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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am
and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
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- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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IS SIN REAL? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

In answer to the question “Is Sin Real?” one writer expressed her view in the words, “No sin does not exist. Sins are human constructs designed by the early religious leaders to promote a patriarchal society and to control the masses through fear-based living.” In answer to the same question another wrote, “No. Sin is a problem that Christianity created and is now trying to fix.” While both of these statements deny the actuality of such a thing as sin, they admit that the concept of sin exists though, in their view, it is only the invention of men with less than honorable intentions. For those of us who believe the Bible the views expressed in the above quotations fall into the realm of absurdity! The Bible clearly states, “*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). Sin exists! Sin is real!

How does the Bible define sin? Sin is a transgression of God’s spiritual law. “*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*” (1 John 3:4). Any violation of God’s Word revealed in the Bible constitutes sin

and makes the violator a sinner. Is murder a sin? Yes! Why? Because God’s spiritual law forbids murder (Romans 13:9; James 2:11; 1 Peter 4:15; 1 John 3:15). When one commits murder he violates the spiritual law of God and thus sins. Is murder a reality? In the city of Chicago in 2016 there were 762 murders. Ask the families of those whose lives were taken from them in Chicago if murder is real. Since murder is real so is sin for murder violates God’s spiritual law.

Why would anyone deny the reality of sin? If sin does not exist then one is relieved of guilt and personal responsibility for ones actions. In that scenario one could do whatever he wants to do and never be held accountable to anyone higher than himself. Yet the reality is, “*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad*” (2 Corinthians 5:10). Sinners are held accountable before God for their sins! “*The wages of sin is death....*” (Romans 6:23). “*The soul that sins it shall*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Green Plain Members:** Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Mike Ernstberger , Roy Wyatt,. Joan Lathrop, James Pigg, and Don Spiceland (back issues), **Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison,, Ted Clark, and Karen Puckett.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2024: 5—Apple Sauce; 12-Peaches; 19-Pears; 26-Fruit Salad. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

May 2024; Anniversaries: None; **Birthdays:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

POOR IN SPIRIT

As the Savior opened His message of spiritual healing, He said the poor in spirit are blessed, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. These are they in whom is found no haughtiness nor excesses of pride. Such possess the spiritual sight perception and willingness to hear that enable them to enjoy the greatest benefit from inspired words of truth. The poor in spirit are the exact opposite of those of John Nine who refused to receive the testimony of Christ given by a man whom the Lord had healed, regarded him as a sinner, and cast him out of their presence. Such mistreatment seems to have had no ill effect on the man, who had been born blind and to whom the Savior gave sight. The Kingdom of Heaven belongs indeed to the poor in spirit.

—Written by David Hayes Prophater via GBNTV.org

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2024

announcements: Chad Canter

Lord's Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Lord's Table PM: 5-Roy; 12-Junior; 19-Roy;
26-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Jonnie; 12-Bobby;
19-James; 26-Jim L.

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Russell; 12-Dave;
19-Jesse; 26-Mike

Song Leaders: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-
Mike; Wednesday-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

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.

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die” (Ezekiel 18:20). “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Denying that sin is real will have no impact whatsoever on the certain judgment of sinners by God.!

Rather than denying the reality of sin every person should accept it for what it is and utilize God’s plan of salvation to receive forgiveness and escape the eternal consequences of sin. Here is the reality— “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” (Romans 5:8-9). God

does not want any of us to perish in sin (2 Peter 3:9). He sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins and obtain the hope of heaven (John 3:16). Yet, we cannot continue in sin and expect to escape it’s consequences. We must live a disciplined life, expressing our love for God through obedience to His will. We must deny ourselves of “*ungodliness and worldly lusts*” and “*live soberly righteously and godly in this world*” (Titus 2:11-12).

Yes, sin is real! The punishment for sin is real! The salvation that is in Jesus Christ is real! We plead with each reader to accept God’s plan for your salvation from sin and you will, at the coming of our Lord, enjoy the reality of being with Him in the eternal bliss of heaven!

WHEN YOU ARE IN OVER YOUR HEAD

Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last (Luke 23:44- 46).

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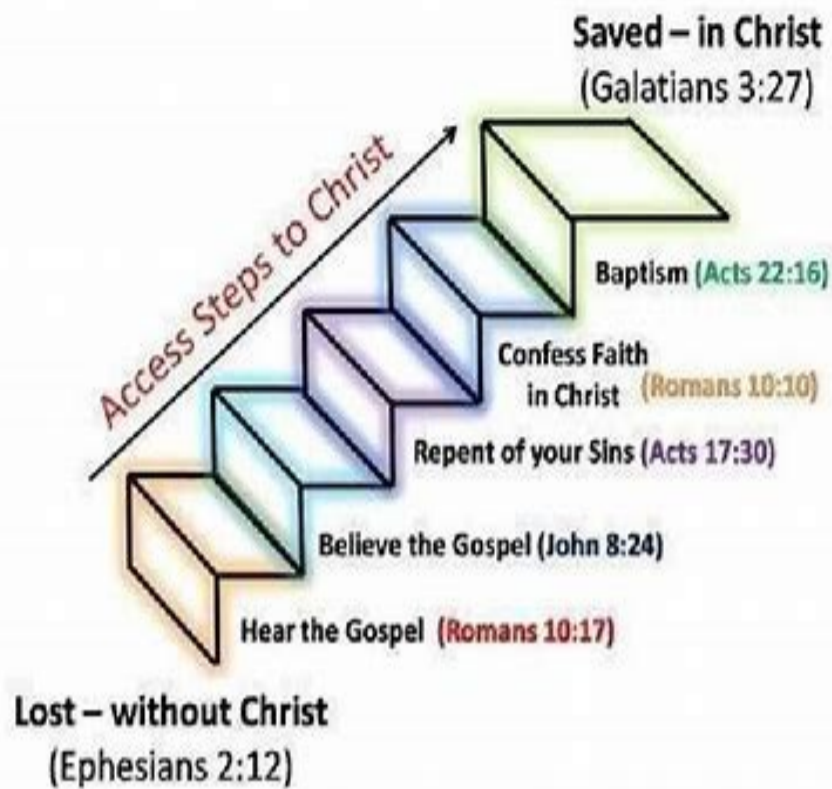
Those words cause one’s heart to sink. When Jesus exhaled for a final time on the cross, all the minions of Hell may well have thought that the battle was over and that victory belonged to Satan their evil commander. But how wrong they were! And how horrified they must have been just a short time later! Yes, Jesus suffered and died. He was buried. But then “He rose again the third day, according to the Scrip-



tures” (1 Corinthians 15:4)! Furthermore, “He [The Father] has put all things under His feet” (v. 27)! Think for a moment about the wonderful implications of that truth that should compel us to praise, worship and live for God.

“He has put all things under His feet” (v. 27). Do you ever feel that you are in way over your head with problems? That may be the case, but Jesus is over all things. He is in Heaven, interceding on your behalf! A glorious fact is powerfully declared in Romans 8:34, “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” Where are your problems? “Under His feet”! Jesus is alive! He is in control! Jesus is coming

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again!

Beloved, is there someone in your life who is hurting, suffering, struggling? Consider sending that person a note of encouragement and be sure to use Romans 8:34 as a closing verse of hope. Letting one know that Christ is alive, above, active and working on the behalf of His people can bring a comfort and strength that nothing else can produce.

-Johnny Hester, *bulletindigest.com*

ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND VIDEOS

The Gospel Broadcasting Network—

gbntv.org—Live & on demand studies on a variety of Bible subjects. Video/Audio.

Apologetics Press— apologeticspress.org—

Articles/Videos related to the subject of apologetics and other Bible subjects.

A Bible Answer— abibleanswer.tv—

Answers to your Bible questions. Watch on WQQW The Heartland's CW (Paducah, Ky)

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
“The Changeless Church in a Changing World”

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm
“Help Me Through Today”

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study pf Matthew



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