

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; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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that they would be sincere and without offense until Christ came (Philippians 1:10). That should be our goal. Spiritual men have eternal values. They follow a divine standard. They live a distinctive life.

Our search for spirituality will not be complete until we learn the will of God and make it our own. That is only possible when we become careful Bible students. The Bible, understood and applied, makes for spiritual men and women. Spirituality may be a difficult concept to define, but a spiritual person is easily recognizable.

Are you searching for greater spirituality?

Today

Each day of life that dawns for me
Is dearer than it used to be
And I am more content, each day,
To live each hour a better way;
I want for less - and ask for less -
Of all that life proclaims is best
And find my greatest need, each day,
Is just to worship God and pray.

I'm getting old and very tired
Of chasing dreams that youth inspired,
And tired of chasing after goals
That lack rewards for heart and soul;
Today - I only strive to find
A simple peace of heart and mind
And try to make each dawning day
A bond of love to Heaven's way.



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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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Solving All the World's Problems

by Edd Sterchi

Just take a look at the news headlines and you will see problem after problem that humanity has created: wars, violence, murders, theft, scandals, abuse of power, the misuse of resources, immorality - the list goes on and on. What a mess we have made of this world! And with all of these problems comes heartbreak, more troubling situations, and brokenness of homes and society.

Not to brag, but I believe that I have found the solution to all of the problems of the world. In John 16, Jesus had just informed the apostles of His upcoming crucifixion and what all would happen surrounding it. Then in v .33, He reminded them (and us): "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

The solution to every trouble of the world is Jesus Christ. He can and will overcome any and all problems we humans create. If everyone would just get and stay in a relationship with Jesus, then they would be connected to the One who can overcome any problem. If everyone would faithfully follow Christ and His teachings, then none of the problems of the world would persist. Knowing that, then why wouldn't we want to take the saving message of Christ to all the world (Mark 16:15)?

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margie Gentry is being cared for at her home; Becky Hatcher has been suffering with back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; the MRI Rex Wallace had in Louisville came back normal; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Mark Hatcher; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Laura Brooks; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann Schuler is at home under Hospice Care; Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) will be undergoing procedures to prepare for a future liver transplant; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's future treatments for cancer; Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law); Don Waddell; Becky Bush is still dealing with stones which they have not be able to remove from her liver; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Ronnie Smith (Robin Wallace's) brother; Dane Ann Stinson; Tanya prayers for our local schools, students & staff as a new school year has begun

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

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 3rd lesson in our Fall Quarter from Ephesians. Today's topic: "Paul's Prayer" Eph. 1:1-15-23 Darrell Wallace will be filling in for Wayne this morning.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching this

morning at 11 am and at 5 pm

Wayne is teaching bible class and preaching this morning at the South Warren Church of Christ in Bowling Green.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

we are in a new study in the book of *James*. Scott Huff will be teaching this Wed. night.

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 MEETINGS

Sept. 18-21 Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green with Robert Hatfield *Jesus is the Answer*

Oct. 16-19 here at Horse Cave with Tom Hall of Mt. Pleasant in Bowling Green. "Is Your Life Empty? Let the Lord Jesus Christ FILL THE VOID"

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What event caused Jesus to desire solitude in a boat/ship?

Answer to our question last week:

Two Matt. 6 & Luke 11

How Strong Is Your Faith? (Acts 7)

by Ron Thomas

Stephen was a great man of faith. Earlier the Lord had identified him as a man of conviction, reputation, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit. All these traits of character were going to be necessary for what he was about to face. (next pg)

It is easy to speak favorably of one's commitment to the Lord when resistance is minimal, but when the heat in the kitchen rises (so to speak), the qualities of character are put to a

test in a way that the temperature of the room is unable to accomplish. This was the experience of Stephen. He had been accused by the Jewish community of turning the world associated with the nation's Law of Moses and their peculiar customs, upside down (Acts 6:13-14). Stephen had to be a man steady on his feet to have any opportunity to speak clearly. Stressful situations can make the body and tongue quiver. The words of wisdom from Proverbs come to mind: If thou faint in the day of adversity, Thy strength is small (24:10, ASV).

As the so-called trial of Stephen got underway, Stephen recounts, briefly, Israel's history; this allowed for him to have an audience before he got to his main point. He gave attention to the call of Abraham, the family of Joseph in Egypt, the Law received by Moses, and how Moses wrote about a coming prophet unlike any prophet before or after him (7:37).

Stephen begins to zero in on his greater point, with a repetition of earlier prophetic tones, how the nation of Israel, as it currently was, was guilty of stubbornness, nationalism, and a refusal to consider the evidence God presented for His Son (7:51-53). This was more than those in the audience were willing to take. Stephen knew this would be their response, but he said what he did because it needed to be said on this day.

There are many who call themselves

Christians who would not do what Stephen did. It's easy to read and understand what we need to, but is there a heart for enduring something similar?

The Search For Spirituality

by Roger Rush

Spirituality is a highly sought after quality, and has been throughout the ages. In the ancient city of Ephesus, sacred prostitutes served daily in the temple of Diana because it was thought that sexual union brought closer union with the gods. Mothers have thrown their babies into the crocodile-infested Ganges River in the search for spirituality. In Jesus' own day Jews washed meticulously, dressed ridiculously and wouldn't even eat an egg laid on the Sabbath in their quest for greater spirituality.

What is spirituality? W. E. Vine writes regarding spirituality and the spiritual man: "Things that have their origin in God, and which, therefore, are in harmony with His character...the spiritual man walks by the Spirit...and manifests the fruits of the Spirit in his life." It is that quality of life that results from a right relationship with God. It is evidenced by such things as love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23).

The essence of spirituality is reflected in Paul's prayer for the church at Philippi. He prayed that they would approve the things that are excellent, and

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