serves as the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Remember our study on Wed. nights -- "*The End of Time*" Mike Thompson serves as the teacher. If you are not attending our bible classes, you are missing some great studies!!

NEW INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY

Reminder: If you have not filled out a sheet for our new Informational Directory, please do so. It will be very useful for communication purposes and getting to know each other better.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT OF PRAISE

July 22 Church of Christ at Coral Hill 6:30 - - 7:45 p.m. See flyer on bulletin board

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who had a five year old son who became crippled in both feet?

The answer to last week's bible question: Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52

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There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstances permit.

When you are committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results.

Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles. (George Washington)

Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!

Be Safe - Not Sorry

There are innumerable uncertainties in life, but there is one thing we cannot afford to be unsure of —our salvation. The apostle Peter admonished people of faith, "Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10a, ESV). He was writing these words, not to alien sinners, but to those who had once been "cleansed from (their) former sins" (v. 9). They were baptized believers, washed in the blood of Christ. Were some of those he addressed becoming assured that because they had once accepted Christ, they could now relax in their commitment to godliness and still be granted "entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (v. 11)? Evidently so. At least Peter saw the need to "remind" them of the spiritual qualities that are to characterize those called of the Lord to share "His glory and excellence" (vs. 12, 3b). These qualities are described as supplements to their initial faith: virtue, knowledge, self control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love (vs. 5-8). He further describes any who ignore these qualities as being "so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins" (v. 9). He later compares those who continue in their former vices to the dog who "returns to its own vomit, and

the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire" (2:22). In these verses, Peter is evidently saying that such are not making their "calling and election sure." He would that they would be safe—not sorry in the day they would face the Lord in judgment.

There is one way, and one way only, in which we can be assured of our standing with the Lord. It is through a personal knowledge of Christ as both Savior and Lord in our lives. Peter's warning to believers was, in effect, saying that while they may have once taken seriously their need for Christ as Savior, they had not been as serious in making Him Lord. Jesus had said, "Not everyone that says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). He went on to explain, in the parable of the building of two houses—one on solid rock, and another on sand—that simply hearing Jesus' teachings, without submission to them, would result in the soul's destruction. It's not safe to build a life on the sands of this world—not even the sands of humanly devised religion. Some build on the sand of emotion and feeling, without regard for a "thus says the Lord." Such are not given assurance from God.

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