

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 27, 2012

WICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison, June Hosmer

HOME: Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Ed & Bettie Barrett, H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bessie Files, Cynthia McMeans, Henry McDonald, Kenneth Windham, Nellie Windham, Sue Lockhart, Carolyn Myers, Sandra Hunt

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Kimberly Wilcox, Sonya Parnell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Sue Hinds, Harold Walton, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Joe Windham, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Sharon Lawson, Esther Sutton, Wilma Howell, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Dicey Wright, Michael Pope, Wanda Williams, Robert Turner, Kristee McDonald

W - BEN WRIGHT - A GREAT HIDING PLACE

W - BEN WRIGHT - THINGS NEEDED WHEN FACING TESTS OF LIFE

WBS WILL BE JUNE 3-7. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND BE INVITING FRIENDS AND FAMILY

WOSPEL MEETING AT CARBON HILL, JUNE 10-13

BIRTHDAYS:

May 27: Evaleen Morris & Gail Windham

28: Lynn Honeycutt

30: Jasmine Griggs

ANNIVERSARY:

June 1: Vince & Jill Roden

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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:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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A GREAT HIDING PLACE

(Psalm 32)

The _____ of forgiveness (vs. 1-2).

- A. The one who receives forgiveness of his sin is _____.
- B. Notice that the Psalmist _____ sin in four ways.

1. Transgression is a going _____ God's laws.
2. Sin is the missing of the _____ of God's laws.
3. Iniquity is great _____ in one's life.
4. Guile is the deceit or _____.

- C. These four descriptions cover the _____ of sin as we know it.
- D. When one experiences the forgiveness of whatever form of one may have committed there is a feeling of great _____.

I. The _____ of what sin does to us (vs. 3-4).

- A. David had committed some sin for which he did not _____ forgiveness for a period of time.
- B. While in that sin, having it on his conscience, he _____ greatly.
1. His _____ was lessened.
 2. He literally _____ out because of the effects of sin on his mind and body.
- C. When a child of God sins, his _____ is pricked, or at least it should be.
1. When this happens, God is _____ on the heart of the one in sin.
 2. It could be _____ of some passage or some sermon or lesson that had been taught.
- D. He says that if he has become like a _____ that the summer sun has dried out.

II. _____ is made (vs. 5-7).

- A. David was so moved physically and emotionally by the toll sin took on him that he had to make things _____ with God.
- B. He was seeking relief for his mind so he completely _____d his sin to God and did not hide it any longer.
- C. When the sin was confessed, _____ was given.
- D. David knew that judgment would _____ him away from God if he stayed like he was and he didn't want that.
- E. David would now hide in _____ and not sin.

V. The _____ to being in hid in God (vs. 8-11).

- A. When we get our lives right and hid in God we will want to _____ others about the peace we have found.
- B. He would _____ others in sin on how to get out of sin.
- C. Don't stay in your in your sin because of _____ or _____.
- D. The reason for this is that _____ abounds when one stays in sin as the Psalmist has found out and revealed to us.
- E. Instead of being trapped in sorrow, you can be surrounded by the _____ of God.

WHY DO WE SIN?

By Mark Lindley

cannot be successfully denied that we all sin. God's Word is clear on this point. "For

"I have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8). All who are mentally competent and reach the age of accountability are guilty of sin. We know this by experience and by the Bible.

But why do we sin? Is it because we are born depraved and sinful? According to the doctrine of "Hereditary Depravity," this is precisely why we sin. The doctrine suggests that every infant is born depraved and has a sinful nature. This sinful nature is allegedly inherited from one's parents, all the way back to the first man, Adam. Because of Adam's transgression, we are all contaminated with sin because we are born that way.

However, the Scriptures teach that we commit (not inherit) sin. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). Notice that one commits sin by "transgressing God's law." Do infants transgress the law of God? What law could an infant possibly transgress? A precious infant does not have the capacity to lie, lust, cheat, steal or commit any other sin. Consequently, babies are not sinners.

This leads us back to the original question: Why do we sin? If not because of "Hereditary Depravity," why do we all sin? The answer to the question becomes obvious when we consider the sin of Adam and Eve. Why did they sin? Certainly, it was not because they were born sinners because they were not born, but created. Furthermore, they could not have inherited sin from their parents because the only "Father" they had was God. No, their sin was not due to something beyond their control; rather, Adam and Eve sinned because they were tempted by Satan, and they gave in to temptation (Genesis 3:1-6). We all, at some point in our lives, do the same. We are tempted, we make wrong choices, and we sin against God (James 1:13-15).

Knowing why we sin should help us to accept responsibility for our actions. When we sin, we can't blame Adam and Eve. We have not inherited their sin. God has created us all with free will. We can make good choices or bad. We can choose to resist temptation, or we can give in and transgress God's law. When God's people make good choices and resist the devil, God is glorified. Thanks be to God who has been gracious and provided a remedy for sin (Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38)!