

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****OCT 4, 2009****SICK LIST:**

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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "THE PRODIGAL AND THE GRACE OF GOD"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "RESPECTING THOSE WHO SERVE"

**GOSPEL MEETING AT ZION, OCT 4-6**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT SIXTH AVENUE, OCT 4-7**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT ADAMSVILLE, OCT 11-14**

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF LOTTIE TOWNLEY WHO DIED SATURDAY. THE VIEWING IS AT 1:30 MONDAY AT COLLINS-BURKE AND THE FUNERAL IS AT 2:30**

**DESSERTS FOR OCTOBER 8: DEBRA ALEXANDER; 15: SANDRA HUNT; 22: SANDY RICHARDSON; 29: GAIL WINDHAM**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Oct. 5: Wilma Brown

10: Nellie Windham

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY MORNING

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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**THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE PRODIGAL SON**  
**(Luke 15:11-32)**

**I. The prodigal in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. When we first meet the prodigal, he represents those who want grace without \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. His words are “\_\_\_\_\_ me” (vs. 12).
- C. The doctrines of salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ only.
  - 1. These are “give me” \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. You don’t have to do anything to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The impossibility of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. I can’t \_\_\_\_\_ what God has done is what this teaches.
  - 2. I have no \_\_\_\_\_ now because God has saved me and I can’t be lost.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ brother.**

- A. The older brother represents those who embrace responsibility but feel little need for \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. This is represented in \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:9-14).
  - 1. The Pharisees “trusted in themselves that they were \_\_\_\_\_ and despised others.”
  - 2. He had an “I \_\_\_\_\_ do...” list.
  - 3. He had an “I \_\_\_\_\_...” list.
- C. This is also represented in what might be called “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - 1. We must be careful not to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. We are saved by the grace of God and should never \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**III. The prodigal in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. When the prodigal comes to himself he represents those who realize the value of grace and are \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the responsibility to obtain it.
- B. When you read the text, he started with “give me” and came back with “\_\_\_\_\_ me.”
- C. There is a definite \_\_\_\_\_ that exists for one to appropriate the grace of God.
  - 1. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is offered (Ephesians 2:5-10; Acts 15:11).
  - 2. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is given (Isaiah 2:2-3; Acts 2; Galatians 6:2).
  - 3. Man’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:14-26).
  - 4. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ given to man (Matthew 7:21-23).

**IV. Illustrations of the pattern for grace.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is an illustration of this.
- B. The giving of \_\_\_\_\_ is an illustration (Joshua 6:1-21).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ is an example (2 Kings 5).
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ man of John 9 is an illustration.
- E. The plan of \_\_\_\_\_ is also an illustration.

### **A WRATHLESS GOD?**

**Patrick Morrison**

Our sophisticated society has been enlightened to the point that religion or belief in a higher power is no longer necessary. Those who are more advanced in their “intelligence” and who have a “firm grasp” on the great philosophical questions of life say that we have outgrown the need for organized religion, and that the thought of an eternal, omnipotent, omniscient deity is outmoded. Man has lost any concept of a God who is willing to punish. We have “progressed” beyond moral evils such as homosexuality, fornication, pornography, and the like. Instead, the new “sins” of our time are indifference toward the environment, intolerance (amazing how the tolerant tolerate everyone except those who happen to disagree with them), mistreatment of animals (though those who decry inhumane treatment of animal life often show no regard whatsoever for human life), and ignorance of social injustice. Instead of pointing out sin, and calling it what it is, churches have gone to championing social and civic organizations, and rushing to their aid. It seems that fewer are willing to fathom the idea of a God who is just as perfect in His justice as He is in His mercy, grace, longsuffering, and forgiveness. Have we somehow imagined a God who shows no wrath or anger, and who is unwilling to punish the rebellious and disobedient?

The truth of the matter is this—we cannot fully appreciate the grace and mercy of God apart from His wrath and hatred of sin! Those who have concocted an image of God who never exhibits anger of wrath are changing the truth of God into a lie (Rom.1:25). Paul invites all to see all sides of the Almighty’s nature: “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shall be cut off” (Rom.11:22). In perhaps the greatest treatise in all of Scripture on the mercy and grace of God (Romans 1-11), notice how often Paul speaks of the wrath of God (1:18; 2:8; 4:15; 5:9; 9:22). The thesis of this book revolves around the power of the gospel (1:16), and that God’s revelation to man is a revelation of His righteousness (1:17), and of His righteous indignation (“wrath”) against sin (1:18).

I fully understand the desire of so many to contemplate the grace, mercy, longsuffering, and forgiveness of God. Have you ever stopped to consider WHY we need grace so desperately? The easy answer to that question is simply to say that we all have sinned, and therefore stand in need of grace. That is true (Rom.3:23), but does not address the whole issue. So what if I have sinned? What does that mean? I have transgressed God’s law (1 John 3:4). So what if I have transgressed God’s law? What is the penalty? The payment for sin is death (Rom.6:23). If God lacks the capacity to pour out His wrath upon those who have transgressed His will, then why

would I ever need grace in the first place? Grace is unnecessary where God's wrath does not exist! If God is unable or unwilling to punish sin, then grace is not grace. But the fact remains, we are all sinners doomed to an eternity in hell without the grace of God!

The cross stands as a monument to God's wrath and hatred of sin. It was necessary that His wrath be appeased, His justice be met. This Christ did when he died as a propitiation for our sins (Rom.3:24-25). A propitiation is a sacrifice of appeasement. Christ stood condemned in our place (2 Cor.5:21). The wrath of God demanded a price be paid, yet the grace and mercy of God longed to spare us from this penalty. A dilemma from the human standpoint became a declaration and demonstration of God's wisdom (Rom.3:26).