

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG 23, 2015

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Jill Roden

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A TREMBLING MAN WITH A GREAT QUESTION"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "IT BECAME HIM TO SUFFER"

THERE WILL BE A BABY POUNDING FOR BRANDI BUSBY TODAY AFTER MORNING SERVICES.

BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT SIXTH AVENUE AT 2 PM

GOSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH SEP 13-16

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 24: Linda McDonald

28: Braden Wright

ANNIVERSARIES:

Aug 27: Jack & Barbara Wright

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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
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

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A TREMBLING MAN WITH A GREAT QUESTION
(Acts 16:25-34)

I. The _____.

A. Paul and Silas had come into Philippi after Paul had received a vision of a man from the _____ region of Macedonia asking him for spiritual help.

B. Philippi is called a _____.

1. This area, over _____ years before Paul and Silas came to it, was the site of the battle that decided the course of the Roman Empire.

2. When Augustus had complete power, he commemorated the victory there by letting some of his _____ soldiers settle there.

II. The _____.

A. He then asked the _____, most important question he could ask: what must I do to be saved?

B. What, do:

1. This man realized there was something to be _____ to be saved.

2. We know there is _____ in the absolute sense one can do to earn salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

3. However, Jesus said that we must "do" the _____ of God (Mt. 7:21).

C. Must:

1. This word is an _____.

2. He wanted _____, not generalities.

D. I:

1. He realized no one could do this for _____.

2. For him, salvation was very _____.

E. This man came to the right _____ for an answer.

III. The _____.

A. As soon as he asked, they told him to _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ and he would be saved.

B. We must start with people where they _____ and lead them to the next step they must take to accept the grace of God.

C. It is obvious that to believe, in this passage, is a _____ put for the whole of what this man, and all men, needed to do to be saved.

D. The New Testament plainly teaches that faith only does not _____.

IV. The _____.

A. He first washed their stripes - this is his _____.

B. He then was immersed, the meaning of the word translated _____.

C. The fact is, their answer, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ", leaves _____ out that one must do to be saved.

A TRULY WONDERFUL STATEMENT!

Dave Rogers

"And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 1:14, KJV)

Have you ever read this passage and stopped to consider what Paul is actually saying here? His description, of the grace of God, is almost a definition in itself of what God has done for us through Jesus the Christ! Notice first that these words come on the heels of Paul's description of his own condition before his conversion to Christianity, in vs. 13: He was...

...a blasphemer (one who speaks evil, slanders, rails and abuses). In Acts 26:11, Paul told king Agrippa that, in his former life, he actually tried to cause Christians to do this, trying to force them to renounce their faith!

...a persecutor (one who intentionally causes suffering and pain). As Paul addressed the angry mob in the "castle stairs" speech of Acts 22, he freely admitted in vs. 4 that he had previously persecuted Christians "...unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women."

...injurious (this derives from the same word as our English word hubris, and it describes an insolent, violent aggressor, "one who, uplifted with pride, either heaps insulting language upon others or does them some shameful act of wrong.") This same word is used in Romans 1:30 to describe those who are "despiteful" (KJV) or "insolent" (ASV), among other evil qualities.

In spite of these wicked qualities, Paul obtained mercy from the Lord (1 Ti. 1:13).

Next, we read of the grace of God which Paul received: God showed him grace in granting him mercy when what he deserved was condemnation. "Grace" is sometimes described as "what we urgently need but in no way deserve." The word itself simply means favor; thus, what Paul obtained was God's favor, His blessing, His approval. It is important to note, however, that this approval did not come before Paul repented of his evil doings, nor did he receive it before his baptism (Acts 9:6 & 9, cf. Acts 22:16). Rather, when Paul did what Jesus instructed, he received what the Lord had promised (Acts 22:10). Paul does not merely record, however, that God had mercy on him; instead, he describes what God had done by saying that the grace he received was "exceedingly abundant" (literally, overflowing). This description might take our minds back to the words of David in the Shepherd's Psalm (23), where he exclaims "...my cup runneth over." It is by this "overflowing" grace of God that we are saved! He has not given us "just enough" grace to be saved, or "nearly" enough, nor even "a little extra;" God has given us more grace than we can hold! More grace than we can contain! More grace, even, than we can use!

In Ephesians 2:8, it is by this abundant grace that we are saved. Paul describes it in Romans 6:23 as the "free gift of God (which) is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (ASV). This gift stands in contrast to the "paycheck" of sin, which is eternal separation from Him! The life which God gives in Christ is an "abundant life" according to John 10:10, and Paul calls it "life indeed" in 1 Timothy 6:19.

Now notice the words of 1 Timothy 1:15-16; Paul is giving us a lesson to share with all people, in all cultures, for all times: If one who actively and intentionally fought against the Lord and His will can nonetheless be saved, then anyone who will come to Him can obtain salvation! There is no one who is "too bad, or too wicked, or too far from God" to receive His grace, and there is no one for whom God "doesn't have enough grace" for salvation! As Jesus Himself says in Revelation 22:17, "whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." The core of Paul's words comes in 1 Timothy 1:15, and it is simply this: Jesus Christ saves sinners! Therefore, NO ONE is beyond the reach of His grace, who chooses to come to Him. What a truly wonderful statement about the goodness, generosity and love of our God!