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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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270-759-2145 Home
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY? By Lee Cox

“Be ye Holy for I am Holy”, are words said by God and echoed throughout the scripture describing how one is to live before God. The question is however, how can I be Holy? How Holy is God? Is this something that can be attained today? When one begins to look at Holiness and how it relates to the Christian today, it becomes very easy to be overwhelmed.

Before we can observe the holiness in a way of imitation, we first must observe it in a way of admiration!

Isaiah 6:1-5 gives us one of the best looks into the Holiness of God. The inspired writer speaks of the Throne of God and its surroundings. We are given this beautiful picture of how the Lord is sitting on His throne and even the angelic beings that He created were calling out how Holy God is. This 3-time mentioning is the superlative cry not to just say He is Holy but that He is extremely Holy.

When the word is applied to God in the Bible, the idea is that He is separate, high, exalted, and above all His creation and

His purity cannot be tainted. The astonishing part about this, is not just simply God is extremely Holy in and of Himself but also the scriptures teach that even the things God comes into contact with or have a relation to are Holy as well.

The Tabernacle was the Holy Tabernacle, why? It was associated with God.

1. Psalm 2:6- *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*
2. Psalm 11:4- *The Lord is in his holy temple...*
3. God is so holy even the promises that drip from his lips are called holy Psalm 105:42- *For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.*

The holiness of God can be overwhelming, however knowing that God isn't going to ask of us anything that cannot be attained, how can I be Holy like God? Understanding that there are many ways to accomplish this, I want to look at our worship. The reason

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes Grady. Marjorie Grady (rehab in Murray Hospital). Remember our shut-ins in prayer.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Carlee Poole, and Kim Burrows.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2023: 2—Chili; 11-Green Beans; 18—Toilet Tissue; 25-Toothpaste. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

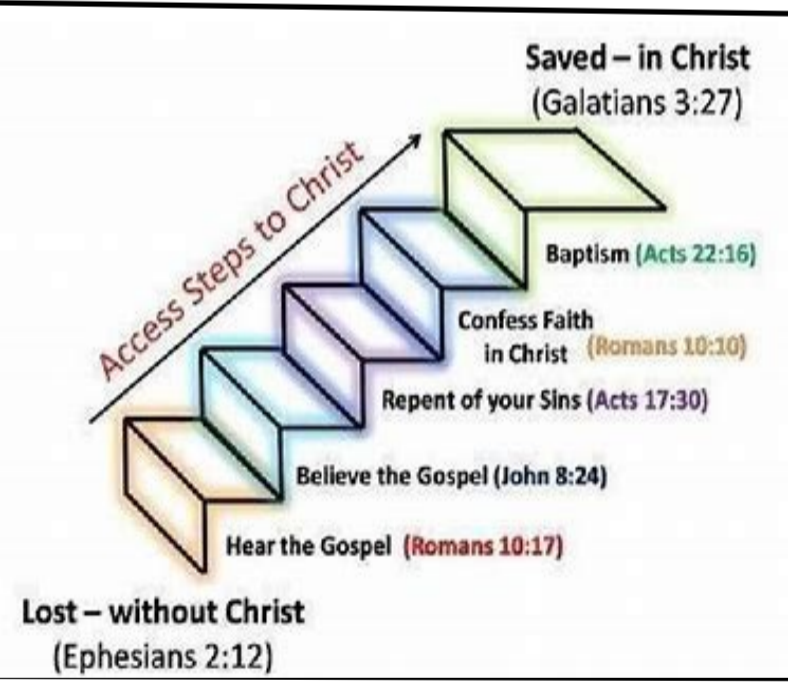
June 2023; Anniversaries: 17-Jan & James Pigg; 21-Peggy & Perry Jarvis; 25-Mary & Jim Lowrie. **Birthdays:** 15-Don Spiceland.

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.

ATTENTION: There will be no bulletin printed for next Sunday. The next issue will be distributed on Sunday, June 18th.

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY YOUR SINS? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS! “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19).



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being that worship is when the Christian draws near to God and praises Him, it is vital that this is done properly.

Leviticus 10:1-3, the infamous set of scripture where we see 2 individuals that “offer strange fire” before God and were destroyed because of it. We may be very familiar with the account given here in scripture, but have we taken the time to observe why they were destroyed.

Notice what God says in verse 3 and how it shows that unauthorized worship is not just missing the mark, but it is totally dismissing the Holiness of God, and God says I won’t stand for it.

Today, the command from Leviticus is echoed once again for us in 1 Peter 1:15-16. Making the proclamation that God still requires His Children to be holy in their lives. The amazing part about it all is that

God does not just make mention of this and never give instructions on how to accomplish it. Just as the Jews would have read though and understand the Inspired book of Leviticus you and I not only have it for our learning (Romans 15:4); but we also have the book of 1 Peter. Showing us today that no matter what position we find ourselves in, in this life, we can achieve Holy living before God.

If we can take anything from the scripture when trying to understand the Staggering Holiness of God, let it be this. God is holy and we on our own are not. God is holy and high and lifted up and we dare not rush into His presence in an unholy fashion.

—From “*A More Sure Word*” - Tricities School of Preaching & Christian Development.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

*“Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what **authority** are You doing these things? And who gave You this **authority**?” But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what **authority** I do these things: The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?” (Matthew 21:23-25). The Greek word translated “authority” has the meaning of permission. The Jewish leaders were asking Jesus who gave Him the permission or the right to teach and to work miracles. Jesus answered that he would tell who gave Him authority if they would answer His question concerning John’s baptism. Did God authorize John’s baptism, or did it come from men?*

Jesus’ question put these Jewish leaders in a dilemma. *“If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet. So they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” Jesus then said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”*

This interaction shows the importance Jesus placed on divine authority. Later Jesus would say, *“...**All authority** has been given unto Me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:19). What Jesus taught, He taught by divine authority. He had God’s permission to teach and work miracles. Since Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior, expressed the importance and necessity of divine authority for what he taught and practiced should we*

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THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2023

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Lord's Table AM: James Pigg & Chad Canter

Lord's Table PM: 4-Chad; 11-James; 18-Chad; 25-James

Opening Prayer AM

4-Jim L. 11-Mike; 18-Jonnie; 25-Bobby

Closing Prayer PM

4-Roy; 11-Dave; 18-Junior; 25-Perry

Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: James & Chad

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not do the same? Should we not seek divine permission for every belief, teaching, and practice in religious matters? Have you considered the question of divine authority in what you believe and practice in your desire to please God?

How can we know if what we believe, and practice is permitted by God? Friends, God authorizes today through His written word in the New Testament. If one cannot find divine permission in the New Testament for what he believes and practices in religion, then he is practicing that for which he has no divine authority. Sadly, many religious people never question their religious beliefs and practices. They never investigate the scriptures to seek divine authority. Have you? Why do you believe and practice what you do? Is it because you have searched the scriptures for divine authority or simply because it is something you have always been taught and believed? Is it from God or men is still a most relevant question.

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11)

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

Book of Acts

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

Guest Speaker

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00

Guest Speaker

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

Book of Matthew



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