

## 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; 1 Peter 3:21  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

## What Did They See?

*"And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him . . . and the people stood looking on"* (Luke 23:33-35).

Look at those last few words one more time: "the people stood looking on" (Greek theo-reo, "theorizing"). They stood by the cross of Jesus, trying to put things together. And what did they see?

**They saw the obvious.** They saw how cruel men could be to others. Death by crucifixion was horrible. Victims frequently died stark raving mad from days of exposure and thirst—a thought that underscores the agony behind Jesus' words, "I thirst!" (John 19:28).

**They saw something mysterious.** They experienced an eerie darkness "over all the earth." The sun refused to shine, as if it were paying tribute to the death of our Savior (Luke 23:44-45).

**They saw something vicarious.** They witnessed the death of God in the flesh, an agonizing death that made possible our abundant life (John 10:10; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3).

**They saw something marvelous.** They saw the same thing you and I are blessed to see when we partake of the Lord's supper—the love of God (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; cf. 1 John 4:9-10).

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## Repairs Needed

by David Sargent

Jim Corley met his friend, Alex, at the dealership where Alex worked. "Jim, I feel like a hypocrite every time I go to church because I fail to live for Christ so often."

"Alex, what do you call this part of the dealership?" Jim asked, nodding to the area outside his cubicle.

"You mean the showroom?"

"Yes. And what's behind the showroom, past the parts counter?"

"The service department," Alex said confidently.

"What if I told you I didn't want to bring my car to the service department because it was running rough," Jim asked.

"That would be crazy! That's the whole point of service departments — to fix cars that aren't running right."

"You're absolutely right," Jim replied. "Now, let's get back to our initial conversation. Instead of thinking of church as a showroom where image is everything, start thinking of it as God's service department. Helping people get back in running order with God is what the church is all about."

We are all in need of repairs, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

But God loves us and wants to "fix us" – from the inside out. The finished product will resemble His glorious Son. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

In order to cleanse us and make us whole, God sent His one and only Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

It is good to see Martha Cyphers back after knee replacement surgery; Dennis Hatcher; Lois Edwards had a pace maker installed Wed. night plus she is recovering at home from a fractured C1 in her neck; Mark Hatcher has been down with his back; Sue Bunnell; Dennis Hatcher was able to be here Wed. night for first time in a month and half; Jackie Coop; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Daryl Lowe started chemo treatments; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Gayla Fudge Graham; Victoria Adams recovering from a broken leg; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC

### IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher was released from the Medical Center at Caverna on Friday. She had a rough time after getting home with nausea, sickness, vomiting and other related issues. Thankfully she was some better yesterday when we left for a vital dialysis appointment which is three days a week Tues. Thurs. & Sat. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concern.

### SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to our Rex Wallace, the Wallace and Compton family in the passing of his twin sister Rose Compton in Louisville. The Butler Funeral Home in Edmonton handled her arrangements. Funeral was Saturday at 1:00. She was laid to rest in the Edmonton Cemetery.

### PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS 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

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter on the theme: Gospel Personages. Lesson 8 *"John and James"* Mark 1:18-20; Mark 2:13-19; Luke 8:51-56 Wayne will serve as the teacher this week.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher at 11 am *"The Organizational Structure of the Church"* Part 1 and at 5 pm Danny McCain will bring our lesson.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Scott Huff is scheduled to teach this Wed. as we meet at 6 p.m. Our next course of study will be over the book of Colossians.

### 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 His lesson for April 23 - *"Take Up Your Cross"* and April 30 - *"Can A Christian Be Lost?"*

### Planned Topics for May:

May 7 - *"Finding the Truth"*

May 14 - *"I Am Not Ashamed"*

May 21 - *"Rejoice in the Lord"*

May 28 - *"Can I Repent?"*

### 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

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### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How long was Lazarus dead in the tomb before Jesus came and raised him back to life?

Answer to our last question:  
Arimathea Matthew 27:57-58

## Why?

by Bill Brandstatter

After the events at Michigan State University, many may be asking one question: WHY?

We live in a country where blame is the name of the game. We want to blame someone or something for the problems of our world. Some may blame guns. Some may be looking for blame in other places. One thing I do know, God is not to blame.

God does not eliminate problems in our lives. He helps us in the midst of our troubles. Remember, Paul told Timothy that the godly would suffer persecution in 2 Tim. 3:12. There were many people in Bible times who experienced troubles. The apostle Paul had his share. He details some of them by stating: "I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of my own countrymen." (2 Cor. 11:26) Paul had a lot of bad things happen to him at the hands of bad men. Was it God's fault? Later, as he was put in prison by the hands of evil men, Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13) He stated before this: "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." (Phil. 4:11) In his last imprisonment, about a month before His death, he wrote; "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me so that the message might be preached fully through me." (2 Tim. 4:17 NKJV)

It is interesting that Paul did not look to blame anybody. Paul looked to the Lord instead. We too must realize we live in a world of sin. Satan is active and is seeking to cause man to suffer in all kinds of ways. (1 Pet. 5:8) God made man with the power of choice. Throughout history, many have suffered because of evil choices made by many. Jesus suffered on the cross because of the choice of the many who said, "Crucify Him, Crucify

Him"; (Mark 15:14) and yet Jesus asked the Father to forgive them. (Luke 23:34)

There is an effort to eliminate God from our society. Students can't pray publicly in schools. Certain religious functions can't take place on government-owned properties. We don't need to eliminate God; we need to increase our emphasis on Him and include Him more.

"God is a very present help in time of trouble." (Ps. 46:1) He knows what we need. Let us pray to Him for solutions to problems we can't solve. Let us turn to Him for questions we cannot answer. Let us turn to Him for help in difficult times (Phil. 4:6, 7).

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God will cleanse, make whole, and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

When we rise from the waters of baptism in the new birth, God adds us to the church, His family (Acts 2:41). In God's family, we find encouragement, correction, forgiveness, and other components of a needed support system to keep us "running" well.

*"Bring Christ your broken life So marred by sin. He will create anew Make whole again."*

-- Thomas O. Chisholm

Remember, the church is not a showroom; it's God's service department. Come to Christ and into His church so that He can make you whole.

*[While it is true the church is not just a showroom. However, we the church are the means for us to glorify God (Eph. 3:21). Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matt. 5:16] - Wayne*