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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am
and 2:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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270-759-2145 Home
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“WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS?”

By Jonnie Hutchison

The Holy Spirit inspired the apostle Paul to write that *“the wages of sin is death”* (Romans 3:23). Sin is a transgression of God’s spiritual law (1 John 3:4). It is defined as “unrighteousness” which results in the sinner experiencing the *“wrath of God”* (1 John 5:17; Romans 1:18). Sin is the great separator between God and men, and, if unforgiven, will result in everlasting punishment in hell (Isiah 59:1-2; Matthew 25:46).

Knowing the end result of living a sinful life should motivate any thinking person to desire to learn how his or her sins can be forgiven. This is no mystery. The way of salvation is clearly revealed by our loving God in the Bible. It is His desire that none perish, but that all come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). That is why that *“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John

3:16). The gift of Jesus was His shed blood on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20 reads, *“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”*

Sin can only be forgiven through the blood of Jesus. Access to the cleansing blood of Jesus is available through one’s obedience to the commands of the gospel. When Saul, the sinner, was confronted by Jesus the Christ on the road leading from Jerusalem to Damascus, he was instructed to go into the city and wait for someone to tell him what he **must do**. Saul had become a believer in Christ confessing his faith in the words, “Lord what do you want me to do?” (Acts 9:6) He waited in Damascus for three days exhibiting his repentance as he did not eat or drink as he wait-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady is at Raymond's home. Continue to pray for Marie Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Roy Wyatt.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, and Teri Mercer.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Remember our afternoon services has been changed to **2:00 pm.**

PANTRY ITEMS January 2025: 5- Sweet Pickles; 12-Dill Pickles; 19-Canned Carrots; 26-apple Sauce. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

January 2025; Anniversaries: None **Birthdays:** 18th-Karen Elkins.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; Request a **FREE** home Bible study—“*Back to the Bible*” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain Church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris Rd, Hazel, KY 42049 or enroll online on our webpage. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge. Enroll Today!



VISIT OUR YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK PAGES. Search for Green Plain church of Christ to find videos of last years Gospel Meetings with Bradley Smith (Spring 2024) and John Sales (fall 2024).



WATCH YOUR WORDS By Jerry Joseph

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever” (1 Peter 4:11).

Is it true that when we teach and preach we must only teach and preach “the Truth”? Paul said that we must “Preach the word” (2 Timothy 4:2). What we must declare and defend is the “doctrine of Christ” (2 John 9-11) not the doctrines of men. Therefore, when we teach false doctrine, such words do not honor and glorify God.

What about when we lie, gossip, backbite, take God's name in vain, curse? Is God

pleased with that? Will God overlook such from the mouth on one who claims to be one of His children? In Ephesians 4:29, Paul said, “*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*” The importance of this can be seen in the fact that Jesus said, “*That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned*” (Matthew 12:36-37).

It does make a difference what we say. Think about it!

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ed for someone to come and tell him what was imperative for his salvation. God sent Ananias to Saul and upon his arrival, Ananias explained, "*Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.*" *Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose **and was baptized.***" (Acts 9:17-18). Why was Saul, who was already a believer and penitent, commanded to be baptized? Was he not already saved by faith alone? No, Saul's sins had not yet been cleansed by the blood of Jesus which is why Ananias instructed him, "*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord*" (Acts 22:16). What was the purpose of Saul's baptism? Saul was baptized to "wash away his sins" which clearly indicates his sins were not forgiven on the road when he saw and believe in Jesus. His sins were not forgiven as he was praying as he waited for God to send Ananias to him. You see, he

did not come in contact with the blood of Jesus until he was baptized into Christ. Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:33-34). The Bible teaches that when one is scripturally baptized (immersed in water), he is baptized into the death of Jesus. Thus, the logical conclusion is that it is when one is baptized into the death of Jesus that one spiritually reaches the cleansing blood of Jesus which He shed in His death and by which one's sins are washed away (Read Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:27).

What can wash away **YOUR SINS**? "*To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood***" (Revelation 1:5). There is only one place to reach the blood of Jesus as a penitent believer who confesses faith in Christ, and that is in water baptism. No, it is not the water that washes away one's sins, but God has seen fit to place the point of contact with the blood in baptism. Dear reader, have you been baptized into Christ? His blood can and will wash away your sins if you will but submit in loving obedience to His commands (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9).

WORRY By Raymond Sieg

In [Luke 10:38-42](#), the Bible states: "*Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part,*

which shall not be taken away from her."

From these passages we learn that Martha suffered from a problem that is still quite common today. She worried, and she was bothered about many things. She made the mistake of allowing anxiety to get the best of her. It controlled her to the point that she ridiculed Jesus for letting her sister listen to His teaching.

Perhaps if Martha had spent more time listening to Jesus like Mary did, she would not have been so filled with care. Thankfully, the Scriptures furnish us with some valuable in-

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structions that will help us overcome worry if we will put them into practice.

Consider the statement found in [Psalm 55:22](#): "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Also, in [Philippians 4:6-7](#) we read: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Furthermore, Peter wrote, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" ([1 Peter 5:6-7](#)). Thus, the Bible teaches repeatedly that the alternative to worry is giving our concerns to the Lord through prayer.

Instead of worrying and allowing ourselves to be overcome with anxiety, let us practice the admonition given in [Hebrews 4:16](#): "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

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THOSE TO SERVE January 2025

Announcements: James Pigg

Lord's Table AM: Mike E. & Jimmy C.

Lord's Table PM: 5-Mike; 12-Jimmy 19-Mike;
26-Jimmy

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Bobbgy; 12-Jonnie;
19-Perry; 26-Russell

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Roy; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse;
26-Junior

Lead Songs: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Mike;
Wednesday-Chad

Count Contribution: Mike & Jimmy

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!

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
"A Study of Mark"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM
"Facts About the Blood"

SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM
"Having A Positive Attitude"

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of Ecclesiastes"



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