

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

Remembering Jesus from page 3

We separate ourselves from a life dominated by sin to live a life dominated by righteousness. (Romans 6:13).

When we die to sin we do not live in it any longer. (Romans 6:1-2). Jesus died so you and I might have that opportunity to live a Christ-like life. Shouldn't that be our goal? Jesus allowed himself to be sin for us.

Why? (2 Cor. 5:21) *"So that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God"*

Let that sink in as we study about the Lord's Supper today and share in this time of remembering Jesus.

The Very Least I Can Do

Jesus has created in me a marvelous new life
...the least I can do is to always for Him be living

Jesus has given me many wonderful blessings
...the least I can do is pass that on in blessed giving

Jesus have lovingly pardoned all of my sins
...the least I can do is show compassion and be forgiving

Living, giving, and forgiving - this is the very least that I should do because He has done this for me.

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21)

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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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A Strait Is Seldom Straight

by Joe Slater

"Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14, KJV).

The expression "strait and narrow" has become proverbial in reference to careful compliance with the rules given by parents or by God. However, most mistakenly understand it as "straight and narrow." The spelling difference is subtle, but the change in meaning is radical!

A "strait" (without the g-h) is seldom straight. Look at the Strait of Magellan or the Strait of Hormuz on a map. They're anything but straight! Guiding a ship through those straits takes plenty of zig-zagging along a difficult and narrow route! They're called "straits" because they're difficult, not because they go from point "a" to point "b" without deviation.

Many other Scriptures teach us not to deviate from God's word, but "strait" in Matthew 7:14 isn't making that point. The path to eternal life is narrow and difficult! By contrast, the way to destruction is wide and easy (7:13). Most people find wide and easy to be appealing. Comparatively few put forth the effort to travel the narrow, difficult path.

But wait! Doesn't the majority rule? That sounds very American! How can the majority of people be wrong? Isn't it arrogant to say that?

Well, we didn't say it - Jesus did. A majority of Jesus' own people (the Jews) rejected Him. Despite the thousands who became Christians in Acts, vastly more rejected the gospel. This is nothing new; God has always operated with a remnant.

Are you on that narrow way? It's difficult, but the destination makes it more than worth the effort!

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Martha Cyphers had a successful knee replacement last Monday in Franklin, TN; Lois Edwards recovering at home from a fractured C1 in her neck; Jennifer Hatcher is recuperating from knee replacement surgery; Sue Bunnell; the Bunnell family were sick last week; Dennis Hatcher recovering at home from broken bones in his foot; Jackie Coop fell and broke three ribs; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Daryl Lowe will be taking chemo treatments to as lymph nodes were positive; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; John Carter at home; Gayla Fudge Graham will have treatments as a precaution; Victoria Adams recovering at home from a broken leg; Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; our local schools, students & staff; first responders

EXPRESSING OUR SYMPATHY

To the family Hal Garland, a former member of the church here at HC. His funeral was yesterday at Winn Funeral Home.

To our Malon & Lisa Schuler as Malon's mom Ann Schuler passed away Thurs. night. She will also be at Winn's

IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher remains in the Medical Center at Caverna in Room 118; visitors are welcome. On Tues., Thurs., and Saturdays she is transported to the Pavilion for dialysis.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
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

RESPONSE WED. EVENING

Marie Burd requested her church family here to remember her in our prayers

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter on the theme: Gospel Personages. Lesson 4 is *Andrew* John 1:35-41; 6:8-11; 12:20-22 Wayne will serve as the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher at 11 am *"Maintaining the distinctiveness of the Lord's church"* and at 5 pm Danny McCain will bring our lesson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This Wed. Danny McCain will be our teacher as he deals with the closing our study of the book of James

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 as we sow 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

MORE AREA EVENTS

March 26-29 Columbia Church of Christ in Columbia, KY with Todd Houston on the theme of *"Pursuing the Fulness of Christ"*

March 31-April 2 South Green St. church of Christ Spring Gospel Meeting with TJ Kirk

April 20-23 Lehman Ave. church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY **EQUIPPED - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY: Studies in the book of James**

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What term was used of the disciples for the

first time in Antioch?

Answer to our last question:
Nehemiah, Nahum and Numbers

"What Would You Give?"

by Bill Brandstatter

Suppose someone were to tell you that if you cut off your little finger, you could have everything you could possibly want or need? If you need a new car, you could have it. If you need a new house, pick one, there is no price limit. Whatever you want in this world could be yours, if you just cut off your right finger. Would you do it? Suppose the offer was extended to include your right arm, your eyes and your ears, would you still do it? Many would say "no" at some point, yet there are many people that are giving up something more valuable for a whole lot less. Jesus poses this question: *"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Matt. 16:26 NKJV)

Our soul is the most valuable item we possess. There is no price tag attached to it. It is valuable because it goes on beyond the grave. We cannot take our material possessions with us. (1 Tim. 6:7) We will take our souls with us. So, the value of it is far greater than anything this world has to offer. To lose our soul would be worse than losing our material possessions in a fire, earthquake, or storm.

Our soul is valuable because of its source. Man has given us many things; God has given us our soul. Ezekiel, acting as a spokesman for God stated, *"Behold all souls are mine."* (Eze. 18:4) Our material possessions belong to us. Our souls

belong to God. Paul adds to this by stating, *"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* (1 Cor. 6:20) God breathed life into man, and man became a living soul. (Gen. 1:27) Since that time every soul belongs to God.

Our soul is valuable because each of us are of the same value. Material possessions differ with the individual, but each of us has a soul. The value of each soul is the same. The value is not determined by gender, education, or ethnicity. Where we live makes no difference. In Christ, the soul of each person has the same value. (Gal. 3:26-29)

Let us consider how valuable we are to God, not man. Man's value is based on looks, money, prestige, and class status. God's value is placed on our soul's relationship with Him. Let us make sure we have the right relationship with God, and the soul's value will be clearly seen when Heaven is our home.

Remembering Jesus

by Bob Alright

As we take the bread and fruit of the vine, we remember Jesus. He died on the cross, not because of His sins, but He died on the cross for our sins. 1 Peter 2:24 says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (ESV)

The nails that went through his hands and feet were not for any sins he had done. They were for my sins and for your sins. The crown of thorns was placed on his head so that I might die to sin and live the new life as a disciple of Christ. When you die to something you separate yourself from it.

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