

ANNOUNCEMENTS**MAY 3, 2009****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:** Gertrude Hall, Bertharine Burton**HOME:** Flora Millwood, Lottie Townley, Ruby Harrison, Johnny & Lizzie Banks, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Audie Estus, Maudie Jones, Daniel Dzielinski, Frances Vinson**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Tommy Hollingsworth, David Ray, Amanda Rutledge, Andrew Elliott, Kimberly Wilcox, Pat Cush, Emmitt Pendley, Fritz Pendley, Jerusha Key, Jill Martindale, Larry Myers, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Irene Palmer, Jim Murrell**AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "HOW GOD TREATS A 'CHIEF SINNER'"****PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "PAUL'S GLORY AND JOY"****CIA TEAM #2 (NEIL'S TEAM) MEETS TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES AT DANNY AND ROBIN'S HOUSE****VBS IS MAY 31-JUNE 4 - MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND INVITE OTHERS****DAVID RAY & ANDREW ELLIOTT ARE IN NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT. THEIR ADDRESSES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD****SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES****PLACE QUESTIONS IN THE QUESTION BOX****SEE DAVID OR GLEN FOR TAPES****BIRTHDAYS:**

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SUNDAY MORNING

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SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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Good Morning!
Ben Wright

May 3, 2009
Sermon Advantage

**HOW GOD TREATS A “CHIEF SINNER”
(1 Timothy 1:15-16)**

I. _____ of what God does with our sins.

- A. God “_____” our sins (Acts 2:38; Matthew 18:21-35).
- B. God “_____” sin (Acts 3:19).
 - 1. This phrase literally means to “wipe clean; to _____.”
 - 2. The _____ of our sins has been removed forever and is forever gone.
- C. God “_____ us from all sins” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Acts 22:16; Hebrews 10:17).
 - 1. Sin causes our souls to be _____.
 - 2. The blood of Jesus is the only cleansing _____ (Revelation 1:5).
- D. God “_____” our sins (Ezekiel 18:21-22; Hebrews 10:17).
- E. God “_____ our iniquities” (Micah 7:19a).
- F. God “_____” our sins (Micah 7:19b).
- G. God “_____” the effects of sin (Psalm 103:12).

II. We must do our _____.

- A. One must never think that man has no part in the _____ of sin.
- B. Jesus paid the price and offers pardon, but we must _____ that offer of pardon from Jesus.
- C. Just as sure as I am standing here, there are people in this _____ who will never know God’s answer to sin because they are unwilling to accept His offer of pardon (2 Thessalonians 1:8).

III. Two _____ throughout the Bible.

- A. Sin brings _____ into our lives.
- B. Once we obey God and accept His grace, we are _____ and _____.

THE TWO-FOLD NATURE OF GOD'S GRACE

Patrick Morrison

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [e]ven when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [a]nd hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: [t]hat in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kind-ness toward us through Christ Jesus” (Eph.2:4-7). Oh, how great is the grace of God! Thanks be to God that He has extended His grace to all men, that we may come to know Him and spend eternity in fellowship with Him! It is by the grace of God that we live, move, and have our be-ing, and it is by the grace of God that we are saved. Unfortunately, many misuse and abuse the idea of God's matchless grace. There are those who would have us to believe that we are saved by grace only. However, those who claim such do not practice what they preach. There are two sides of this proverbial “coin” that must be considered. After all, we are imperfect human beings dealing with a perfect and holy God.

From the divine aspect, God's grace is sufficient for all peo-ple. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross allows all people the op-portunity to be saved (Jn.3:16). There is no sin too great, no sinner so vile, that the blood of Christ cannot cleanse (Heb.7:25). God desires that all men be saved (1 Tim.2:4), and that no man perish (2 Pet.3:9). If man is saved by grace alone, it is no longer merely God's desire that all men be saved, but an irrevocable and unalterable fact that all men will be saved! However, the Bible nowhere teaches that man is saved by grace alone. It is Biblical fact that the grace of God is sufficient to cover the sins of the entire world, but, because of the human element, such will not be the case.

From the human perspective, God's grace is only efficient for some. All men have the opportunity to be freed from sin by the blood of Christ, but not all will choose to seize this opportunity. The truth of the matter is that the majority will reject the offer of pardon extended by God, opting rather to walk the pathway of vice and wickedness which leads to eternal punishment in hell (Mt.7:13,14). God's grace is a free gift that awaits all those who will accept this gift on God's terms (Eph.2:8-10). It is utterly foolish to think that man is trying to earn salvation when he complies with God's terms of acceptance. When one

obeys the gospel, culminating in his baptism into Christ, God's grace is accessed by an active, obedient faith (Rom.5:2), by which this believer is justified, freed from the shackles of sin through the blood of Christ. He has not merited salvation. He has merely done that which was his duty to do (Lk.17:10).

It is hard to fathom the magnitude of God's grace. The Bible does teach us that if everyone in the world were to obey the gospel, God's grace is sufficient to cover the sins of everyone in the world. Despite this fact, very few will avail themselves of this opportunity. God's grace is truly sufficient for all, but sadly it is only efficient for some.