

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

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preacher's descriptions of suffering? There must be something more to life than this.

The preacher then drew some contrasts between the wealthy man who lives in luxurious abundance and the laboring man. The preacher said, *"the sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep."* (Ecclesiastes 5:12) After that Solomon went to talk about how riches can hurt their owner and his children. He discussed the reality that the wealthy cannot take any of their wealth with them when they die.

There is a lot packed into the book of Ecclesiastes including so many lessons that can be learned from the preacher. Solomon the preacher became weary with all of his writing and abruptly jumped to the conclusion. The preacher writing this article is running out of space and must abruptly jump to the conclusion which is actually the conclusion Solomon drew. That is *"Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)."* What can we learn from the preacher? That everything else is kept in perspective when we put God first, and putting God first is the only way to finding true lasting contentment, meaning, and purpose in life.



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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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You Are Invited To Our
5th Summer Series in July
and August

"My Favorite Sermon"

- July 6 **Marty Edwards** "My Favorite Lesser Known Passages of the Bible"
- July 13 **Allen Jones** "Jesus, My Lawyer"
- July 20 **Danny McCain** "Heaven, Rest for the Faithful" Heb. 4:1-11
- July 27 **Edd Sterchi** "What the Gospel Will Do"
- Aug 3 **Craig Waddell** "Be Sure to Eat a Balanced Diet for Your Spiritual Health"
- Aug 10 **Neal Pollard** "God Eternal Plan of Salvation"
- Aug 17 **Bart Warren** "United With Him (from Romans 6)"
- Aug 24 **Robbie Fudge** "Four Reasons To Be Faithful"
- Aug 31 **John Board** "Mechanical Instrumental Music"

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margie Gentry is being cared for at her home; Billy Bybee and Mike Thompson recuperating from surgeries; Becky Hatcher at home still dealing with back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex & Doris Wallace; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Mark Hatcher; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Laura Brooks; Brenda Jagers; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann Schuler home under Hospice Care; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's treatments for cancer; Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law); Don Waddell member at Center; Chad Davis treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Tom Whittington; Bobby Pedigo; Helen Edwards, former member here and the sister-in-law of Janice & Billy Bybee; Ronnie Smith (Robin Wallace's) brother had his back surgery; Carolyn Russell recovering after Out-Patient surgery to repair her broken arm; Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter) has been hospitalized and undergoing tests was able to come home Wed. waiting for biopsy report; Becky Bush has been in a hospital in Louisville. They removed a stone in her bile duct. May come home soon. Dane Ann Stinson; the family of Dr. Gary Hogan who passed away Aug. 2

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

HAPPY NEWS TO SHARE

Last Sunday we rejoiced to see Rhealyn Denison commit her life to Christ and was baptized for the remission of her sins by Ken Bybee. She is the daughter of Dylan Denison, granddaughter of Bryan & Temisha Denison, great-

granddaughter of Billy & Janice Bybee.

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 11th lesson in our Summer Quarter. Today's topic: "*Glorified Israel, the Beloved Nation*" Isaiah 60:1-22 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching this morning at 11 am and at 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

OUR SUMMER SERIES

continues on Wed. evenings at 6:00. Our next speaker this Wed. will be Bart Warren minister with the S. Green St. Church of Christ in Bowling Green. Neal Pollard spoke this past Wed. We are hearing great lessons.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What weapon caused Jesus to bleed from his side while on the cross?

Answer to our question last week:

Zacharias and Mary Luke 1:18-19, 26,27

What Can We Learn From the Preacher?

by Kevin Rutherford

Solomon began his writing of the book of Ecclesiastes by saying the contents of the book are "*the words of the preacher, the son of David, king in*

Jerusalem" (Ecclesiastes 1.1). The title of the book comes from this opening statement. The word, "ecclesiastes" refers to "the one who addresses the assembly." Thus, the preacher. The preacher (King Solomon) is very depressed as he describes view of life throughout the book called, "The Preacher." However, he ends the book on a positive note with an excellent conclusion telling us what life is all about. Let's skim through the book of Ecclesiastes and see what we can learn from the preacher.

One thing we can learn from the preacher is that seeking meaning and purpose in life apart from God is vain and discouraging (Ecclesiastes 1 & 2). Solomon wanted to figure it all out by virtue of his wisdom and apart from God (Ecclesiastes 1:12-18). Solomon experimented with laughter and pleasure as his purpose in life for a time, but only to find "*this is also vanity,*" and to ask in despair, "*what does it accomplish?*" Next, Solomon tries to figure out how he can "*gratify his flesh with wine, while guiding [his] heart with wisdom.*" That didn't work too well so he turned to landscaping and building, then collecting possessions, then taking whatever he wanted, then devoting himself to labor, and then concluding, "*all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.*"

The preacher just became more depressed. After looking for lasting transcendent contentment and purpose in all the wrong goals and activities Solo-

mon said, "*I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind*" (Ecclesiastes 2:17). Solomon despaired of all the labor that is done under the sun and said, "*For what has a man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity* (Ecclesiastes 2:22-23) So, what can we learn from the preacher up to this point? Well, at least this: We need something more than our labor to bring lasting peace and fulfillment to our lives.

King Solomon the preacher also devoted time to a study of suffering (Ecclesiastes 4). He saw power on the side of those who became oppressors and tears on the part of those who were oppressed and considered it better to not even be born than to suffer oppression (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3). Solomon spoke of the envy a neighbor has for a one who displayed skill in his work. He spoke of one being lonely with no companion because he works too hard for wealth. This Solomon calls "*vanity and grave misfortune,*" as he begins to describe the importance of companionship. In chapter five Solomon spoke of the oppression of the poor and the violent oppression of the righteous, then describes the foolish covetousness that motivates all of that oppression and says, "*this is also vanity.*" What can we learn from the con't on back page