

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 23, 2010 SICK

LIST:

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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEEK GOD?

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - THE PROPER USE OF THE LAW

VBS IS JUNE 6-10 - BEGIN INVITING OTHERS AND PRAYING FOR IT

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

SEE DAVID FOR TAPES

BIRTHDAYS:

May 25: Robert Brown & Jimmy Windham

27: Gail Windham

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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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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEEK GOD? (Hebrews 11:6)

- I. What seeking God is and is not.
- A. Let's first notice some things that seeking God is not.
1. Church membership or _____.
 2. _____ the Bible and _____.
 3. _____ others.
 4. Being _____ sound.

5. Personal _____ (Matthew 23:15).
6. Spiritual _____ (Romans 10:2).
7. Love for the _____ (John 7:17).
8. _____ (Philippians 1:15-16).

B. By themselves, each of these don't _____ mean that a person is seeking God.

C. What seeking God is can be summed up in three parts:

1. _____ in obedience;
2. With a _____ to love and honor God;
3. _____ each day.

D. It is a deep _____ to be closer to God.

E. This is a _____, deliberate goal for which we reach (Philippians 3:14-15).

F. When we are seeking God, we are striving to _____ ourselves correctly, or rightly, to His glory (Philippians 1:20).

II. Why seeking God is so important.

A. If we are to seek God, it is not because He is _____ to find (Acts 17:27).

B. Seeking God is a “_____ - _____” issue.

1. Many sermon series have been done about “first-principles.”
2. This has to do with the _____ and it must be one of the “weightier matters (Matthew 23:23).

C. This idea of seeking God is much more _____ than many of the basics we emphasize.

III. A self-test.

A. There is a great need for _____ self-inventory.

B. Let's ask ourselves some questions.

1. Are we seeking to fill our minds more and more with the _____ of God?
2. Are we seeking to bring our thoughts, words and deeds more into line with the _____ of God?
3. Are we seeking more and more to engage in _____ to God?
4. Are we seeking more and more to be with the _____ of God?

C. It is God's _____ that we seek Him (Psalm 27:8).

D. God is _____ those that seek Him (Malachi 3:16).

THE NECESSITY OF JESUS' DEATH

Mark Lindley

When Jesus was facing the death of the cross He prayed to the heavenly Father. The tender words Jesus uttered are recorded in Matthew 26:39: “O my Father, if it be

possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." This prayer reveals that Jesus did not want to experience the suffering of the cross, but He was willing to do so if it was the Father's will. Have you ever wondered why God did not spare His Son the agony of the cross? Why did God allow His own Son to be brutalized and crucified? The answers to these questions are at the very heart of the Gospel of Christ.

Long before Jesus died on Calvary, Adam and Eve transgressed the law of God by partaking of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 2-3). Consequently, sin entered into the world: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). God's perfect creation had now become defiled by sin, and neither Adam nor Eve had a remedy for the problem. The holiness of God had been offended, and His justice demanded a price to be paid for sin.

For those who lived before the time of the cross, God required animal sacrifices to be offered. The blood that was shed in the offering of those sacrifices served as a temporary means of atonement. Note Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." However, the blood that was shed in the offering of those animal sacrifices could not take away sin: "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). The blood of animals was not sufficient to satisfy the violated justice of God. Man's sin was too great and God is too holy to allow animal blood to serve as permanent payment for sin.

Additionally, no mere sinful man could have died and paid the price for sin. After all, a sinful man *needs* a Savior and therefore cannot save himself. The only one who was worthy to step in and take our place was the sinless Lamb of God. Because His life was undefiled by sin, His blood was precious and innocent (I Peter 1:18-19). No other sacrifice would suffice. Therefore, because of the Father's matchless, eternal love, He gave His Son as the perfect sacrifice for sin. In the language of the apostle Paul: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15).