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Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**
Bible Classes
10:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:45 AM
Evening Worship
6:00 PM
- **Wednesday**
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance.
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LIFE AND DEATH *By Jerry Joseph*

Human life is sacred to God and should be to every person. God “. . .giveth to all life, and breath and all things. . .” and “. . . in him we live, and move, and have our being. . .” (Acts 17:25-28).

To further understand God’s view concerning life notice the words in Genesis 9:6, “Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.” Notice two significant things in this verse, (1) As long as man is made in the “image of God”, man’s life is sacred to God. (2) Those who shed innocent blood (murder) are worthy of death.

As a Christian, we must always respect God and His word concerning the value and sacredness of human life.

As we think about “life and death” and some decisions that need to be made pertaining to such, we need to be reminded of what the Bible teaches.

□ **Life is a precious gift from God.** (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; Acts 17:25).

□ **Life is problem-filled** (Job 14:1). There are all kinds of prob-

lems we will face in life. As we grow older our physical problems and issues many times will increase. More time is spent with the doctors and in the medical facilities and yet knowing that they do not have the answers to every medical problem.

□ **Life is passing** (James 4:14; Hebrews 9:27; 11:13, 16). Death is coming to all. There is no escaping it. But it is not the end of our existence. There is a better place for the child of God (Philippians 1:21-23; Revelation 14:13).

□ **Life is preparation time for the future** (2 Timothy 4:6-8). As a child of God we do not live “for this world” nor to see what we can obtain, but “for the Lord” (Philippians 1:21). Whether we live or die, the child of God remembers he belongs to the Lord. Our lives must be guided and governed by God’s Will. If it is, then we can be thankful for this life even at the time of death. As a faithful child of God I must determine to glorify God in my life and in my death.

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes, Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Hayes Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, Don and Sherry Blackwell, Neal Parker and Andrea Phillips.
- **Mark Your Calendar: Fall Gospel Meeting** with Victor Eskew is scheduled for September 8-12. Fall session of the **School of Biblical Studies** will be conducted for eight consecutive Monday beginning on September 16th.
- We extend our sympathy to the Brandon family at the passing of both Paul and Lori Brandon last week. We also sorrow with the family of Kenzie Murdock who also passed away this past week. Please remember these families in prayer.
- **Pantry items for August** 4—Peanut Butter; 11—Apple Sauce 18—Canned fruit juices; 25—Canned Peas.
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **August 2019 Anniversaries:** ;13th Gail & Jonnie; **Birthdays:** 4th Teresa Enoch; 10th Brent Morris; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **Always Remember—** “...hope does not disappoint....” (*Romans 5:5*).



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: How do we know the days of creation were 24 hour days?

Last Week: Was man idle in the Garden of Eden?

Answer: No. “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it” (Genesis 2:15).



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
“Hope Does Not
Disappoint”

Sunday PM
“Characteristics of
False Teachers”
Jude 8-11

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SUFFERINGS OF THE CHRIST

By now, no doubt, you have heard of the movie, "The Passion of the Christ" directed by Mel Gibson. The subject of the movie is, more or less, the last twelve hours of the life of Jesus. I saw the movie this past week and it accurately, vividly, and gruesomely portrays what the physical experiences of Christ were like when He was delivered up by the Jews to the Romans for crucifixion. I have heard in the media, and even from some professing Christians, some negative reactions to the consideration of the sufferings of Jesus. In this regard, one is prompted to ask the question, why should we, as Christians, consider the sufferings of the Christ?

First, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because Jesus was God in the flesh. Without the doctrine of the deity of Christ, the sufferings of Christ would be loveless. When we consider that Jesus was God Himself and took on the form of man to redeem sinful man from the clutches of Satan, we recognize the true love of God. Through sin, man became God's enemy, but through Christ, man can be God's friend once again. Jesus said, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:14-16). Paul wrote, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). It was on account of God's love for His creation that Jesus died on the cross. The sufferings of the Christ cause us to consider God's love for us.

Second, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because Jesus was the Son of God. Without the doctrine of the sonship of Jesus, the sufferings of the Christ would be unnecessary. When we consider that Jesus was the Son of God, we think that He came from the Father Himself. And when we think that the Father sent Jesus into this world, we must understand that the sufferings of Christ were necessary to accomplish what God, the Father, wanted to ac-

complish for the salvation of man. We read in John 8:28, 29, "Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." Jesus loved His Father and so He obeyed and suffered. The sufferings cause us to consider Jesus, the obedient Son of God.

Third, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because Jesus lived a sinless life and did not deserve what He went through. Without the doctrine of the purity of Christ, the sufferings of Christ would be worthless. When we consider the sinlessness of Christ, we recognize that the sufferings of Christ had true value. Counterfactually, if Jesus had sinned, then He may have merited what He received. However, since He was indeed sinless, we know that those sufferings are worth far more than the most precious of substances on this earth. They were made valuable by His sinless life. Peter writes, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18, 19). The sinless life of Jesus makes His blood precious. The sufferings of the Christ cause us to consider His innocence and worth.

Fourth, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because it was our sins for which Jesus suffered. Without the doctrine of the atonement of Christ, the sufferings of Christ would be purposeless. When we consider that Jesus died for our sins, we recognize that His death was on our behalf. We are the ones who merited, on account of our sins, that suffering and death. But Jesus took our place and atoned for our sins so that we could be reconciled to God. In 2 Corinthians 5:21 we read, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God

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COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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in him.” We read further in Romans 5:10, 11 “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.” The sufferings of the Christ cause us to consider our worthlessness, guilt, and need for redemption.

Fifth, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because that will lead us to His resurrection. Without the resurrection of the Christ, the sufferings of the Christ would be powerless. When we consider that Jesus, after having suffered and died, was resurrected from the tomb, we recognize that this is where God’s power truly lies. This is God’s power of salvation for man today, the message of the cross, the gospel (Romans 1:16). Paul writes in Philippians 3:10, 11 “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.” We also read in 1 Corinthians 1:18 “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” The sufferings of the Christ cause us to consider the power of His gospel.

Finally, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because that will motivate us to live more faithfully to God and Christ. Without the doctrine of the perseverance of the Christ through His sufferings, then we would have no foothold upon which to place our faith. When we consider the fact that Jesus endured the cross, it motivates us to endure the pressures under which we come in this life as well. It motivates us to live a better life. It motivates us to study God’s word more. It motivates us to worship God, as God wants us to worship Him. It motivates us to help the poor. Jesus endured this life and the death that is associated with this life. Through Him, we can endure too! The writer of the book of Hebrews exhorts us to look “unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

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THOSE TO SERVE

August 2019

Announcements

Chad Canter

Preside at Lord’s Table

Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: James Pigg

Assist at Lord’s Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Preside at Lord’s Table PM

4—Bobby Hall

11—Jim Lowrie

18—Bobby Hall

25—Jim Lowrie

Opening Prayer

4—James Pigg

11—Mike Ernstberger

18—Hayes Grady

25—Preston Barrett

Closing Prayer

4—Jesse Vincent

11—Junior Morris

18—Dave Thompson

25—Perry Jarvis

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Roy & Junior

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Jesse Vincent

If unable to serve please call
Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!