

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; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light –
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

Coping in 2023

by Ronald Bartanen

What will we be facing in this new year? Will it be a year of good health, or of illness? Will there be a stabilizing economy or a stock-market crash? Will there be an increase of unity as a nation or an increase of chaos, looting, burning and physical violence? As individuals, will we learn to cope with life's illnesses and failures or will we collapse under the stresses of life? We don't know all the answers to the situations we must face. As our fears mount up, it becomes more and more difficult to cope.

Even those who are people of faith find it difficult to face personal, national and global problems confidently. We need daily to be reminded of the words of Jesus: "In this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Our ability to cope begins with faith in Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). Is your trust in Him who died for you, and was raised again? Have you, in faith, repented of sins, confessed faith in Christ, and been baptized? (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Are you faithfully following Him? (Revelation 2:10) When united to Him who died for us, we are encouraged and strengthened by His Spirit to cope with the problems of life, and to rejoice in the new life He has promised those who follow Him.

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Broken Promises

by David Bragg

Various studies support the following statistics. Twenty-five percent of New Year's resolutions are broken during the first week of January. Nearly seventy percent are cast aside before February comes. Only a precious few (8%) survive to the end of December. And the saddest part is that no one will likely notice that a resolution has been broken. The exception is keeping your New Year's promise. Resolutions may be frivolously made and just as easily broken. Failure is not taken as that serious.

This is a sure sign that the resolution was too vague. A resolution that can be broken without concern or consequence is meaningless. Perhaps that's why the Bible talks about commitment rather than resolutions. A commitment counts. When you fail to keep a commitment it is a real failure.

We should have clear goals set before us as we begin this New Year. Those goals will help us keep focused each day. They will help us to maintain our commitment to God, made not on January 1st but at the waters of baptism. That, in the big scheme of things, is a promise that matters.

Happy New Year!

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher has not been well lately. Spent Christmas Day in the ER. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Carolyn Russell has to have a 3rd surgery on her shoulder and arm in BG Jan. 5th; continue to remember Sue Bunnell; Mike Thompson; Genie & Marilyn Hogan; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jackie Coop; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush will have an MRI in Louisville Jan. 5th; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; continue to pray for Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) as she awaits for a liver transplant; Don Waddell is doing better; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's undergoing treatments; John Carter is home; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; Rhealyn Denison recovering from surgery on her legs; our local schools, students & staff, first responders; family of Jack Bunnell member at Fairview, relative to our Sydney.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

HIGHLAND RIDGE Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SHANTI NIKETAN HOSPICE HOME Glasgow

Ann Schuler

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our new quarter on the theme "One-Book Chapters" Lesson 5 is "Pleading for Onesimus" Philemon 8-16 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 am "Priorities For the New Year" and 5 pm "Blessed Is the Man" Psalm 1

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

We are continuing our study of the book of James We are in chapter 3. Wayne will serve as the teacher this week.

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Meets tomorrow at 5:30 in the Annex.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring "In Search of the Lord's Way" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Prayers for this work in sowing the seed of the gospel

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"Light of the World" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

POTTER CHILDREN'S COMMODITIES

Another area of service is helping with the ministry at Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries. We have been asked to donate any of these pantry items:

**augraten potato mix ketchup olive oil
frosted flakes cereal ritz crackers**

If you had rather donate by check or cash, that is also an option.

Note: they plan to be here the week of January 8, 2023 to pick up our donations

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which book in the bible says that no prophecy is of any private interpretation?

Answer to our last question:
Moses and Aaron Exod. 6:20

God At Work

by Joe Slater

Road signs used to urge is to reduce our speed in construction zones: "Slow! Men At Work!" Political correctness forbids such gender-specific signs nowadays, but using "slow" to describe the men instead of our driving (several men leaning on their shovels while one actually works) still brings a smile to our face.

Usually, we can perceive when men are working. But what about God? Yes, God works! He worked in the six creation days, though no human was there to observe it (Genesis 1). He works in sustaining His creation (Hebrews 1:3). Our five senses don't perceive that either.

God works when a sinner obeys the gospel, being "buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God who raised Him from the dead" (Colossians 2:13). That's a spiritual operation not seen by eyes of flesh.

Does God continue to work in lives after we become Christians? "It is God who works in you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). Once again, His working may not be outwardly obvious.

Sometimes we might think God is slow in His work. Job suffered at great length before God delivered him. Joseph spent many years as a slave and a prisoner before God exalted him as governor of Egypt. But be assured, God knows exactly what He is doing, and His timing is always impeccable. He always

acts in our best interest! "The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

Be Still and Know!

by Ben Thompson

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

In our world of secular craziness, we need to read these words and ponder them very carefully.

When the world just doesn't seem to make any sense, be still and know that Jesus is the truth and He will bring sanity to a sometimes insane existence (John 1:14).

When it seems that everyone has turned against us, be still and know that the Lord promised to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6).

When the storms of life (both physical and emotional) are raging about us, be still and know that God will be our shelter in any storm that the devil can throw at us (Romans 8:35-39).

When the future looks dark and dim, be still and know that God is already there, and there is nothing that He doesn't know or can't handle (Psalm 139).

What a wonderful God we serve. Brethren, let us try to remember these things when life gets dark and dreary; when the days seem empty and long, when all seems to fail about us: Be still and know!