

## 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

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## Solitude

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Nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God which is expressed in Christ Jesus his son (Romans 8:39).

We can refuse and resist grace, but we cannot go beyond its reach. If and when we seek repentance and obediently trust in Jesus' sacrifice for us, we will be drawn back into fellowship with God and with all of his people (1 John 1:5-10).

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## God Is There In Times of Trouble

*"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1).*

Job knew by personal experience: "Now there was a day" for Job (1:13), which changed his life forever. We never know "what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). Consider these verses that tell how to handle our day of trouble:

- ◆ "May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble" (Psalm 20:1).
- ◆ "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15).
- ◆ "Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; for You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble" (Psalm 59:16).
- ◆ "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7).

Jesus promised, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

He was there for Joseph, Joshua, David, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, Daniel, Peter, Paul, and He can be there for you (1 Pet. 5:7)

*"Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee."* Heb. 13:5 - [housetohouse.com](http://housetohouse.com)



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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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## You Are Invited To Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Series On Wednesdays *"Respecting and Following God's Pattern/Blueprint"*

July 1 **Darrell Wallace** God Has Always Had A Pattern

July 8 **Marty Edwards** God's Pattern Once and For All

**July 15 Edd Sterchi** God's Pattern For His Plan of Our Salvation

July 22 **Craig Waddell** God's Pattern For the Church, Her Place and Work

July 29 **Danny McCain** God's Pattern For Worship

Aug 5 **Robbie Fudge** God's Pattern For Marriage

Aug 12 **Allen Jones** God's Pattern For the Family and Raising Children

Aug 19 **Nick Secula** God's Pattern For Daily Living and Christian Growth

Aug 26 **W. Tom Hall** God's Pattern For the Second Coming of Christ and the End of the World

\*\*Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 CST

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special prayers for Bill Brooks who is under the care of Hosparus; Sue Bunnell has been able to be at a few Sunday morning worship services. She is taking a regiment of chemotherapy (by infusion) and prescription medication; Lisa Schuler asked for our prayers for a health condition - Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis; Becky Hatcher continues to face multiple health issues; Laura Brooks; Rhonda Brooks Quenzer has a meningioma tumor that arises from the membrane that surrounds the brain. It does not appear to be attached to her brain; surgery was to today or tomorrow; Joyce Dye; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Mary Thompson, our daughter & Becca's mom is still quarantined for COVID-19 virus; Parker Bybee; Geneane McGuire's son, Bobby fell and hit his head. He is in a Nashville hospital, and she is with him; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus; a lot of people are struggling financially, emotionally; the unrest and troubles in our nation

### SYMPATHY

To Carolyn Russell in the loss of her cousin, Donnie Peden of the Goodnight community. Funeral today at Hatcher & Saddler at 2:00.

### FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seaborn Eillzey; continued prayers for the family of Joey Wilson

### 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

### NEW STUDY - SUMMER QUARTER

our new study is underway for our Sunday morning bible study entitled "*Paul in Acts*" Today's lesson is #6 "*Other Events in Philippi*" Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAM

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: at 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com 8:30-8:45 a.m. - **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. - **Truth In Love** -Wayne Hatcher Also Gospel Broadcasting Network may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable.

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Marty Edwards had an excellent lesson last week on "God's Pattern Once and For All"

This Wed. evening July 15 will be the third lesson in our Summer Series. Our speaker is Edd Sterchi, minister with the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville. His topic is: "God's Pattern For His Plan of Salvation"

### THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Wayne will be preaching at the 11:00 worship hour. Topic - Thoughts About the Road Christians Travel

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

If you have not brought in your coin cans, please do so today. They will probably be here this week to pick them up. Thanks for participating!!



### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What kind of birds were being sold in the temple when Jesus drove out the money-changer?

The answer to our question last week:

Moses Exodus 6:20

## Solitude

by Michael Brooks

"The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him" (Mark 1:12-13 ESV).

When traveling to distant and sometimes unfamiliar places I miss home, with all of my family, friends, and normal routines. Though I am usually busy and in the presence of many people, I can still feel lonely and isolated because of who I am not with and what I am not doing. Loneliness is a condition most of us experience at times, and it is one that is not generally pleasant.

After Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John, he was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness where he fasted for 40 days. Though by all human standards he was by himself, Mark makes it plain that he was not actually as lonely as we might assume. In the short two-verse version of Jesus' temptation in the second Gospel account, we find four other presences accompanying him. These I call "four things we can never escape."

### First, Jesus was "driven by the Spirit"

I think Mark's choice of verbs is deliberate and significant. Our Lord was about 30 years old and had been anxious for his Father's business since at least the age of 12 (Luke 2:41-52). Surely he was anxious to begin his earthly ministry. I cannot imagine that he wanted to spend more than a month alone in the wilderness. Yet that was God's plan for this particular time. He would not, and could not, avoid God's spirit - that is, God's purpose and plans for him.

Neither can we. We can neglect the Spirit, disobey the Spirit, quench the Spirit, but we cannot escape God's purposes.

**Second, we cannot escape physical circumstances**

Jesus was God in the flesh, and as such he could feel heat, cold, rain, sun and all other conditions. He also was vulnerable to dangers, just as are all other humans. Mark says "he was with the wild animals."

The key to survival and happiness is acceptance and perseverance. As Paul said, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

Rather than complain about the cold or the heat, the rains or the drought, let us learn to appreciate this world which God has given us and be thankful for all of its conditions.

### Third, we cannot escape evil and temptation

Even alone in a harsh environment with little to apparently tempt him, Satan found him and he also found much with which to lure Jesus from his purpose on earth. We often blame our circumstances for our sins.

I once counseled a man who found it impossible to stay faithful to his wife (his words). It turned out that he would visit bars and pick up women there. I told him, "Stay out of bars." But I knew that if he could not practice self-control he would find temptation in other places just as easily.

Where we are is not the problem. Many parents send their children to private schools so they will not be confronted with all of the temptations found in some public schools.

It is true that in many private institutions children may not be confronted as openly or often with drugs, violence or other problems. But temptations will occur. There is no perfect place where sin is completely absent.

### Fourth, Jesus was ministered to by angels

We cannot escape God's grace. Wherever we go, no matter how sinful and separated by God we become, God's love can find us and his grace can cleanse us.

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