

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

HORSE CAVE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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LORD’S DAY APPOINTMENTS

Scheduled for Today - Feb. 11

READ SCRIPTURE:

Wayne Hatcher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bryan Denison

OFFICIATE:

Ken Russell

SERVE COMMUNION:

Chris Burchett Donnie Edwards
Bobby Bybee Mark Hatcher

LEAD SINGING:

am – Ken Scott pm - Scott Huff

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So is it impossible to understand a sign that simply says “20 items or less”?? I don’t think so, unless people figure it doesn’t apply to them. Maybe they think they are exempt from following the directions. Perhaps some do not care how others feel and are only interested in themselves. Only God knows.

It’s no wonder folks are having a hard time understanding the Bible if they cannot understand a simple sign that says: “20 items or less”. I don’t think it’s a matter of cannot but more accurately, they will not. On the day of judgment, I anticipate there will be a lot of people who will try to convince God that His word somehow just did not apply to them nor meant what it said. It will be a futile argument. Compare Matthew 7:21-23, 24-27.

CONGRATULATIONS:

to Jenny Thompson on another great-grandson, **Seth Addison** born Wed. to Zach & Mandy Evans. He weighed 7 lb 10 oz Gary & Gayla Jenson are the grandparents.



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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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“20 Items or Less” *Wayne Hatcher*

My wife and I stopped by the local Wal-Mart on Friday night after enjoying dinner together. We picked up a few things that we needed and went to the express lane to check out. Becky then realized that she had forgotten to pick up a gift for a baby shower. So I told her I would do the check out if she would go back and select a gift. I figured I could do that better than picking out a baby shower gift. After about 20 minutes Becky returned to pick up her purse and checkbook that she had left with me. She then returned to the same express line to pay for her three items thinking it would not take long. WRONG. Remember now the express lane has a sign that clearly displays these simple words: “20 items or less”. Unfortunately, she observed there was a couple in front of her who had also chosen the express lane. They had either totally ignored the sign, did not care or somehow did not see it. What’s wrong you ask. They had a shopping cart full of items, probably as many as 75 or 80 items. Becky said their total purchase was nearly \$200, and that was after the clerk had to scan all of their many, many coupons.

What this couple and the clerk did not realize was the inconvenience this caused the other folks who were standing there having to wait so long. Becky is diabetic and suffers from severe leg pains if she has to stand for very long. People may be limited on time to pick up a few items. My point is why do they have an express lane if people ignore it and if the clerks do not at least say to the customer, “I’m sorry this is an express lane of 20 items or less.”

Here’s another thought which occurred to me. I wonder what the clerk would say if the customer used the same reasoning that some use in religion. I can hear someone say, “Well, it didn’t say I couldn’t if I had 80.” We hear that often when it comes to the “change agents” who desire to introduce innovations to God’s simple plan for worship or the plan of salvation.

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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; Parker Bybee; Cindy Clark; Dorothy Forbis (member at Cave City); **Diane Hall; Dixie Strode; Teresa Ayers; Art Lattanzi; Will Quenzer** (Robert & Laura's grandson) is to have surgery this week.

Temisha Denison had elbow surgery at the Medical Center this week; she is now home recuperating; **R. T. Turner, Hilda Russell, Betty Brunt, Kathy Burchett** have been sick; there has been so much sickness that Caverna Schools were closed Wed.—Fri.

IN THE HOSPITAL:

BA Fudge has been in T. J. Samson all this week undergoing tests and treatment. He is now home and slowly improving.

Ken Burchett (Chris' dad) had heart surgery in Louisville this week.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Marge Handy; Francis Moss; Krista (Button) Harris, Jerri Borden, Mary Lou Myers, Pat Spencer, Kenneth Shaw, Debbie Mouser

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Luna Lowe
Sally Marshall Johnalene Lancaster
Marjorie Aldridge

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Noah Isenberg 101; Marjorie Isenberg 305; Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 405; Doris Walton 405; 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

OUR REGULAR MISSION EFFORTS:

Al Horne in South Africa
Mike Brooks in Bangladesh/Nepal
Patinya Thitathan in Thailand
Sammy Flanary – work in Europe
Danny McCain - Green Co. KY
Marty Edwards – Munfordville, 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
International Gospel Hour – Fayetteville, TN
Local Radio programs over WLOC-1150

FREED-HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP:

I enjoyed attending this year's Lectureship. As always, it was uplifting and was good to renew old friendships. Steve Higginbotham and I left early Monday and returned late Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to Billy Bybee for teaching my class on Wed. night. It was also good to see our Tom Evans. He took his camper and stayed for the week.

NURSING HOME PROJECT:

You are invited to be at the Hart County Health Care this afternoon at 2:00 to help distribute the new lap blankets. We will give one to every patient there (110+). It's been a year since we previously did this good work!

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

To whom did God speak and tell that "the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."?

The answer to last week's question was: their citizenship (Philippians 3:20)

VISITORS WELCOME:

If you are visiting with us, you are our honored guests. We appreciate your presence.

TOLERANCE Cecil May, Jr.

The old-fashioned virtue called tolerance has almost disappeared. The Biblical words for this virtue were forbearance and longsuffering. It cannot be exercised except in reaction to something that is wrong, or at least irritating, and that point matters.

What is demanded by modern culture and called tolerance is a morally apathetic state in which nothing is wrong, nothing matters.

Jesus was tolerant, in the Biblical sense, of the woman exposed in the act of adultery, but not because adultery did not matter. Jesus called it sin, which today would be thought the epitome of intolerance. He was tolerant of the poor woman who was being unwittingly and unwillingly used as a pawn by hypocritical religious leaders to get something with which to accuse Jesus. *"Neither do I condemn you,"* He said. He was not tolerant at all of adultery. *"Go and sin no more,"* He told her (John 8:11).

Homosexual activists accuse Christians of intolerance precisely because we label homosexual acts as sin. They do not seek tolerance; they seek approval. Tolerance is not required in our attitudes toward those who are practicing approved conduct.

We ought to exercise tolerance toward homosexuals. We should not taunt them, mistreat them, harbor hatred toward them, or call them ugly names. It would be nice if they would return the favor, but even when they do not, when we are reviled, we are not to revile in turn.

The practice of homosexuality, how-

ever, is sin. The Bible calls it *porneia*, "fornication", "sexual immorality" (Jude 7). The same word is applied to sex between unmarried heterosexuals, adulterous affairs, and divorce for any cause. Those who believe in Christ, and who therefore accept the life-style and conduct to which He calls us, cannot pronounce evil to be good. We have no right to declare as righteous conduct what God has decreed to be lawless.

Tolerance recognizes that behavior may be wrong without being criminal. We do not have the right, personally, to use force against those who engage in legal, but immoral conduct. Even if the conduct is illegal, the prerogative of enforcement is not ours but the government's. We tolerate religious error because we recognize that imprisoning people, putting them on the rack, or burning them at the stake are not the ways to persuade them to change their minds.

Tolerance is also exercised when love is shown to the sinner, as Christ loved us and died for us while we were sinners. When truth is lovingly taught to a sinner to rescue him or her from sin; when confidence is shown toward those involved in sinful conduct, that they will turn from it; and especially when contriteness and sorrow for our own sins is demonstrated even as we seek to restore others, the Biblical virtue of tolerance is exercised.

Christians are to be **tolerant** toward sinners. Christians are not to **give approval** to sin. There is a great difference.

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