

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

What Are You Chasing?

"See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all" (1 Thessalonians 5:15).

In the text above, Paul's word pursue is the same as "persecute" elsewhere in the New Testament. It means to chase. Saul persecuted Christians by chasing them down to harm them. After becoming a Christian, the same man urged the Thessalonians to chase what was good for themselves and everyone else.

By contrast, he urged them not to seek payback for ill treatment. Too many are bent on revenge! Jesus taught His disciples to "love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). Revenge appeals to the flesh, but God calls us to rise above it.

Paul exhorted Timothy to flee the love of money and all the pitfalls that go with it, and to "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:9-11). A few years later Paul urged him similarly: "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22).

Successfully chasing something takes energy; it takes time; it takes determination and perseverance. Is what you catch worth the effort? If you're chasing revenge, money, or fulfillment of the fleshly appetites, you might say "yes" at first, but in the long run you'll be disappointed. The pursuit of righteousness and good things, however, yields rich rewards both now and eternally.

- Joe Slater Justin, TX



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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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Is There A "New" Grace? by John Gipson

We are saved by grace. I've heard it all of my life, and I have preached it over and over. There's nothing man can do to earn his salvation. It comes as a gift from God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God." That's the gospel truth!

But much of what I am hearing today indicates that there is nothing for man to do, and nothing he can do, to affect his salvation. And my Bible doesn't teach that! Think about it. If that kind of grace saves, then God has the sole responsibility for man's salvation. I can blame God if I'm lost. Furthermore, if He saves you, and doesn't save me, then He has become a respecter of persons (Something which He is not) "And Peter opened his mouth and said: Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." [Acts 10:34-35].

The scriptures tell us that "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Through His grace God warned Noah about the flood which was to destroy the world, and told Noah to build an ark. Grace showed him a way of escape. Noah believed God and was obedient to God's instructions. "Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22). As a result of obedient faith, God's grace saved Noah. Thus grace provided the blessing; it was accepted by faith; and obtained by the obedience of faith. "By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which comes by faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

A wonderful example of God's grace is found when "Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ" (Acts 8:5). "But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12) Grace was extended through the gospel; faith accepted the message; and the people became obedient to the faith.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell has discontinued IV chemo; Ken Russell is beginning to hear sounds that he has not heard in years; Lois Edwards recovering at home from injuries sustained from a fall; Becky Hatcher is still dealing with intense back pain. Plans now are to have a second injection in her back; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Geneane McQuire is taking care of her son Bobby at her home after a heart transplant; Steve Higginbotham has had 3 treatments in Houston; Wayne Davis undergoing treatments; Nichole Thompson (Mike & Vickie's daughter-in-law) as she still deals with a foot not healing properly; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus which has moved us into the Red Zone here in Hart County; the unrest, turmoil and troubles in our nation; Friends in our community - Seaborn Elzey; Lawrence Johnson; Dorothy Woodson neighbor of Rex & Doris

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Is in our Fall Quarter— on the theme: "Genesis" Part 1 Our lesson this morning lesson 910 "Abram and Lot" Gen. 13:1-18 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: on 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

WEDDING SHOWER

If you had planned to participate in the shower for Will & Lauren Bybee, please give your money to one of our elders' wives today.

Will is the son of Ken & Monica Bybee and grandson of Bill and Janice Bybee.

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. *"Just How Amazing Is God's Grace?"* Again, you are invited to be with us.

Mike Thompson is preaching at the Becton Church of Christ this morning as he does each 2nd Sunday.

MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE

Don Smyth sent information on a new class beginning Tues. Nov 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. An Apologetic Study on The Sojourning of Israel, Their Slavery in Egypt, and Their Exodus Under Moses. Did these things really happen? Are these real stories based on actual history? Come to our study and see for yourself! We will be providing both archaeological and historical evidence to support the credibility of these Bible stories, STORIES THAT ARE NOT MYTHS! When you can show a Pattern of Evidence over a period of several hundred years that are tied closely together, all of a sudden YOU HAVE HISTORY, not a made up TRADITION! MSBI is located at 113 Samson St. Glasgow, KY

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

When Jacob had a dream of a ladder going up to heaven what did he see going up and down on it?

The answer to our question last week:

Luke in ch. 3

Opening Their Treasures

The story of Jesus' birth is a powerful and important story for all Christians. The birth of Jesus had such an impact on the entire world that, early in the fourth century (AD 336), the holiday we call Christmas was widely celebrated all over the East and West. The impact of the coming of the Christ was, as Paul said in Galatians 4:4, at just the right time. A time God had been promising to every generation of His people when the long-awaited Messiah would come and save us from ourselves. Starting with Genesis 3:15 all the way through to Malachi 4:2, God has promised that He is sending us a "Sun of Righteousness" who would come with healing in His wings. Make sure to take the time to read the story of Jesus, especially the story of His birth, this Christmas season.

One passage that has always stood out to me, as important and often overlooked in the Church of Christ, is Matthew 2:11. In this story, wise men from the east, arrive in Jerusalem seeking the newborn King of the Jews. After some direction from the chief priests and scribes, they make their way to Bethlehem. Miraculously, they saw a special star in the sky, followed it, and eventually arrived at the house where the child Jesus and His parents were staying. Going into the house and seeing the child, they fall down and worship Him. Then, in an act of great worship and devotion, they open up their treasures and give gifts to Jesus. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh were the most expensive gifts available at the time and they spared no expense for this new King.

Shouldn't we as believers and Christians follow their example and offer gifts to our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? There are five gifts that we should all consider giving to Jesus.

We should give Him our time by devoting time to serving Him, studying about Him, worshipping Him, and being His representatives in a world He died to save.

We should give Him our treasures by giving the first and best that we have. The treasures of our hearts, minds, lives, and money to Him every day we are blessed to have in this world.

We should give Him our talents by giving to Him those special passions, skills, and desires that are gifts from Him. Every person has special talents and skills that Jesus has blessed you with to use for the betterment of this world.

We should give Him our tongues by speaking about Him every day, praising Him in all that do and say, and assembling with His saints to worship and celebrate all the gifts He has given to us.

"Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11, ESV).

- Jeff Arnette Clyde, NC
via BulletinGold

We See Jesus

Hebrews 2:9

Mark Posey

We see His sacrifice: what He gave up (Philippians 2:8; cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9).

We see His suffering: what He went through (1 Peter 2:21-24; Romans 5:1).

We see His success: what He now enjoys (Hebrews 10:12-14; Philippians 2:9-11).

We see His salvation: what we may enjoy (Romans 6:1-4; cf. 2 Timothy 2:10).

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Heb. 12:1-2