

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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loves. Its complexity proves the power and evil of sin. It also proves God's deep and perfect love for mankind. Nothing else would work. Even for God, salvation was difficult, but not impossible.

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The Seven Greatest Things on Earth

The Soul is the greatest thing in the world.

Man's immortal spirit is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Acts 17:28; Hebrews 12:9); it is eternal (Revelation 6:9; Matthew 10:28). What would you give for it? (Matthew 16:26). Christ died for it, showing it is worth more than all the world (James 1:21; 5:20).

Sin is the greatest evil in the world. All sin is evil and all evil is sin. It separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2; Genesis 3:1). It is the source of all suffering, misery, pain, and death. Be sure your sin will find you out (Numbers 32:23).

The Gospel is the greatest power in the world. It enlightens, civilizes, and saves the soul (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Hebrews 6:4-6).

Love is the greatest principle in the world. It has the greatest capacity to change the world for good (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 13:1; 1 John 4:8, 18; Colossians 3:14).

The Blood of Christ is the greatest remedy in the world. Nothing else can heal all our soul's diseases (1 John 1:7; Hebrews 9:12-14; Romans 5:8-9)

The Lord's Supper is the greatest monument in the world. It connects His first coming with His second as weekly links in a time chain (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:20-34; Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25).

Christ's Church is the greatest institution in the world. Don't miss it for the world! (Ephesians 5:23-27; Acts 20:28). - Wilkin Tom Oneal via HouseToHouse/HH Vol. 19 #4



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Christ Is Sufficient

Ephesus was a huge and diverse city. It was a coastal city in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), and a bustling area rich in trade. The Ephesian church was made up of Jews and Gentiles - radically different in almost every way, yet drawn together by a common faith.

Consider the issues with which these Ephesian Christians were struggling. Ethnic tension. Clashing cultures and backgrounds. Economic unrest. Riots. Differences of opinion. Division. Pride. Anger.

Human wisdom considers these issues insurmountable. Yet the Holy Spirit's answer was to inspire these words: "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love.

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." (Eph 4)

Christ is sufficient. He is sufficient to heal all hurts, to bridge all gaps, to cover any weakness. Christ is sufficient to overcome any differences, any anger, any tension. When I feel the flames of pride and selfishness stirring in my heart, may I keep my eyes on Jesus and choose the wisdom from above - pure, peace-loving, gentle, willing to yield to others. None of self, all of thee.

- Ally Nix via Broadway Bulletin Campbellsville, KY

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell has resumed IV chemo and will continue every other week as she is able.; Ken Russell continues to from his cochler implant to improve hearing; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Becky Hatcher is still dealing with pain and doing Outpatient rehab twice a week at Caverna Rehab; Mary Thompson, Parker Bybee; Jackie Coop; Bobby McGuire (son of our Geneane McGuire) recently had a heart transplant, and Geneane is taking care of him at her home; Wayne Davis undergoing treatments; Steve Higginbotham had his 2nd treatment in Houston last week for stage 4 cancer; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus; the unrest, turmoil and troubles in our nation; our upcoming election

Friends in our community - Seaborn Elzey; Lawrence Johnson; family of Charles Gerald (father of Clayton Gerald, former member here at HC); family of Wayne High

INJURY FROM A FALL

Our Lois Edwards fell outside at her home on Wednesday. She was taken to TJ in Glasgow and later taken to Skyline Hospital in Nashville. She sustained facial fractures, broken teeth and bruises. She undergoes surgery today to repair the bone that holds her upper teeth. Prayers for her extended recovery and for the Huff family.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

JoAnn Wallace

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 lesson 7: “God Remembers Noah” Gen. 8: 1-22 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

GUESTS THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

You are encouraged to be here this Wed. at 6:00. Mike and Brenda Brooks, our missionaries in Bangladesh and Nepal, will be here as Mike updates us on the work.

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 *(I was delighted to hear from a cousin of Dennis & myself who was in Panama City, FL last weekend, and she listened to my program over the internet.)*

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

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. Mike does a great job! We hope you can be with us.

PHONE CALL FROM INDIANAPOLIS

Jim Biggs called Sat. morning to check on us. Jim & Jane started visiting Horse Cave several years ago, and we have remained close friends. He and Jane are now grandparents of a beautiful girl, Hazel Faye Biggs



TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Place in order the following Israelite leaders as they served: Gideon, Moses, Joshua

The answer to our question last week: Moses' sister (Exod. 2:4)

Difficult But Not Impossible

“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” (1 Peter 4:18, ESV; compare Proverbs 11:31).

Traveling the mountain roads in Nepal has given me a new appreciation for the term “scraping by.” Frequently when two vehicles meet one must back up to a wider spot in order to allow the other to pass. Even in places where two can pass it is often by the narrowest of margins. I have frequently looked out my window and been unable to see any road beside our vehicle – and many times I found myself looking over a drop-off of hundreds or thousands of feet. Traffic can pass, but it is by no means easy.

Peter’s statement in the text quoted above is often misapplied. We read it and assume he is saying that the righteous are barely able to qualify for salvation; however much they do it is just barely enough. That interpretation legitimizes the concept of salvation by works or merit. The apostle Paul would be very unhappy with that reasoning (Ephesians 2:8-9).

How are the righteous saved? *“By grace through faith.”* God saves us. The difficulty of saving mankind is and was an obstacle to God’s love and mercy. God is love (1 John 4:8), but he is also justice and righteousness (Galatians 6:7; Romans 2:5-11). Man’s sinfulness presented him with a conflict between equal attributes of his own nature. Because of his holiness he cannot ignore sin. Because of his love for all humans he does not want to destroy them (2 Peter 3:9).

Perhaps you have heard, as have I, that “God could have saved man any way he wanted to; he just happened to choose the gospel of Jesus Christ.” This is a false and un-Biblical statement. The fact is that the only way both justice and love could have been satisfied is by the perfect sacrifice of God’s own son. To suggest otherwise diminishes and cheapens

the blood of Jesus. If God could have saved sinners in some other way he overpaid to redeem us.

Sin is so powerful and its hold on us is so strong that even God found it difficult to overcome. Only his infinite wisdom and power could have conceived of the plan which succeeded in providing salvation.

Paul stated:

“But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him’” (1 Corinthians 2:7-9).

Peter also said:

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty . . . And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed” (2 Peter 1:16, 19).

Only God could have devised and implemented the plan by which he saves sinners from their deserved fate – death and eternal destruction (Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10). No human or lesser spiritual being could think of it, much less bring it off. It was all that even God could do to save those who believed, were penitent, and were obedient to his will. That required his infinite wisdom, mercy and power. It is that which Peter is describing as “scarcely saving” the righteous.

It is no wonder that Paul could say, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). The Gospel is a marvelous mystery, a perfect plan, devised especially for those whom God created and whom he

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