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Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM
Sunday
Worship
- 7:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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- Jesse Vincent

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YOU CAN START OVER *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Simon was a sorcerer who made his living by performing magic tricks and claiming greatness. He was so skilled that people from the least to the greatest listened to him believing he had the power of God. But when Simon heard Philip preaching Christ and saw the miracles that confirmed what Philip spoke as the truth, Simon believed and was baptized. It is evident that unlike Philip, Simon could not cast out unclean spirits or heal the paralyzed and the lame. His “tricks” could not compare to the genuine miracles he witnessed by the power of God through Philip. In amazement he followed Philip seeing the miracles and signs which were done (Acts 8:9-13).

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the citizens of Samaria had received the Word of God they sent two apostles, Peter and John, to the city. Their purpose was to impart spiritual gifts to those in Samaria who had obeyed the gospel. These spiritual gifts were necessary to provide the first century church with necessary spiritual guidance before the New Testament was available in its completed written

form (1 Cor. 12-14; Eph. 4:7-14; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

“And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 8:18-19). Old sinful habits sometimes come back to haunt new Christians. It takes time for one to mature spiritually and Simon had not yet reached that state. He asked for something that he did not understand and which was not within his prerogative to attain. It is clearly stated that Simon’s heart was not right in the sight of God. What he did constituted wickedness and placed his eternal soul in jeopardy. Yet, in spite of the seriousness of his sin, Simon could receive God’s forgiveness. He could be restored to God’s spiritual fellowship and once again enjoy the hope of the saved. He was instructed, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.” (Acts 8:22).

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Remember Faye Travis (now home), Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie, and Mary and Jesse Vincent. As of this writing Steve Enoch remains in Lourdes Hospital being treated for kidney failure.

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, , Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Dale Pentecost and Jaime Aguavo, Jr.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** As the COVID-19 virus continues to spread we need to continue to observe all safety measures. Please continue to pray for those who have contacted the virus and for those treating them. We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study.
- **PANTRY ITEMS January 2021:** 3—Peanut Butter; 10—Ketchup; 17—Baked Beans; 24—Green Peas; 31—Green Beans. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **January 2021 Anniversaries:** 17—Mary . **Birthdays:** 14—Shame Smith; 18—Karen Hall; 26—Marjorie Grady; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

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<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Two cities named Antioch are mentioned in the New Testament (Syria and Pisidia). In which Antioch were the disciples first called Christians?

Last Week: On what day of the week did God “rest” from all the work He had done in the creation?

Answer: On the seventh day (Genesis 2:1-2).

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Simon's reply shows his genuine desire to obtain forgiveness for his sin. He said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me." (Acts 8:24). By the grace of God, Simon was able to start over.

This inspired account clearly shows that it is possible for Christians to sin so as to lose the hope of eternal salvation. To deny this possibility is to deny what the Bible plainly teaches. John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote to Christians, "If we say that we

have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

Christians who sin must repent, pray and confess their sin in order to escape the bonds of iniquity (Acts 8:23). The Bible assures us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). If you are an erring Christian, no matter what your sin, by God's grace and because of His love for you, **YOU CAN START OVER!**

DOES IT MATTER HOW ONE WORSHIPS GOD?

It might not matter to man how that he worships God, but it does matter to God. God desires our worship. Not only does He desire our worship, He has described and designated His divinely acceptable worship. Since He demands that we worship only according to His Will, then it is evident that it does matter how one worships.

John 4:24 lays down how we are to worship God acceptably, "God is a spirit and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth." Notice, first of all the word "must." It carries with it the idea of that which is imperative, therefore necessary. Again, suggesting to us, that there is a pattern or plan that must be followed. God has not left it up to man to decide "how" to worship Him acceptably, He has the plan.

Acceptably worship must have (1) Proper Aim - God; (2) Proper Attitude - In spirit and (3) Proper Authority - In truth. Worship is not just an attitude. It involves "acts" of worship as authorized by His Word.

As we worship God we do have Bible authority to (1) Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16); (2) Partake of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7) (3) To

give (contribute) back to God upon the first day of the week as He has blessed us (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7); (4) To pray to God (Acts 2:42; Colossians 4:2) and (5) To Study His Word as it is being taught and preached (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11).

God never has accepted just "any kind" of worship. Even in the Old Testament God was strict concerning what to do in worship. The examples of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4 and Hebrews 11:6 and that of Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-3 demonstrate that it does matter to God how that one worships.

In the New Testament we read that there is such a thing as vain worship (Matthew 15:9); "will" worship (Colossians 2:23) and worshiping in ignorance (Acts 17:23). Certainly such is not acceptable to the Lord. He accepts only "true" worship.

Does it matter how that one worships God? It does to Him and that is what counts!

- - Jerry Joseph
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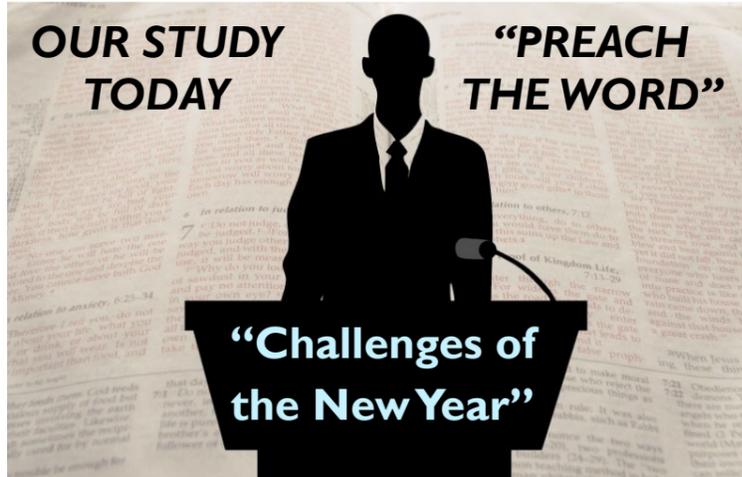
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Psalms 31:24

“Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.”



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM

STEPS OF SALVATION:
FROM SINNER TO SAVED

