

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

Are You Searching For the Truth?

Are you searching for truth? Some are not searching because they don't believe in absolute truth—everything to them is relative. Others are not searching because their church tells them what the truth is. These feel they already have the fullness of truth. All should heed Paul's warning: "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things" (Acts 20:30). Others seek the truth in their own hearts, though the Bible warns, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). The importance of seeking truth is emphasized in Scripture. The wise man Solomon advised, "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). In the marketplace of ideas one must be careful to distinguish the true from the counterfeit. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32).

How will we know the truth when we see it? Ultimate truth is found in Jesus, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Truth is found in His word, the Scriptures, of which Paul wrote, "All scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Where are you searching for truth?

by Ron Bartanen

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32



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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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Be Careful Who You Follow

by David Bragg

Her voice is pleasant, but authoritative, as she leads countless people every day to their destinations. "Bear right." "Turn left." "Stay in the left lane." "Make a u-turn." Even when it goes against our better judgment, the temptation is always present to blindly follow her.

Perhaps that is precisely what an Illinois man was thinking in 2015 as he and his wife were traveling through Indiana. Authorities admitted that the driver was so focused on his GPS device that he ignored barricades, orange barrels, cones, and large signs declaring that not only was the road closed but the bridge no longer existed (it was demolished in 2009). Still the 64-year-old driver took the ramp up and off what formerly was the Cline Bridge (cnet.com). While he survived the 37 foot plunge, his wife was not so fortunate.

As we navigate life it is crucial for us to know who it is that we are following. In every generation much heartache and loss could have been avoided if only people had not blindly followed the crowd. Yet, people still suffer for the "everyone is doing it" mentality.

The danger is prevalent even today. We are encouraged by the crowds to ignore the old-fashioned commands to high moral standards of Christianity. Yet the Bible admonishes us to stop and consider who it is that we are following and just where are we being led (1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 5:1-2; 1 Peter 2:21). God has warned us through the inspired writers of the New Testament that, when it comes to our spiritual journey, be careful who you follow.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell has discontinued the IV chemo; 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 an injection in her back on Wed.; 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. They are trying to get them transferred to Knoxville; Wayne Davis undergoing treatments; Nichole Thompson (Mike & Vickie's daughter -in-law) as she still deals with a foot not healing properly; Frances Davidson tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, she is now home; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus which has moved Hart County into the Red Zone; our nation and leaders

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

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

OUR SYMPATHY

We were very saddened in the passing of our dear friend **Robert "Bob" Toohey**. Bob has been a faithful and loyal member of the Shady Grove Church of Christ for many years where he also lead singing. We take consolation that he is at rest with his Lord. Prayers for his wife Annetta and to our Genie & Marilyn Hogan, his brother & sister-in-law.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Fall Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 1 Our lesson this morning lesson 11 "Hagar and Ishmael" Gen. 16:1-16 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

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. Again, you are invited to be with us.

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

After whose birth does the Bible say *"then began men to call upon the name of the Lord"*?

The answer to our question last week: angels Gen. 28:10-12

Pray For Salvation?

by Bob Prichard

Preachers sometimes invite listeners to pray something such as, "God, I am sorry I have sinned. Please forgive me and let Jesus come into my heart. Thank you for forgiving me and giving me eternal life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen." The preacher then says, "Since you have asked Christ into your life, you are now His child, and your sins are forgiven." The problem, however, is that the promise of forgiveness is from a man, not God. God has never promised to respond to the sinner's prayer.

Prayer is a privilege for God's people. James said, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). Peter quoted Psalm 34:15-16, saying, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:12). Solomon warned, "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination" (Proverbs 28:9). The psalmist spoke of the dilemma of the sinner: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear" (Psalm 66:18).

But what about the prayers of the publican and the Pharisee? While the Pharisee prayed "with himself," the publican, "standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'"

Jesus concluded, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 18: 11, 13-14).

This does not set the pattern for sinners coming to Christ, however, because both the Pharisee and the publican were already in a

covenant relationship with God as part of His chosen people, the Jews. Both, despite their sins, had the right to pray to God.

What about Joel's prophecy? He said, "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls" (Joel 2:32).

To "call on the name of the Lord" means to make an appeal through obedience. Saul of Tarsus spent three days in prayer and fasting, but he did not receive salvation from the Lord until he called on the Lord through obedience.

Ananias told him, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). In his baptism, he called on the name of the Lord, and his sins were washed away. He would not have been saved if he had merely prayed the sinner's prayer and had refused to obey the Lord's command.

Jesus said, "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:14). This is not a blanket promise to any person, but to those who follow Him and have the right to ask things in His name, by His authority. This promise is to the children of God. In the very next verse, He puts it simply: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

The multitudes cried out at Pentecost, "What shall we do?" Peter did not respond, "Pray the sinner's prayer," but "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:37-38). We will be saved if we do what the believers of Pentecost did.

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