

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

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:
 Faith - 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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Dec. 20
READ SCRIPTURE
 Theron Schultz
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Sydney Bunnell
OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
 Willie Cyphers
SERVE COMMUNION
 Theron Schultz Phillip Perkins
 Malon Schuler
PREACHING
 11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
 5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher
LEAD SINGING
 Scott Huff

...Religious Holidays... *con't from page 3*

Point out the New Testament verses which set forth such occasions' specific names, purpose.

Friend, you will not find them in the Bible. In the Bible, there is no mention of a late December or March-April religious holiday(s) for Christians to keep. I know that many religious people participate in such celebrations enthusiastically. The bottom line, though, is that we are obligated to be guided by the Lord's commands (Matt. 28:18-20), not the traditions of men. We want to follow and do that which comes from heaven, not from men, right? (Matt. 21:25). Why would we be devoted to or support something that is not even in the Bible?

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 Worship 11 AM & 5 PM **Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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Preaching Christ to the World - Focused on Christ - Glorifying the Lord - Thankful for our Salvation - Serving through Love

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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A Blind Leap of Faith?

Some non-believers speak of a Christian's faith as a blind leap of faith. Not So! Faith in God and His Son gives one the ability to see the unseen. *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) This is not a definition of faith; rather, it is a description of faith. Faith provides a foundation for hope and gives substance to things unseen, treating them as if they were already objects of sight.

It is said of Moses that he went about *"as seeing Him who is unseen."* Hebrews 11:27 Paul wrote, *"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."* 2 Corinthians 4:18

HOPE AND TRUST There is nothing mysterious about treating something unseen as if it were something already in sight. When one boards an airplane to travel to a small island in the vast Pacific Ocean for the first time, he does so "by faith." He has put his trust (faith) in the information and evidence provided that there is such a place. He trusts that the pilot knows how to fly the airplane to the island. He trusts the plane is capable of making the journey. And he hopes to arrive safely.

Those who go about blindly are not Christians. Christians walk in the light. The ones who walk in darkness are those who are going about blindly. *"... the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* 2 Corinthians 4:4

- - Ron Adams

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Leon Seaton; Renee` Perkins; Martha Russell; Dennis Hatcher (ongoing back pain); James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Christian Shadburne; Wrendle Jones (Becky Hatcher's dad) confined to his bed at home; Geraldine Glass; Connie Campbell recuperating from a broken bone in her ankle. It was good seeing her at worship last Sunday; Billy Bybee is recovering from out-patient surgery recently; little Alexis Newman was admitted to T. J. Samson Hosp. on Thurs. for strept and for pneumonia in both lungs; also little Grayson Rosser has been having some health issues lately.

FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Randy Scott; Ruby Whitlow; Stella Downs (teacher at Park City Elem.); Sherian Gray (member at S. Green St.)

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford 180 Scottie Drive Glasgow

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Mildred Briggs (member at Cave City)

GLASGOW HEALTH CARE

Elizabeth Alexander (Dennis Hatcher's mother-in-law)

HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner 201 Trista Lane Glasgow, KY

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS

We have received cards from Jonathan, Karrie, Zachary, Luke, Hannah & Joshua Thompson from the Futrells, Mel, Shayna, McKenna, Conner & Cody and Halle Poe

from Lucille Stone (neighbor across the street). See the bulletin board.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

will meet tomorrow evening Dec. 21 at 6:00 in the annex. We are now meeting on the third Monday of each month. Any men of the congregation are invited to attend.

VACATION TIME

Wayne has only used a couple of days of his vacation time for 2015 including one Sunday. Wayne, Becky & Becca will not be here this Wed. evening and next Sunday. Mike Thompson will be preaching at both services.

END OF YEAR JOINT-WORSHIP

Please note that we will not meet at our building on Wed. Dec. 30. We will be with the Cave City congregation at 6:00. After our worship, you are encouraged to stay and visit as they will be serving soup, sandwiches and desserts. Dec. 30 will be the last service of 2015 that the Lord's church will be meeting. Why not make plans to be there?

THANK YOU NOTE

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Just wanted to say thank you so much for your love and thoughtfulness.

Truly Grateful,
The Brooks Family

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Why did Jesus say men love darkness better than light?

The answer to last week's bible question: Herod & Pilate Luke 23:12

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

The Most Important Religious Holidays in the New Testament

What if someone were to ask you to name all of the religious feasts/holidays that the Christ instructs His disciples to keep? Which ones could you name? Jesus Himself lived under the law of Moses, meaning that during His earthly life, He kept the instructions of that law. That included keeping its religious feasts; and, there were several of them.

In the message of the Old Law, God gave Israel instructions about specific feasts, and He gave them specific names. You and I can read about them in the Bible in Exodus 23, Leviticus 23, and Deuteronomy 16. The message of Leviticus 23 is prefaced with this statement from Jehovah: "The feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim [to be] holy convocations, [even] these [are] my feasts" (Lev. 23:2). What special religious occasions were listed in that context? The Sabbath (23:3), Passover (23:5), Unleavened Bread (23:6-8), Feast of Weeks/Pentecost (23:9-22), Trumpets (23:24-25), Day of Atonement (23:26-32), and Feast of Tabernacles (23:33-43). So, for the feasts that God wanted Israel to observe, He gave those feasts specific designations. He called them "holy" occasions and said they are "My" feasts (23:2). There is no mistaking the origin of those old covenant religious celebrations. They came from the Lord God Himself.

What else? For those Old Covenant religious feasts, the Lord also specified the time when they were to be observed. For instance, the Sabbath was a weekly observance on the seventh day of the week (Lev. 23:3). The Passover was on the fourteenth day of the first month (Lev. 23:5). The Feast of Tabernacles began on month seven, day fifteen (Lev.

23:34). Again, who was it that established those times? God did.

For the feasts observed by the Israelites, God also instructed them to take specific actions in connection with them. For the Passover, a specific type of lamb was to be selected on the tenth day, then killed and eaten four days later (Exodus 12:3,5,6). On the Day of Atonement, only the high priest was allowed to enter the most holy place of the tabernacle or temple (Lev. 16).

Furthermore, in the case of some of those feasts, God gave Israel a message about the specific purpose of the feast. The Passover was more than a time for family members to come together and share a meal. It was supposed to be a memorial of God's sparing Israel's firstborn in Egypt (Exodus 12:14, 25-27). The Tabernacles Feast was kept as a memorial of the Israelites living in tents during their time in the wilderness (Lev. 23:34, 41-43).

In summary, for the religious feasts that God made a part of the Old Covenant, there were specific names, specific times, specific actions, and specific purposes. Why did the Jews observe such religious occasions? Because God instructed them to do so. Those feasts came from God's mind, not man's.

Now, back to our inquiry about special religious feasts/days/holidays under the New Covenant. Other than the observance of the communion on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 11:23-26; Acts 20:7), in the Scriptures there is no other "special religious day" designated for Christians. Maybe you disagree with that conclusion. If so, why not do what we did (earlier in this article) with the Old Covenant feasts observed by Israel? Name those religious days/feasts that God tells Christians to observe. *concluded on back page*