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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

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IS BAPTISM A “WORK”? By David Soroule

In an attempt to “prove” that baptism is not essential to someone’s salvation, it is often argued that baptism is itself a “work,” and since salvation is “not of works,” then salvation is not tied to one’s baptism. The question that must be asked and answered is, “What does the Bible say?”

The Bible teaches that salvation is not tied to works of the law of Moses. Passages like Romans 3:28 and Galatians 2:16 teach that “a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ.” Not all “works” in the Bible are the same thing. These passages are addressing works of the law of Moses, which cannot save today.

The Bible teaches that salvation is not tied to works of human merit. “Works” of human merit are deeds by which one might earn salvation. That is the kind of “works” under discussion in Ephesians 2:8-9—works that are “of yourselves” and of which one can “boast.” This passage does not teach that “works” do not save. It teaches that God’s grace saves us, and meritorious works cannot save.

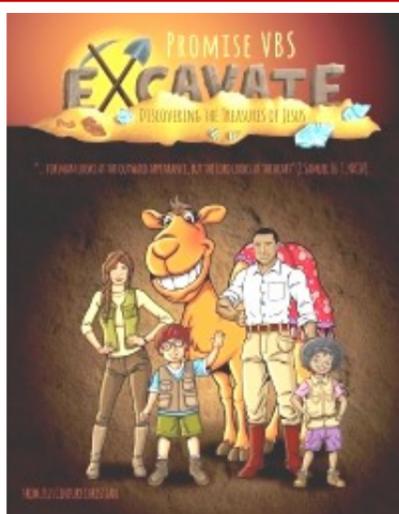
The Bible teaches that salvation is “by works.” Don’t misread that—it does not say “by works” alone. But one’s salvation is Scripturally tied to works. But what kind of “works”? “Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead...Faith without works is dead...Faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect...A man is justified by works, and not by faith only...” (Jas. 2:17-26). James is dealing with a different kind of works than Paul was in Ephesians 2, for he makes it clear that faith-perfecting works (i.e., “faith working together with works”) are essential to be justified (i.e., to be saved) by God (cf. Gal. 5:6).

The Bible teaches that acceptable faith to God is a “work” itself. Jesus said that one must “labor for...everlasting life” (John 6:27). When He was questioned about “works,” Jesus Himself said, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him” (6:29). “Believing” in Jesus is a “work” appointed by God. If one would try to dismiss baptism as a “work” and therefore not essential to one’s salvation, then he would be obligated to also put “belief” in

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Katelyn and Vickie Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes, Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Debbie Ernstberger, and Carolyn Bryars. **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Kenneth Mizell, Will and Nancy Winchester, Lora Pettigrew, Nancy Flowers, Nolan Murray, Tina Adams, Kristen Scott, Marilyn Machado, Brittany Jackson, Jaelyn Jillion, Les Kiser, Mike Kiser, Debra Galloway, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Mark Hatcher, Karen Burkhart, Ken Holt, Meredith Enoch, Fred Watkins, Anna Arrant, Annette Mason, Cynthia Kearbey, Garneida Parker, Lonell Parker, Ruthie Parker, Gale Worley, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Noleen Shivel, and Lucy Irvin. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- A memorial service is scheduled for Roy Enoch here at Green Plain on June 30th at 2 pm.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** VBS is scheduled for June 11-13. Please bring small soft drinks and cookies. Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of "Golden Ways for Golden Days."
- **AREA EVENTS:** **Gospel Meeting** at the North Marshall church of Christ, June 10-12 with Glen Head preaching. Sunday evening services will be at 7:30 pm; Monday through Tuesday services are at 7:00 pm. **Area Wide Singing** at Pleasant Hill church of Christ June 15th. Singing begins at 7:00 pm.
- **Pantry items for June.** 3—Pinto Beans; 10—Jelly; 17—Beets; 24—Corn.
- Please 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>.
- **India Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster as he continues in that work. Reports of the work in India are located on the bulletin board in the auditorium.
- Look for our newspaper article on the worship page of the Murray Times and Ledger each Saturday.
- 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 abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**
June 11-13, 2018
Classes for all ages
including an adult
class
7:00—8:30 pm
At
**Green Plain
church of Christ**

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

"Paul's Heavenly Vision"
Many falsely claim visions from
God today, but Paul had an
actual vision. What did he see?

Sunday PM

**"The Kingdom of God is Within
You"** - What is the meaning of
this statement of Jesus?

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that same category, since Jesus Himself calls it a “work.”

The Bible does not contradict itself! Some “works” will not save—like the works of the law of Moses and works of human merit about which one might boast. But, keep Bible passages in their context, for

some “works” are essential to one’s salvation. We must let the Bible speak for itself! The New Testament repeatedly specifies baptism as a condition to being “saved” (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Faith without works and without baptism cannot save!

—Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

“ARE YOU SHINING OR BURNING OUT?” **By Mike Freeze**

In 1975, a story was printed about the great inventor, Thomas Edison. The story printed that Thomas Edison had invented the light bulb in 1879 and that in 1901, one of these bulbs he had invented was installed at the Livermore, CA. Fire Department. As of the time the story was printed in 1975, the bulb was still there and still burning brightly after seventy one years of service.

By our “modern” standards of light bulbs, it should have been replaced at least 852 times. That bulb was a hand blown bulb with a thick carbon filament made by the Shelby Electric Co. Unfortunately, Shelby went out of business because no one ever needed to reorder light bulbs because they built them to last.

In our world of planned obsolescence, such longevity is a thing of the past. Even Christians can learn from the durability of the Shelby light bulb, as Jesus did NOT say “Let your light shine for a short period, or when it’s convenient.” (Matt 5:16). God intends for us to remain faithful until death (Rev 2:10). Too many Christians today “burn out” early and are never repaired.

In the gospel of John, Jesus teaches by use of the parable of the vine and the branches. He said, “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them

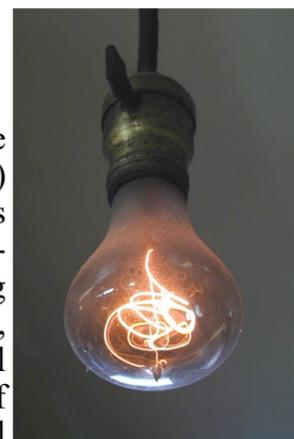
into the fire and are burned.” (John 15:6) This passage teaches us that those who once received the life giving strength from the vine, may become unfruitful branches and be cut off and cast into the eternal lake of fire (hell).

It is a heart wrenching situation when we see those that know the truth, have obeyed the truth, and began to let the light of Christ shine in their lives to become disconnected and fall back into the darkness of sin. Evidently, their faith was not strong enough for them to stay the course.

Every Christian is his brother’s keeper and has the responsibility to encourage, as he has opportunity. However, each one is ultimately responsible for his own soul. The prophet Jeremiah lamented for the slain people of Jerusalem (Jer 9:1). This is why he is labeled “The Weeping Prophet.” He was not weak, but crying over the consequence of Israel’s sins, but he could not live for them. He could not impart his faith into them, he could only preach to them of the error of their ways. It was up to them to make the changes necessary to avoid God’s wrath.

God’s word instructs us to “warn those

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that are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all" (1 Thess 5:14). There are things that we have a responsibility to do, but we can not live out the lives of other people. Being "faithful unto death" is an individual's responsibility for their own soul. If our light burns out before we cross the finish line, we will lose the rewards of heaven, and be cast into the eternal fire.

Failure should not be in the plan of a child of God. Faithfulness is a lifetime commitment and is the only commitment that is worth our life. Jesus said "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Matt 16:26)

—Polk City church of Christ Webpage

If you reject the existence of God you reject any basis for human morality. If God does not exist then human life is of no more value or worth than the lowest form of life known to exist. -JH

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

June 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS: James Pigg
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Larry Enoch & Chad Canter
Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Charles Enoch & Jackson Hale
Substitute: Bobby Hall

Sunday PM

3—Chad
10—Larry
17—Chad
24—Larry

OPENING PRAYER:

3—Mike Ernstberger
10—Jim Lowrie
17—Perry Jarvis
24—Hayes Grady

CLOSING PRAYER:

3—Preston Barrett
10—James Pigg
17—Bobby Hall
24—Jonnie Hutchison

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

Hayden Fuqua

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis
Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch
Wednesday: Chad Canter
Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Lawn Care: Chad Canter

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thank YOU For Serving!!