

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

Bitterness: Put It Away

Do you know what you look like when you dress like the world? The world.

Do you know what you sound like when you speak like the world? The world.

Do you know what you "smell" like when you commune with the world? The world.

Do you know what you become like when you act like the world? The world.

Note the following combined verses from the Bible concerning the Christian's relationship to the world and worldly things, and consider the way you dress, speak, associate, and act:

"Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God...Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him...And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever...For whatever is born of God overcomes the world...But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world...Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this:...to keep oneself unspotted from the world...that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." (Verses in order of wording: Jas. 4:4; 1 John 2:15, 17; 1 John 5:4; Gal. 6:14; Jas. 1:27; Phil. 2:15)

Christians are to be separate from the world and her lost ways. *"Therefore 'Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.'" (1 Cor. 6:17).*

Yes, we are in the world, but we should never be of the world. - Edd Sterchi



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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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Only Pay For What You Need

I suppose you've seen those obnoxious insurance commercials insisting that you should switch to that company because you'll only pay for what you need. Unless your name is Rip Van Winkle, you know that all insurers let you select the coverage you want. If your vehicle has no loan against it, you aren't required to have full coverage. Not exactly news, right?

How does "only pay for what you need" apply to our relationship with God? Just how much religion do you need, and what will it cost you?

Some would say they don't need much at all. "I'm a good person. I don't drink or cuss or smoke or . . . (you extend the list as far as you like). So why would I need religion?" Let us be reminded: "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). I doubt that you're any better than Cornelius (Acts 10), who needed to hear "words by which you and all your household will be saved" (Acts 11:14). Cornelius needed full coverage; so do you!

As to what it will cost you, the premium is astronomical. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn't start to commence to begin to make a down-payment on the interest! Fortunately for us, Jesus paid the price for our redemption: His blood (1 Peter 1:19).

There is a sense, however in which it will cost you everything. Jesus said, "Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33). We're not talking dollars-and-cents here. We're talking about dedication and willing surrender to the will of Christ - not half-hearted lip service, but genuine commitment to the Lord.

Jesus paid for everything you need. Do you mean it when you sing, "I surrender all"?

- Joe Slater, Justin, TX

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The plan now for Sue Bunnell is to start IV chemo again on Thursday and then continue every other week as she is able; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Wanda Proffitt; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Becky Hatcher is slowing making progress while at the Medical Center at Caverna. She may get to come home this week; Mary Thompson, Parker Bybee; Jackie Coop is being referred to an eye specialist in Nashville; Dennis Hatcher is to have a cyst removed from his shoulder this week in Glasgow; Wayne Davis; Steve Higginbotham, gospel preacher at Karns in Knoxville has begun treatment for stage 4 cancer; Hal Garland is in SKY Rehab in BG; It was great seeing Jim & Fran Mears and Lori Brewer at worship last Sunday; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus; a lot of people are struggling financially, emotionally; the unrest, turmoil and troubles in our nation; friends in our community - Seaborn Elzey; Lawrence Johnson

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 102 JoAnn Wallace

MEDICAL CENTER AT CAVERNA

Becky Hatcher Rm. 106 (for rehab)

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our new Fall Quarter is underway – on the theme: “Genesis” Part 1 Our lesson this morning is: “Temptation Enters” Gen. 3:1-19

Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

You are encouraged to be here on Wed. at 6:00. Since our Summer Series has ended, Billy Bybee has been teaching in the book of Hebrews.

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 GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable 24/7

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. Hope you can be with us. Wayne

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Sept 20-23 Elizabethtown church of Christ with Jim Dearman (Host of Good News Today on GBN) Mon - Wed 7 pm (EST) Flyer is posted on the bulletin board.



TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which NT book concludes by stating that Jesus did so many things that if they should be written that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written?

The answer to our question last week:
Noah Gen 5:25-28

Good Advice

When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, pass it along (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10). If it's a negative word, keep it to yourself.

Ability Plus . . .

by Gerald Cowan

What is a talent? How many do you have? According to the dictionary, a talent is a special ability, and no doubt this is the way most people use the word today. Whenever they read or hear the word talent, they assume it means ability. That often leads them to make an improper application of “the parable of the talents” that Jesus told (Mt. 25:14-30).

The talents in that parable are not abilities but rather sums of money entrusted to servants whose abilities were known and appreciated by their master (just read verse 15 for the point about ability, and then read verse 27 to notice that the talent here was money). The talents in the parable amounted to opportunities to use one's abilities in the service of the master. The point for us: God knows our abilities and gives each of us opportunities to use them in His service. The money and other resources one has constitute only one of the opportunities God gives him for service in the kingdom of Christ. The principle “Ability Plus Opportunity Equals Responsibility” applies to service of any and every kind.

For the moment let us put aside the parable (do not forget the principle) and talk about talents as abilities, and ask the question again: How many do you have, and how are you using them? Ability alone does not make one acceptable in the Lord's service. Nor does opportunity alone mean one is approved by the Lord. Only when ability is applied to opportunity and results in service can one really expect approval from God. If you want to be sure you are using your talents properly, you will need to develop some other important characteristics. Here is a list of five abilities: the first four are optional or

elective. The last one is mandatory; it cannot be rejected or avoided. Do not jump down the page to number 5. Read and think about the others, in the order listed.

AVAILABILITY. It doesn't really matter how “talented” you are if you are not available. There are people who could do many things, but you can't get them to do much. So, are you available to do whatever you can, whenever you are called upon?

DEPENDABILITY. Some accept assignments but you never know if they will actually follow through and do what they agree to do. Are you reliable? Can you be depended upon to do what you say you will do?

DURABILITY. Someone has said that it isn't just how well you start but how long you last that really counts. How long will you last? How long can you be depended upon? Will you give up when the going gets tough, or will you see the job through to the end, as long as you are able?

EXCITABILITY. Enthusiasm! How enthusiastic are you? Is service a burden or a joy?

Be sure that you develop all these qualities, because – remember the principle – ability plus opportunity adds up to **ACCOUNTABILITY.** We are responsible, whether we accept it or not. When the Master returns, every one of us will have to give an account of our service, and the Master will respond appropriately to each one. And that is what the parable of the talents is all about.

Perhaps we should ask about one more. What is the **PROBABILITY** that you will apply this lesson to yourself and receive any personal benefit from it?