

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN 10, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Hoyt Sims, Betty Honeycutt, Robin Busby, Betty Henderson, Kim Haynes, J.D. & Bobbie Dailey, Tammy Whitfield

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - CHOOSE GOD

PM - BEN WRIGHT - THE GREATNESS OF MELCHIZEDEC

ELDERS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

THANKS TO THOSE WHO FILLED IN FOR ME IN MY ABSENCE LAST SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENING

BIRTHDAY:

Jan 13: Bruce 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:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213
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Kevin Richardson 295-8864
Chris Robbins 388-1354
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Ben Wright 522-8004

CHOOSE GOD
(Joshua 24:14-15)

I.The patriarchal dispensation.

A.The first people, Adam and Eve, had a _____ put to them at the first temptation.

B.In the next chapter, we read of a choice that two brothers had about how to _____.

1.We get to see what God _____ of His people when it came to worship under that dispensation (Genesis 4:3-4; Hebrews 11:4).

2.Men were commanded to offer of the flock a _____ to God.

3.As far as worship to God went, this, along with _____, is all that we are told the people of the first dispensation offered God.

C.It was during this first dispensation that God gave up the _____ world to their sinful ways and chose Abraham and his offspring to be His people.

II.The Mosaic Dispensation.

A.Right before he died, _____ let the people know they had a choice to make (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

B.Not many years later, Joshua _____ the people to choose God like he was for his family (Joshua 24:15).

C.During the days of the kings, as long as the king was _____ God in the right manner, the people were good.

1.Whenever leadership began to veer off to serve false gods, the _____ would follow.

2.The people were challenged by _____ to make a choice (1 Kings 18:21).

D.Even after _____, the people had to be challenged to choose God.

E.The way of choosing God was to worship Him _____.

III.The Christian dispensation.

A.Once the Lord came, died on the cross, returned to heaven, and established His spiritual kingdom, men have been _____ to choose.

B.You and I, despite what is taught by many in the religious world, have the _____ to choose to follow God.

1.John 1:12-13 - it is our choice to _____ in Jesus or not.

2.Acts 2:40 - we have to make the choice to be _____.

C.You and I not only make this choice initially, to follow Christ, but we keep making it til _____ (Revelation 2:10).

D.One way that we make the choice is to choose to _____ properly.

1.John 4:24.

2.Those that _____ their hearts to God in worship while maintaining God's way of worship end up with the crown of life.

BLOOD IN THE SCHEME OF REDEMPTION

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Since man sinned in the Garden of Eden, God has required the shedding of blood for the atonement for sin "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." "Faith cometh by hearing," therefore, God must have commanded the animal sacrifice that contained the necessary blood for Abel's sacrifice to be acceptable to God by faith. The first thing Noah did after he came out of the ark was offer a burnt-offering. The patriarchal age was marked by blood sacrifices by those desiring to please God.

The Old Covenant under Moses was dedicated by the blood of animals. "For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry, and almost all things by the law are purged with blood and without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins."

As the first covenant was sealed by the blood of animals the New Covenant was sealed by more precious blood, the blood of Jesus. "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by the means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is there must also of necessity be the death of the testator."

Man sinned against God and God had to be and deserved to be satisfied. Man may design better ways in his own thinking for reconciliation, but God chose to be satisfied by blood sacrifices and eventually the blood of Jesus. Our responsibility is not to question this plan, but to accept it if we want God to be satisfied with us.