# **GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US**

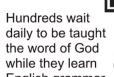
God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8 God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4 Christ's Blood Shed – Romans 5:9-11 The Gospel – Romans 1:16

## 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

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bring in the new unless you get rid of some old! Likewise, in order to remodel our spiritual houses, we have to lay aside "filthiness and overflow of wickedness" (James 1:21). That means we have to throw away the sin that is in our lives and put on the "new man" (Col. 3:1-10). Sin is heavy (Heb. 12:1) and it clutters our environment. Get rid of it!

RECEIVE the Word! The next thing to do is bring in the new, useful material. For our spiritual houses, that useful material is the word of God. James says to receive it with "meekness" (James 1:21). We should have the same mind as David in Psalm 119:11 and the Christians in 1 Thess. 2:13. God's word must be "implanted" or "engrafted" into our hearts, which is God's plan (Heb. 8:6-13).

DO the Word! If you are remodeling a home, it doesn't do any good to have a bunch of lumber and uninstalled fixtures laying around. You have to actually put the stuff to work! The same goes with God's word (James 1:22). We can't be hearers only. Jesus teaches this same lesson (Luke 6:46; John 14:15).

**CONTINUE in the Word!** You have to take care of the new remodel! Remember Paul's words in 1 Cor. 10:1-13.

If you follow God's blueprint, you can have a successful spiritual home makeover! But make sure your house has a strong foundation first (Matt. 7:24-27; John 8:24; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 13:3,5; John 3:3,5; Mark 16:16).

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105



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We gladly welcome you to our congrega-

tion, 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 bless-

ing 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.

# All In All

The song "You Are My All in All" has always been a favorite of mine. In part the song declares:

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

Truly Jesus should be our all in all, for He can fulfill all our needs. In speaking of Jesus, the apostle Paul stated in Col. 3:11, "where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all." Christ is all – nothing else is needed.

If Christ is your all in all, then why not give Him your all – all the time!

by Edd Sterchi Campbellsville, KY

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# **NEWS & NOTES...**

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We have had so many sick the past few weeks, some with COVID, other issues, having tests; Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Willie and Martha Cyphers have been shut in for past few days due to COVID but finally hope they plan to be here today; Lori Brewer and Fran Mears undergoing tests; Margie Gentry at home; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back); Joyce Dve as she also deals with pain in her back; Laura Brooks staying with her daughter; Brenda Jaggers; Bobby Bybee began his first treatment last Tues.; Becky Bush; Chad Davis undergoing treatments for co-Ion cancer; baby Isaiah Richardson; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first respond-

Friends in our community:

Jerry Cherry; Chris Houk Rm 503 at Signature Health;

## PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

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**HIGHLAND RIDGE** in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

**NHC** in Glasgow

Jean Turner

**BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow Ruth Bradford** 

# WITH OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Larrimore "Larry" Wright who passed away Feb. 6 in Charlotte, NC. He was brought back to Hart Co. and was laid to rest in the

Cosby Church Cem. near Legrande. Larry is a 1st cousin to our Phillip Perkins. The Wright family have ties to the church here years ago.

#### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 12th lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "A Glorious Future Isaiah 31: 1-9; 32:1-15 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher. Beginning March 6, our Spring Quarter will be "Epistles To Timothy"

### PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace is to preach today at 11 am and 5 pm

#### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. Words of Truth - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. Truth In Love - Wayne Hatcher

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wed. will be our monthly singing and devotional at 6:00.

#### SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

March 20-23 at Etown Church of Christ with Mike Greene

## TEST YOUR BIBLE IO

Which of the original 12 disciples was the first to be martyred?

Answer to our question last week: three Acts 10:16

# Sight or Vision

by Joe Chesser

There's a church in our area that puts some very thought provoking sayings on their outdoor sign. They're located on a busy corner where lots of people will notice what the sign says. One that I remember from years ago is: "To some God gives sight; to others He gives vision." con't next page

mean essentially the same thing. For exam- vealed His power to give vision to the spirituple, an optometrist's office can be referred to ally blind. I can't help but laugh when I read as a vision clinic. But in the statement above about the spiritual blindness of those in John I think you can see (pun intended) that the two words are to be understood in vastly dif- blind from birth. In the story, only the blind ferent ways. To be able to see with your eyes man had the vision to see Jesus, and this is indeed a great blessing. But to have vision is extraordinary. To see the difference, let's look at a story from the Bible.

The story is found in 2 Kings 6. During the time of Elisha the king of Aram laid siege to the city of Dothan, hoping to capture Elisha. He sent a strong army with horses and chariots during the night and surrounded the city. When Elisha's servant got up the next morn-can't see the Son who rose from the dead! ing, he saw (with his eyes) the vast army. Because all he saw was the army, he felt helpless, saying to Elisha, "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" But Elisha was not afraid. God had given him the ability to see beyond what his physical eyes could see. He told his servant, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16). And so he prayed that God would "open his eyes so he may see." God then gave the servant the vi- around the idea of remodeling your home, sion to see more than he had previously seen. God gave him the vision to see the hills full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17). As the army began to attack, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike these people with blindness," which God did (2 Kings 6:18). The king of Aram saw his vast army and felt powerful. Elisha had the vision to see beyond physical eyesight. He had faith to see the power of God. Guess who won!

Faith is basically having the vision to see what cannot be seen, or as Hebrews 11:1 puts it: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Many have read the accounts of Jesus healing the blind, but haven't yet seen that Jesus' healing illustrated more than compas-

Sometimes the words sight and vision can sion for a handicapped man. Jesus also re-9. Jesus had healed a man who had been even before he actually saw him (John 9:35-39). The religious leaders didn't see what he saw (9:28). The man's parents didn't (9:20-23). Even the disciples didn't (9:2). Isn't it ironic that only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus? (9:17, 38). Read the whole story. It's fascinating.

Pity the man who can see the sunrise, but Pity the man who can see the stars, but not the Creator of the universe! Pity the man who can see the plant that grows from a seed, but not the God who gives it life. God blesses us with sight. More than that, God also wants us to have vision. Check out Matthew 13.13-17.

# Remodeling Your Spiritual House

There are tons of television shows centered and most of them operate on the same principle: helping a homeowner improve their living environment. Without proper care, houses deteriorate, or residents simply tire of the old furniture, paint and decorations around them. They need to remodel!

Sometimes we need the same thing spiritually! James 1:21-25 gives us a blueprint to do an "extreme makeover" on our spiritual houses, and it all centers around the powerful word of God (James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; John 17:15-17; Acts 20:28-32).

MAKE ROOM for the Word! The first thing that happens in a remodeling job is tearing out the old walls, furniture, etc. You can't con't on back page