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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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THE RESURRECTION OF THE HUMAN BODY *By Wayne Jackson*

In his defense before Agrippa, Paul asked his Jewish audience: “*Why is it judged incredible with you, if God doth raise the dead?*” (Acts 26:8). There have always been those who found the concept of the bodily resurrection unbelievable, and their modern counterparts are appearing increasingly—even within the framework of “Christendom.”

False Ideas About the Resurrection

The ancient Greeks disdained the notion that the body could ever be raised. Thus, when Paul spoke concerning “the resurrection of the dead [ones – plural]” in Athens, his message was mocked (Acts 17:32). During the time of Jesus, the Sadducees denied the resurrection of the body (Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:6-8). Even some Christians in the primitive church had fallen for this error, and so affirmed: “There is no resurrection of the

dead” (1 Corinthians 15:12)—a heresy which Paul attempted to correct. In the late decades of the apostolic age, a sect known as the Gnostics arose, denying the resurrection of the body.

In our own age, atheism, of course, rejects the idea that the human body will be raised from the dead. An article in the Soviet Encyclopedia asserts that the concept of the resurrection is in “decisive contradiction with scientific natural knowledge” (quoted in Smith 1999, 455). Of course religious modernism repudiates the idea of the resurrection, since, having “demythologized” the Scriptures, it rejects any element of the miraculous. Cultish groups also have a problem with the doctrine that God will raise the body. The Jehovah’s Witnesses assert that the incorrigibly wicked “will never be remembered for resurrection” (Make Sure of All Things, 314).

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Marie Wyatt and Jim and Mary Lowrie.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, and Ted Clark.

PANTRY ITEMS February 2024: 4—Black-eyed Peas; 11-Carrots; 18-Canned Tomatoes; 25-Spaghetti Sauce.. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

February 2024; Anniversaries: 20-Karen & Martin Elkins **Birthdays:** 19-Maxine Pool; 25-Jan Pigg- Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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 email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com.

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. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREEN PLAIN:

⇒ **Spring 2024 School of Biblical Studies** each Monday, March 4—April 29. Classes: Romans Part 2-Josh Manning and 2 Corinthians Part 2—Jack Phillips. The time will be 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

⇒ **Spring Gospel Meeting** April 7-11 with Bradley Smith preacher for the Hickory Grove church of Christ. Mark you calendars and pray for these efforts!

THSE TO SERVE February 2024

Announcements: Chad Canter

Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Table PM: 4-Roy; 11-Junior; 18-Roy;
25-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 4-Jonnie; 11-Bobby;
18-James; 25-Jim L

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Mike; 11-Dave; 18-Jesse;
25-Perry

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

If you cannot serve contact Chad Canter



VALENTINES DAY DINNER

Saturday February 17th

6:00 pm

In the Annex

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There are those who have converted to the dogma of radical preterism and deny the future resurrection. Like Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who erred in Paul's day, these folks suggest that the "resurrection is past already" (2 Tim. 2:17,18), having been spiritually effected in A.D. 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem (see article, *The Menace of Radical Preterism*.)

Whether ancient or modern, within the church or outside of it, the denial of the bodily resurrection is radical error. And in this age of biblical illiteracy, this false doctrine will continue to make its presence felt among the people of God unless gospel teachers return to a proclamation of the fundamental principles of the Christian faith, one of which is the "resurrection of the dead" (cf. Heb. 6:1,2).

The Bible and the Resurrection

The Bible clearly affirms the doctrine of the general resurrection of the dead. Note, in brief, the following points.

The concept of the resurrection is found in the Old Testament — though not as pronounced as it comes to light in the New Testament (cf. 2 Tim. 1:10). According to Jesus, God's declaration to Moses regarding Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was an indication of the eventual resurrection (Mt. 22:31,32). Other Old Testament passages also suggested that man's body would be raised ultimately (see Job 19:25-27; Psa. 17:15; Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; Hos. 13:14).

The doctrine of the bodily resurrection is affirmed abundantly in the New Testa-

ment (see Jn. 5:28-29; 6:39-40; Mk. 12:18-27; Acts 17:32; 26:8; Rom. 8:23; 1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 5:1-2; Phil. 3:21).

How any person can read Paul's great discussion of the eventual disposition of the dead — in 1 Corinthians, chapter 15 — and not believe in the resurrection, has to be one of the mysteries of the ages. In that remarkable chapter the apostle develops his line of argumentation in the following fashion. Paul persuasively pled for the historical fact of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ on the basis of numerous eyewitnesses of the risen Lord. On one occasion, this consisted of more than 500 people (15:1-11). The apostle maintained that the Lord's resurrection is Heaven's guarantee that we too shall be raised. Jesus is the "first-fruits" (a figure suggesting a future harvest) of the general resurrection to be effected at the time of His return (vv. 12-34). Paul discussed the nature of the resurrected body. It will not be a physical or a corruptible body; rather, it will be spiritual and incorruptible (vv. 35-49). Nevertheless, there will be an identity continuum between our present body and the new, resurrected one. Only in this light can the term "resurrection" (which means to "stand up") have any relevance. Moreover, each body will have its own individuality (v. 38). It is so thrilling to reflect upon the fact that our new body will be identical in form to the glorious body of our resurrected Lord (see Phil. 3:21).

Finally, the theological impact of the resurrection is set forth. It is a declaration of victory (vv. 50-57). In view of this great

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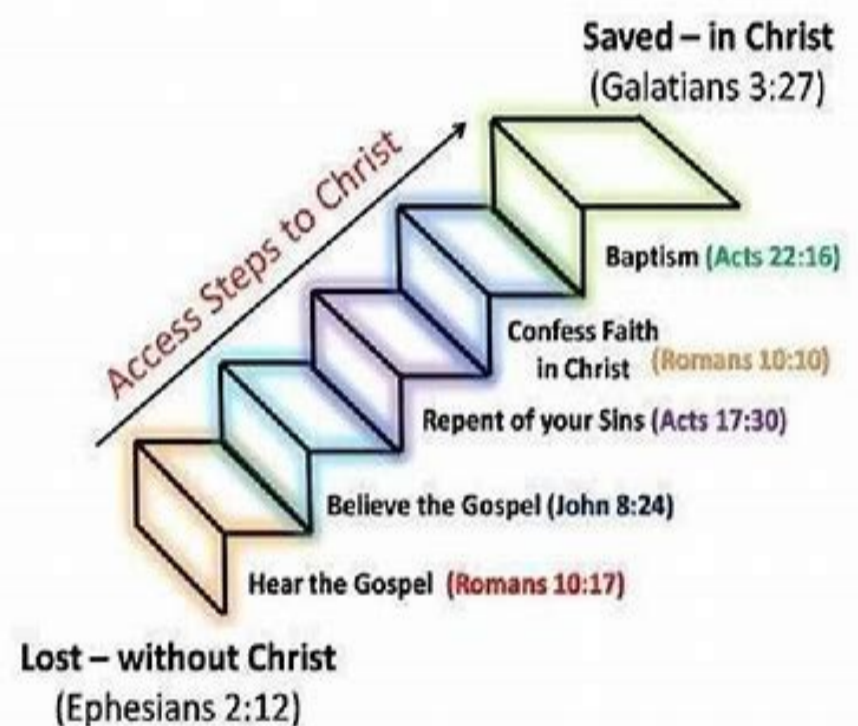
hope, saints are admonished to persevere in their fidelity (v. 58).

The biblical doctrine of the resurrection of the dead is a comforting concept. Those who would rob us of this hope are not friends of the cause of Christ.

Sources

Smith, Wilbur M. 1999. Wycliffe Dictionary of Theology. Everett Harrison, Geoffrey W. Bromily, Carl F. Henry, eds. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson.

—[The Resurrection of the Human Body | Christian Courier](#)



“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.” John 15:4

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
Study of I Timothy

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“Doing What I Can Do”

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 2:00
“The Greatness of Love”

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Matthew



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