

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the gospel – Acts 15:7; 10:33
Believe the gospel – Mark 16:15-16
Repent of my sins – Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
Confess my faith in Christ – Rom. 10:9ff;
Acts 8:37
Be baptized for remission of sins – Acts
2:38; Acts 22:16; Eph. 1:7
Walk in the light & live faithful unto death -
I John 1:7ff; Rev. 2:10

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LORD'S DAY APPOINTMENTS

Scheduled for today - Jan. 13

READ SCRIPTURE:

Wayne Hatcher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ken Russell

OFFICIATE:

Bill Brooks

SERVE COMMUNION:

Phillip Carter John Eastridge
Donnie Edwards Chris Burchett

LEAD SINGING:

am BA Fudge pm Scott Huff

COMMODITIES OUTREACH FOR POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME:

Potter's van will be here this week to pick up the commodities you have collected:
white cake mix, ketchup, rice, lemonade mix, cinnamon toast crunch and cereal

Please bring all your items to the building by tonight. If you have a "Silver Can", you may also bring those in for the same pickup.

STUDY OF REVELATION:

We are having great interest in our study of the book of *Revelation* on Wed. nights! It's not too late to join in. We will study Lesson 5 this week.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A lot of trouble arises from workers who don't think, and from thinkers who don't work.

It's a lot easier to form an opinion when you have only a few of the facts.

Faith, hope, and love—if we had more of the first two we'd need less of the last.

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TIME OF SERVICES: **Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM;
Worship 11 AM & 6 PM **Wednesday:** Bible Study 7 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

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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Christ Makes Living Worthwhile

Look carefully at the words in Philippians 1:21; "*For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*" Many people ask the question, **Is life worth living?** They will receive different answers to this very serious question. However, the truth lies in the fact that Christ makes life worth living, and without Christ, life is vain. The man who obeys Christ knows that life is worthwhile by the following:

A conscience you can live with. The apostle Peter said that in obeying the command of the Lord, and has a clean conscience (1 Peter 3:21). After becoming a child of God, one continues to live for the Lord, and thus be able to live with himself. His conscience is clean!

A cause you can live for. The man of God has a great cause to live for; he lives for the cause of Christ. In his everyday life he strives to bring others to the Lamb of God. He takes advantage of every opportunity to build up the faith of others. He has a cause to live for!

A company you can live with. When one lives with the Lord, he lives with the best people on earth. He assembles with others of like precious faith to worship God. He works with others for the same cause. He is able to enjoy their fellowship on earth. When you associate with the people of God, you know that life is worthwhile!

A goal at the end of life. The man in Christ has a goal when this life is over, the crown of life that Paul speaks of in 2 Timothy 4:6-8. We know that we will die, yet we know that we can live with the Lord when this life is over! ***Life with Christ is worthwhile.***

- Robert Jackson

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

NEWS ABOUT THE SICK:

(We need to especially remember the following people in our prayers and render what service we can to them in their time of need).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Blake Morris; Phillip Carter; Lucy Byrd Every; Terry Matthews; Angie Eastridge; Claudia Isenberg; Wayne Jackson (preacher in CA); Katherine Wright; Rebecca Napper's mom; Rose Compton (Rex Wallace's sister) had surgery last week in Louisville; Gerald Watt (former preacher at Cave City) will undergo surgery Jan. 14 at St. Thomas in Nashville; we have had several members too many to mention by name suffering with respiratory problems; Russell Hogan (member at Shady Grove) is to have surgery this week; we have several traveling this weekend

HOSPITAL: Noah Isenberg spent a few days in Caverna Mem. Hospital last week

Mary Peden (Carolyn Russell's mom) is in T. J. Samson Hospital, Rm. 356

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

J. C. Groce; Joyce Robinson; Richard Brown; Sarah Lou Wilson; Lou Goldsmith; George Corrie; Dana Branstetter

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Luna Lowe Sally Marshall Alma Reynolds Johnalene Lancaster

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Noah Isenberg 101; Marjorie Isenberg 305; Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 411; Doris Walton 503; Helen Stanley 707

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING:

Ford Smith 164 Lucy Byrd Every 106
Golda Livesay 121 (Rex' Wallace's sister)

NHC HEALTHCARE in Glasgow:
Robert Allen Edwards

MISSION WORK SUPPORTED:

Al Horne in South Africa
Mike Brooks in Bangladesh/Nepal
Patinya Thitathan in Thailand
Sammy Flanary – work in Europe
Danny McCain - Green Co. KY
Doka Obadiah in Nigeria, Africa
HTH/HTH ministry here in Horse Cave
Mid-South Bible Institute in Glasgow, KY
Jerry Carmichael — Grant Co. KY
Dhan Ramkelawan – E. TN School of Preaching
International Gospel Hour – Fayetteville, TN
Gospel Broadcasting Network – Dalton, GA
Local Radio programs over WLOC-1150 AM

MEN'S LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING CLASS STARTS SOON:

It was decided at the last elders and deacons meeting that this class would start Sunday, **January 27**. Classes will be for ALL age males, and you are asked to commit to these four hours of training and discussion. They will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 and will go for a period of 4 weeks perhaps more if desired.

REPORTS:

We recently have received reports and thank you letters from several of our mission works: Jerry Carmichael (Grant Co. Ky); Dhan Ramkelawan (E. TN School of Preaching); Don Smyth (Mid-South Bible Institute) in Glasgow; GBN; David Sain (Int. Gospel Hour Radio); Doka Obadiah (Nigeria) and Potter. We are blessed to receive good reports from all our missionaries whom we support.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

To what church did Jesus say, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock"?

The answer to our last question was: Amos, Amos 7:14

Ephesianitis by Steve Hale

The jewel of all of Asia, once proud Ephesus was dying. Her harbor was silting over, and soon, Smyrna would replace her as the chief city of the region. In fact, over 20 miles of reedy marshland separate the old harbor of Ephesus from the sea. Even in Paul's day, he called for the Ephesian elders to meet him in the port town of Miletus (Acts 20). Though still a great and wealthy city, it was waning.

The church at Ephesus had a lot of positives! She was loyal in practice: "...I know your works, your labor, your patience..." (Ephesians 2:2). This was an active church. Her "works" indicated actual service rendered, while her "labor" indicated something deeper. "Labor" means effort that produces work at the cost of pain. These brethren were working under circumstances of great difficulty.

"Patience" is that attitude of persistence in that "labor" that produces "work." As used here, "patience" means "to remain under." They were staying with the task even when the burden was heavy.

The Ephesian church was also loyal in doctrine: "...you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those that say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars" (Revelation 2:2). Those gnostic teachers that denied Jesus came in the flesh did not get very far at Ephesus (I John 4:3; II John 7). They were tested (I John 4:1), found to be false, and rejected! "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4, NKJV. "...you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans which I also hate" (Revelation 2:6). The "deeds" indicated disregard for the gov-

ernance of the Bible, probably under the doctrine of dualism. This meant they claimed exemption from responsibility of their personal conduct due to the philosophy that their body was not responsible for the spirit, nor the spirit the body. No wonder John strongly warned them to know the true disciples by their obedience (I John 2:3, 4).

No wonder the Ephesian church was so strong doctrinally! Think of the people who had taught there: Paul, Apollos, Aquila and Priscilla, Timothy, and John! While this all sounds so great, the Lord warned: "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place unless you repent" (Revelation 2:4-5).

Repent ... of what? This church was so strong doctrinally and in practice! But, their love for Christ had waned. Without love, service and even doctrine mean little (1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Mark 7:7) "Ephesianitis" is when the church departs from that fervor and love which first characterized her (Colossians 2:8-9). Do we have "Ephesianitis?" Try this checklist:

1. Is worshipping the Lord a strong priority and passion, or merely a ritual and insurance policy?
2. Do we complain about five more minutes in worship, and yet think nothing of long parties or football games on Fridays and Saturdays?
3. Do we view worship more as a duty rather than a privilege? Do you have "Ephesianitis?" Read Mark 12:29-31.

[This is a good follow-up from our study on Wed. night in Revelation. WH]