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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
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE BLESSED?

- If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed, one-third of the world does not have access to even one.
- If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you're ahead of 500 million people around the world.
- If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest or torture or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.
- If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than seventy-five percent of this world.
- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top eight percent of the world's wealthy.
- If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, even in the United States.
- If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.
- If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.
- If you prayed yesterday and today, you are in the minority because you believe in God's willingness to hear and answer prayer.

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes Grady, Marjorie Grady (Spring Creek Rehab), Jim and Mary Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Roy Wyatt, Joan Lathrop and Jackie Spiceland.

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, Gina Hutchison, and Donald Cook.

GUEST SPEAKER: David Nance will be with us next Sunday (18th) to report on the Lord’s work in India and deliver a lesson. Please keep David in your prayers.

PANTRY ITEMS August 2024: 4-Peanut Butter; 11-Jelly; 18– Apple Sauce; 25-Peaches. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

August 2024; Anniversaries: 13-Gail and Jonnie Hutchison **Birthdays:** 4-Tresa Enoch; 10-unior Morris; 21-Jackie Spiceland.

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.

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. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge.

*“But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load”
(Galtians6:4-5)*

THOSE TO SERVE August 2024

announcements: Chad Camter

Lord’s Table AM: Roy W. & Junior M.

Lord’s Table PM: 4-Roy 11-Junior; 18-Roy; 25-Junior

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

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Russell; 11-Dave; 18-Jesse; 25-Chad..

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

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

***UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
GREEN PLAIN***

**Fall Gospel a Meeting with
John Sales Sept. 8-12.**

**Fall Session of the School
of Biblical Studies
Sept 16-Nov 4, 2024**

IS HELL REAL? By Gary L. Hutchens

Many people are most uncomfortable with the concept of a place of punishment called "Hell" in scripture. Many believe Hell to be inconsistent with their concept of a loving, kind, merciful God of grace. Well, is Hell real?

It is the Greek word "Gehenna" that is most commonly rendered "Hell" in our English translations. It is a specific word that refers to a place of punishment reserved for the unfaithful after this life is over.

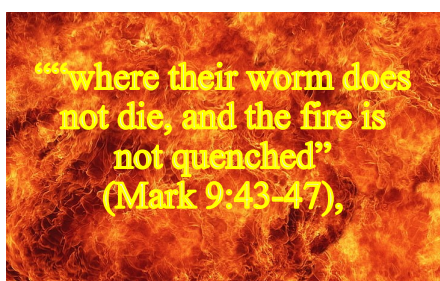
This particular word does not refer to death, the grave or some state of non-existence. A different Greek word, "Tartarus," perhaps best translated "Hades," is used in scripture in regard to a soul's state of existence between physical death and judgment. The fact that "Gehenna" is so specific is powerful evidence of the reality of "Hell."

"Gehenna" is used twelve times in the New Testament, eleven of those by the Lord Himself (Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mk. 9:43, 45, 47; Lk. 12:5; Jas. 3:6). In both verses, the text of Matt. 5:29 and 30 speak of being "cast into Hell." In Matt. 10:28 Jesus spoke of having "both soul and body" destroyed "in Hell." Similarly, Matt. 18:9 speaks of being "cast into hell fire," indicating the nature of the punishment therein. Jesus admonished to "Fear Him Who...has power to cast into Hell" (Lk. 12:5).

The description of Hell in Mk. 9:43-47 is

quite specific: "it is better...to enter into life maimed...than...to go to Hell," (vs. 43); "It is better...to enter life lame...than...to be cast into Hell" (vs. 45); "It is better...to enter the kingdom of God with one eye...than...to be cast into hell fire-" (vs. 47). In addition, each of these statements is fol-

lowed by the further statement, "where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (vs. 44, 46, 48), indicating a definite place under consideration.

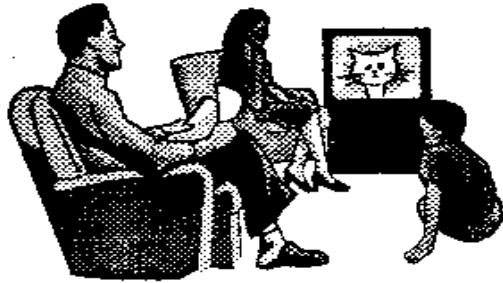


The language in these texts is neither vague nor allusive; it is direct, explicit, precise, specific. It unambiguously speaks of a definite place called Hell. The nature of Hell is described clearly and repeatedly. It is a place of "fire" (Matt. 5:22; 18:9; Mk. 9:44, 45, 47; Jas. 3:6), with the implication of obvious suffering going therewith. It is also a place of condemnation (Matt. 23:33) and destruction (Matt. 10:28).

Other texts further describe Hell as a "lake which burns with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8). At the same time it is a place of "outer darkness" and agony (Matt. 22:13; 25:30) such as would cause "wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:41-42, 49-50). It is a place of torment and utter separation from God (Lk. 16:24, 28; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

Is Hell real? It is virtually impossible to read objectively all that the scriptures say about Hell and not conclude that it is indeed a real place, one to be avoided at all cost.

*Is this Wednesday
night at your house?*



*Or do you attend all
services of the
church?*



DEAR CHRISTIAN: Have you returned to the practice of sin? Are you living in open rebellion to your God? Have you deserted your post as a soldier of Christ? If that is the case, the Word of God vividly pictures you as, "A dog [that] returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." (2 Peter 2:22). At this point in time you are lost and without hope. You are in jeopardy of existing eternally in the punishment of a devil's hell.

The good news is that you do not need to remain in that condition. We serve a loving God who desires your salvation and has made provisions through the blood of Jesus for you to return to Him. Repent, confess your sins and ask God to forgive you and God will forgive your sins and your hope will be restored. (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9).—Jonnie H.

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
Oppprtunities**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
Study of Matthew**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"A Man With A Nature
Like Ours"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm
"If God Be For Us"**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Ecclesiastes**



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