

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 - March 6

READ SCRIPTURE
Willie Cyphers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION
Sydney Bunnell
Dennis Hatcher Mark Hatcher

PREACHING
a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING
Ken Russell

In Christ We Have

A love that can never be fathomed.
A life that can never die.
A peace that can never be understood.
A rest that can never be disturbed.
A joy that can never be diminished.
A hope that can never be disappointed.
A glory that can never be clouded.
A happiness that can never be interrupted.
A light that can never be extinguished.
A strength that can never be overcome.
A beauty that can never be marred.
A purity that can never be defiled.
Resources that can never be exhausted.
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"Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ," Eph. 1:3 - WH



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TIME OF SERVICES: Sunday:

Bible Study 10 AM;

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

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

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

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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The Ability To Distinguish by John Gibson

Dean Inge once said he had no ear for music, that he could not tell the difference between the songs "Pop Goes the King" and "God Save the Weasel." Poor Dean! He lacked the ability to distinguish.

That inability can be a very sober and serious thing when it comes to spiritual matters. The Hebrew writer must have known some 'Peter Pan' Christians. (You remember Peter Pan. He was the boy who refused to grow up). Listen to the rebuke given to such immaturity: "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need some one to teach you again the first principles of God's word. You need milk, not solid food; for every one who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Did you notice? The ability to distinguish good from evil comes from having our "faculties trained by practice" (exercise). It is through constant practice that one becomes proficient in any line of endeavor, and it holds true in Christianity. A little child does not know "how to refuse the evil and choose the good." It is through training and exercise that one becomes mature and consciously discriminative of "good and evil" whether in doctrine, ethics or morals.

We must "try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." lest as children we are "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles."

May God help us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," and to sharpen our spiritual perceptions on a daily basis till we arrive at the ability to distinguish good from evil.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Leon Seaton; Renee Perkins; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Bryson Hatcher (Dennis Hatcher's grandson) was in the hospital this past week;

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

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SUNDAY MORNING AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the first lesson in our Spring Quarter on "Tragedy and Hope in Jeremiah". Lesson 1 this morning is *The Call of the Prophet* (Jeremiah 1:1-19). Wayne is the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The study of "Circles of Truth" with Mike Thompson will soon be concluded. Be sure and be here for Wed. bible study.

BULLETIN ITEMS

If you have news items to include in the bulletin, be sure and get it to Wayne by Sat. morning.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 15-17 We are finalizing plans

for our Spring Gospel Meeting. This year we will have area preachers.

AREA LADIES DAY

March 19 Elizabethtown Church of Christ with Celine Sparks as guest speaker. Theme: "*Happiness Is A Choice*"

March 19 Hickory College Church of Christ with Laura Glass, Theme: A Purpose Driven Motherhood

*See bulletin board for more details

FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR

Sat. April 2 at the Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green. This is an annual event focusing on basic issues currently facing the church. Theme: Congregational Fellowship, Cooperation and Autonomy

See bulletin board for more details.

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 Any of the men of the congregation are invited to attend.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Annex. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour next Sat. night, March 12 before going to bed.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Name the only "full" brother of Benjamin?

The answer to last week's bible question: Jonathan and Merab I Sam. 14:49

Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!!

The new commandment

by Stan Mitchell

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:24,25).

It's interesting to note that "love" can be commanded. How can love be a command? Remember your first teenage crush? Did someone command you to fall for that 14-year-old girl? Of course not! You just had hormones!

We speak of "falling in love," as if we have lost our control and let gravity do all the work. Hollywood's version of love, in turn, has cheapened the meaning of true love, godly love, and that's probably why so many relationships these days are hurtful and short-lived.

Far from "doin' what comes naturally," real biblical love is not something we naturally do. It is a behavior that must be learned, one that must be taught. That's because love is about far more than feeling woozy in the tummy. Loving the biblical way is tough, courageous, hard, and certainly *does not* come naturally.

The Beatles once suggested that "All you need is love." Often people point to Jesus' command in John 13:35: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples - if you love one another," and suggest that the only requirement of the Christian is to love. It's easy to see why this is such a popular idea. No responsibilities, no commands to obey, just love. "Love wins" is a

phrase utilized by popular writer Rob Bell.

But that's not what Jesus says!

He is saying that the world will know us, not by our teaching truth or biblical ways but by our love.

One is reminded of the hippie era with its idea of "free love." But love always bears responsibilities! How dare someone have a child and not take responsibility for its care and upbringing? How dare one enter a marriage and not live by the responsibilities of commitment and exclusivity implied within that relationship?

Yes, the world sees the way we love each other and is impressed. This is a great evangelistic tool! Church father Tertullian expressed it sweetly: "See how they love one another; how ready they are to die for one another."

Jesus suggested that the church's love and unity would be the foundation of its outreach: "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they all may be one, just as you, father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, *so that the world may believe in me* through their word" (John 17:20,21).

The connection between the church's warm love and the ability to reach the world is clear. When we're fractured and divided, they are turned off. When we love, they want a part of that. Who wouldn't?

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