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for your death and the coming judgment? Now is the time. Tomorrow may be too late. We plead with you not to die lost and without hope! Obey the gospel and receive the forgiveness of your sins through the precious blood of Jesus.

# WHAT MUST I DO?

Hear and Heed the Gospel Romans 10:17

Believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God John 8:24; Mark 16:16

Repent of sin—Acts 17:30

Confess faith in Christ—Acts 8:37

Be Baptized (Immersed in Water) for the remission of your sins Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21

> <u>Live Faithful</u> Until Death Revelation 2:10

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well." PS 139:14

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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM

"Study of Mark"

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM** 

"That Wonderful Place Called Heaven"

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM "Congregational Obligations—3"

Wednesday 7:00 PM

"Why Bad Things Happen to Good People"

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# WHAT HAPPENS AT DEATH? By Jonnie Hutchison

The Bible teaches the certainty of physical death describing it as an appointment that each one will keep. Hebrews 9:27a reads, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...." God never intended for us to live forever upon this earth. The body wears out over time and is often impacted by disease and other afflictions. At the time of God's choosing, this material universe will cease to exist (2 Peter 3:10-13). Yes, you and I will die unless we are still alive at the Lord's return (1 Thess. 4:15).

Many have wondered what happens at death. Let me suggest three things that we need to know in answering this question.

At death there is a separation of the spirit from this physical body.

Man is a dual being consisting of both body and spirit (sometimes called the soul). Paul wrote of this dual essence in the words, "Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16). At death the inward man departs from the outward man which constitutes death. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26).

What happens to the body and the spirit when one dies? "Then the dust (the body Gen. 3:19) will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it" (Eccl. 12:7). According to the teaching of Luke 16:19-31, those who pass from this life enter into a spiritual realm

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** <u>Green Plain Members:</u> Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Dave and Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Wanda Barrett.

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Janice Canter, Peyton Mays (Cancer), Gina Hutchison is at home.

PANTRY <u>ITEMS August 2025:</u> 3-Peanut Butter; 10-Jelly; 17-Corn; 24-Diced Tomatoes; 31-Pork-n-Beans.

<u>August 2025 ANNIVERSERIES</u>: 13-Gail & Jonnie BIRTHDAYS: 4-Teresa Enoch; 10-Brint Morris; 21-Jackie Spiceland.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** All are invited to join us at the Cyprus Bay Restaurant 2740 Cyprus Trail, New Concord, KY Thursday **August 7th** at **5:00 pm**. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board so that we can have an accurate account of the number attending. Thanks.

## **THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 2025**

Announcements: Chad

Preside at Lord's Table AM: Roy & Bobby

Preside at Lord's Table PM: 3-Roy; 10-Bobby; 17-Roy; 24-Bobby; 31-Roy

Opening Prayer AM: 3-James; 10-Jonnie; 17; Jimmy; 24-Mike; 31-James

Closing Prayer AM: 3-Perry; 10-Dave; 17-Jesse; 24-Russell; 31-Chad

Lead Singing: AM-Perry; PM-Chad; Wed-Mike

Count Contribution: Roy and Bobby

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called Hades—the saved into paradise and the lost into torment—to await the final judgment.

At death one's eternal desti**ny is sealed.** This life is the only time given for man's preparation for eternity. This can clearly be seen in the case of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16. The rich man desired for Abraham to send Lazarus back to warn his brothers so that they would not be where the rich man was. But Abraham told him, "they have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them" (Luke 16:27-28). The rich man's eternal destiny was sealed. Today people must hear and obey the gospel of Christ to avoid existing where the rich man was after death. The Bible teaches that NOW is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2). At death it will be too late to change where one will exist in eternity. In addition, no living person, no matter what he or she may do, can impact the sealed eternal destiny of the dead.

At death, many will be surprised. It may be the result of an untimely or unexpected death. It may be the result of expecting salvation

but not making the proper preparation for death. Sadly, many sincere people who believe they are saved will find at death that they were taught the "doctrines and commandments of men" rather than the truth of God (Matthew 15:8-9). Jesus spoke of this very possibility in His picture of the judgment in Matthew 7:22-23 saying, "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

What will happen when you die? Your spirit will separate from your body. Your body will return to dust, your spirit will exist in either paradise or torments and your eternal destiny will be permanently sealed. When the Lord returns, the dead will be raised and judgment will be rendered (John 5:28-29). The saved will exist with God in heaven and the lost will exist in the punishment of eternal hell (Matthew 25:46).

Dear reader, are you prepared

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