

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JUNE 6, 2010 SICK**

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**AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - HOW DOES GOD REWARD THOSE WHO SEEK HIM?**

**PM SERMON - DARRELL PATE**

**VBS BEGINS TONIGHT- KEEP INVITING OTHERS AND PRAYING FOR IT**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT CARBON HILL, JUNE 13-16**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT HATT, JUNE 13-15**

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

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

June 7: Anna Williams

10: Linda McDonald

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

June 11: Fred & Romaine Elliott

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**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**  
**WORSHIP 10:20**  
**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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**HOW DOES GOD REWARD THOSE WHO SEEK HIM?**  
**(Hebrews 11:6)**

I. Does God's love mean that \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved?

- A. The doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ teaches that everybody will be saved eventually.
- B. But if the Bible account of God is accurate, two different \_\_\_\_\_ are before us (Romans 2:4-8).
- C. God could not be \_\_\_\_\_ and not punish evil (Genesis 18:25).
- D. Jesus is the Savior of all those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Hebrews 5:9).

**II. What is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us?**

- A. Notice God's \_\_\_\_\_ character.
  - 1. At the cross, God proved His benevolence, which means "\_\_\_\_\_, " toward us (Romans 5:8; 8:32).
  - 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel is that in the end, good will triumph over evil.
    - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ triumph of God over evil.
    - b. When we think about that it should cause us to reflect on God's desire for us \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of His triumph.
  - 3. 2 Timothy 2:11-12.
- B. God's desire for us is that all \_\_\_\_\_ to His goodness and accept the reconciliation He offers on His terms.
  - 1. Our destiny rests on our decision, but God is not \_\_\_\_\_ with respect to our choice, greatly desiring us to share in His glory (2 Peter 3:9).
  - 2. In other words, God greatly desires to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**III. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ God gives?**

- A. Faithfulness to God certainly brings the \_\_\_\_\_ of many secondary things that are of great benefit to us.
- B. But more important than all of these is the real rewards that awaits us: a deep \_\_\_\_\_ with God the Father.
- C. To have fellowship with God for all eternity is the \_\_\_\_\_ of diligently seeking God (Revelation 22:1-5).

**IV. The right response to God's goodness.**

- A. We need to be careful to have \_\_\_\_\_ conceptions of God's character - but we need to respond to that character in the right way.
- B. It is a combination of \_\_\_\_\_ plus \_\_\_\_\_ that is the right response to God's goodness.
- C. This puts the emphasis on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Giver, not our enjoyment of the gift.
- D. Even in our consideration of the reward that can come to us, we still need to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ on God, not on us.

## **The Goodness of God**

### **Mark N. Posey**

Considered honestly, the Goodness of God should melt our heart (Rom. 2:4). God has been SO good to us when we possessed no goodness demanding His mercy. He loves, cares and provides for us, even though we go against His revealed will. He is our Father in the truest sense of the term. Since God is so benevolent, should we not give Him our best? Should we not investigate His Word, obey His commands, share His love and long for His company in heaven? I am sure all would agree! Therefore, as we daily prepare for eternity, let us consider some of the wonderful blessings He has given us this side of eternity.

1. **Jesus.** Paul was deeply appreciative for Jesus. He said, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." The word "gave" found in John 3:16, identifies the greatest gift ever given. God "gave" (John 3:16) that the world might "receive" Jesus (Col. 2:6); Jesus died (1 Cor. 15:3) that the world might live (Jn. 20:31). Jesus is the greatest gift ever known to mankind.

2. **Bible.** The Bible is the greatest book in existence because it is from the mind of God (2 Tim. 3:16). Its very name "Holy Bible" means "The Book." Many have tried to destroy it, however it has always endured. Skeptics have fought against it and yet they have been forced to admit its wonderful impact upon humanity. Isaiah declared, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever" (Is. 40:8). Thank God for His Holy Word!

3. **Grace.** God's grace is freely bestowed (Rom. 3:24) and universally available to humanity (Titus 2:11). It brings salvation (Tit. 2:11; Eph. 2:8), but must be "received" (2 Cor. 6:1) through "faith" (Eph. 2:8). Grace is not some unconditional blanket God has thrown on the human race to tolerate anything or everything man might do! It is a blessing from God to every single sinner who wills to partake of it and be saved by obeying the whole counsel of God.

4. **Church.** The Church of Jesus Christ is the greatest institution in existence. It was founded by Christ (Matt. 16:18) in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5) in the year AD 33. Christ is its head (Eph. 1:22) and its savior (Eph. 5:23). The Church wears the name of Christ (Rom. 16:16). Its members wear His name (Eph. 3:15; Jam. 2:7). Its rule of faith and practice is the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and strives daily to save lost souls (2 Tim. 2:2). You must be a member of the Christ's Church to go to heaven (1 Cor. 15:24). Thank God for the church of Jesus Christ!

5. **Hope.** The Christian's only hope is heaven (Eph. 4:4). Peter declared, "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (1 Pet. 3:15). There can be no hope for those outside Jesus (1 Thess. 4:13; Eph. 2:12). However, for those in Christ, going to heaven is a "living hope" (1 Pet. 1:3-4).