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WHY ARE SOULS SO VALUABLE?

The soul is from God.....Eccl. 12:7

Offspring of God.....Acts 19:28-29

In God's Image.....Gen. 1:26

Eternal.....Mt. 10:28; Jn. 5:28-29

Leaves the body at death.....Gen. 35:18; Lk. 23:46

Souls need to be saved.....Jas. 1:21; 5:20; 1 Pt. 1:9

Saved by obeying the gospel...Rm. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4



Save Yourself

Robert Meredith

The phrase "save yourselves" can be taken in a couple of different ways. It can either denote being saved solely by one's own actions, or by one's actions coupled with another's. An example of the former would be in the case of a sinking ship when someone shouts, "Every man for himself." An example of the latter would be if one jumped from a ship and someone threw him a life line and shouted, "Grab it and save yourself." Sadly, today man teach that man is passive in his salvation and that he does not contribute one whit to his salvation. Let us look into the subject of salvation and notice that one can not save himself solely by himself, but that he is saved by God when he grabs the life line of the gospel and saves himself.

Acts 2 records the Apostle Peter's sermon and the events which followed on the day of Pentecost following Jesus' resurrection. During his sermon some in the crowd asked Peter what they had to do to be saved. Peter did not tell them that they were saved by grace only, and therefore there was nothing for them to do. Neither did he inform them that they should pray a certain prayer and "invite Jesus into their hearts." Peter knew better because he was directed in his teaching by the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4). Peter told these believers to "*Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*" (Acts 2:38). Luke, the writer of the book of Acts, relates, "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*" (Acts 2:41). They had asked, "*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*" (Acts 2:37). They realized they were lost in sin and had been the betrayers of the Son of God (Acts 2:23, 36). They were in great need of salvation, as all men are. When they were told what to do to be saved, they "*gladly received*" the message. "How easy!" they might say. "I can be saved from my sins by believing in Jesus (Hebrews

11:6), repenting of my sins, and being immersed in water to have them washed away in His blood" (Acts 2:38; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16). No wonder they gladly received it. God did not make a request of them which would have been impossible. He simply required them to come to Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30; Galatians 3:27) and have their sins forgiven.

After Peter told them what to do to be saved, Luke records, "*And with many others words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation*" (Acts 2:40). The multitude was told to "*Save yourselves.*" This does not take away from the fact that man is saved by God's grace (Ephesians 2:5), but rather it shows a dependence upon God when one accesses His grace through faith (Romans 5:1-2).

My friends, God does not want one soul to be lost (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). To this end He has made a way that anyone can be forgiven of his sins through the atoning death of the Christ (Romans 3:23-26). The Father developed a plan; the Son fulfilled it; and the Holy Spirit revealed it to man. What else can God do that He has not already done? God pleads, "Come to Me" (Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17), "*Save yourselves, obey My gospel and be baptized into My death*" (Romans 10:16; Romans 6:3).

THE DEATH OF MR. MID-WEEK SERVICE

We are sorry to announce the passing of Mr. Midweek Service. He died recently at the Neglected church on Ho-Hum Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of a great revival, he was strong and healthy as a child, fed largely on zeal and Bible Study. He grew into worldwide prominence and was one of the most influential members of the Church family.

However, in recent years Mr. Midweek Service has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, cooling of the heart, and lack of spiritual sensitivity. His last whispered words were inquiring about the strange absence of his loved ones, now so busy in market places and places of worldly amusement.

Experts, including Dr. Indifference, Dr. Apathy, and Dr. T.V. Prime-time, disagree as to the fatal cause of his final illness. They all administered large doses of excuses, even ordered a last minute motivational bypass, all to no avail. A post-mortem examination showed that a deficiency of regular fellowship, all contributed to his untimely death.

Also, we have been informed that his wife, Mrs. Sunday Evening Service, has just been admitted to the local hospital. Preliminary indications from Dr. Unconcerned states the diagnosis as similar to her husband's. It appears at this point to be terminal. Let's all be praying for her.

...Mike Bentley



Prayer List: John Brinkley, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Justine Hannah (Robert Meredith's aunt), Warren Jackson, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Jesse Vincent, Gail Wright, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain

We are pleased to announce that the Sellars family has let it be known that they desire to worship and labor for the Lord here at Green Plain. We welcome them into our church family.

Our annual **Chili Cookout** will be **Friday**, the **30th**, at **6:00 pm**.



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday night through **December 7th**, for the fall, 2009 session. The subjects are **Premillennialism, Hermeneutics, The Work of the Church, & the book of James**. Please be bringing canned drinks and snacks.

Gospel Meeting: Coldwater church of Christ, **October 25-29; 1:30 pm** (Sunday), **7:00 pm** (Monday—Thursday), with **Troy McNutt**.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40).

ATTENDANCE October 18, 2009

Bible Study	72	Worship P.M.	65
Worship A.M.	87	Mid-week (10-14)	52

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
October 2009**

USHERS: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday P.M.
10-25.....Rex Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:
10-25.....Rob Enoch (Heb. 11:8-10)

OPENING PRAYER:
10-25.....Robert Meredith

CLOSING PRAYER:
10-25.....Jesse Vincent

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening....Chad Canter
Wednesday.....Larry Enoch
Substitute....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Robert & Wanda Barrett
LAWN CARE: Rex Enoch & Rob Enoch

If you are unable to serve, please contact
Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Matthew 27**

1. Who all took counsel against Jesus?
2. Had Judas already betrayed Jesus when he saw he was condemned?
3. How did Judas die?
4. Who advised Pilate not to have anything to do in this matter?
5. Whose prophecy did this fulfill?

1. All the chief priests and elders of the people (v. 1)
2. Yes (v. 3)
3. By hanging himself (v. 5)
4. His wife (v. 19)
5. Jeremiah (v. 9)

**Remember to
bring snacks for
the hospital.**

**Pantry Item
Peas**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
October 25, 2009**

A.M. - This World Is Not My Home

P.M. - Witnesses of Jesus' Deity

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe
Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent
Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ
Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;
Rom. 6.1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Continue faithful unto death
Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9