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Schedule of Services

Sunday:
Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Bible Study.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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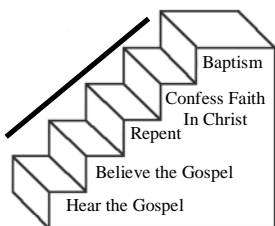
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Sin/Consequences

Don Hatch

The meaning of sin in classical Greek is “to miss the mark”. Throughout the Bible it is “to do wrong or commit offenses against God, religious principles, man or moral laws set forward by God and to leave undone that which is bidden to do by God”. Sin is to transgress the law (1 Jn 3:4; Rom 3:23,27; Gal 6:1-5; Rom 8:1,2; Jas 1:25; 2:8-13), and to omit doing the law of God. It is considered an act of unrighteousness (Psm 119:172; 1 Jn 3:1-12). Ultimately the Old and New Testaments declare all sin is against God. The Scriptures teach that man can and should know God’s will (Acts 14:17; Rom 1:18-20; Acts 3:17; 1 Cor 2:8). It has never been that mankind could not know, hence vengeance will be visited on those who do not know God and will not obey the Gospel (2 Thes 1:5-10). Individuals lost in sin are not lost because they have not heard the Gospel but rather they have sinned and need to hear the Gospel.

A superficial scanning of daily newspapers reveals the ugly facts that sin is worldwide in scope. In the final analysis it is the person with a trained conscience, courage and conviction declaring his position who turns the tide to help others see the need for right to prevail. The “...whole world lieth in the evil one” (1 Jn 5:19). The true heinousness of sin is seen in how great a price God was willing to pay to redeem man from sin. Sin is an offence against the Creator and must be redressed. The ungodly will be cast into a hell of fire (Rev 21:8). Yet God so loved mankind that he sent his only begotten Son (1 Jn 4:8; Jn 3:16) and does not desire the condemnation of one soul, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9). God has provided a remedial system against sin, faithful obedience to the Gospel.

Anyone denying that there are sinners or that they have not sinned encounters biblical condemnation (1 Jn 1:8, 10). However, it does not follow that they need remain in sin. God graciously made a way of escape from sin and the clutches of Satan through Christ.

Sin began with the Devil. He sinned from the beginning (1 Jn 3:8) and enticed Eve (Gen 3:1; 1 Tim 2:12-15). The patently false teaching of hereditary total depravity is unfortunate. It teaches that mankind inherited Adam’s sin. Hereditary total depravity robs man of free moral agency making God responsible for creating him with a sinful nature. This is at least transmitting sinfulness and makes redemption wholly dependent upon God leading to the fact that man cannot in totality be held responsible, nor can he do anything to save himself. This would make God’s damnation false for if man was born totally depraved, a condition he could not help, and if God did not visit him with a miraculous operation to remove sin so that he might believe and repent of sins, how could he be blamed for his lost condition? However, God commanded, on penalty of eternal damnation, that an individual believe in Jesus Christ and repent of personal sins (Jn 8:21; Lk 13:5). The obvious is that everyone capable of responding in free will must do so or be lost.

The scriptures declare that sin is a transgression of the law of God (1 Jn 3:4) or omission of God’s law by neglect (Jas 4; 17; 1 Jn 5:17). Hence no one can be a sinner unless he voluntarily commits an act of wrongdoing. Eliminated are the infants or mentally incompetent. Non-reasoning creatures cannot be held responsible for obedience required by God’s law. Sin by definition is incapable of being inherited or transmitted to another (Ezek 18:19, 20).

Some argue that David said he was “born in sin” (Psm 51:5) and therefore hereditary depraved. David is stating the obvious. His parents had at sometime in their lives sinned, the population of the world had sinned and he was born into such a world. David could not contradict Ezekiel who stated children do not bear the guilt of parent’s sins.

The consequence of sin is hardship (Pro 13:15; Rom 8:22; Gen 3:16, 17; 1 Tim 2:14, 15). Eternal punishment befalls the sinner (Matt 25:46; Mk 9:47, 48; 2 Thes 1:9; Rev 20:10). It is obvious that this punishment is not merely dying but is a conscious state of tribulation and anguish. The existence of a heaven and hell presupposes a free moral choice. Joshua said to Israel, “...choose ye this day whom you will serve...” (Josh 24:15). The choice is ours. Heaven or hell weighs in the balance. Choose well eternity is forever.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

As was mentioned last week we want to continue our thoughts on prayer and we will first talk about what is Prayer? When we ask what is prayer sometimes it is easier to identify what it is not. It is not merely wishing something. It is not merely thinking about something. It is not merely reciting some memorized lines. Prayer may be a natural thing for some, but it is very difficult sometimes for others. We usually think of John the Baptist as a weird “hell-fire and brimstone” preacher. The disciples knew him as a man of prayer, a teacher of prayer. Modern man is involved in liberation theology (freedom). The Hebrews in Egyptian bondage thought they were too. Fact is they cried, “Free us” and God did. They were in an exodus and they were free yet thirsty. You see, man with freedom alone is a monster because we also yearn for the closeness with God and to do that we realize that prayer is the fundamental way we relate to God. The apostles could perform miracles and this was exciting, yet down deep they really and simply wanted to pray. There is nothing in religion can take the place of prayer. So what we discover about prayer is very important to us on a daily basis.

Prayer Is Faith. Prayer is crucial, because prayer demonstrates our relationship with God, our real faith, our very lives. This is why thinking about prayer profoundly terrifies us because it is so powerful! To reduce prayer to magic exposes our relationship with God as idolatry. Television preachers proclaim, “Name it and claim it; blab it and grab it.” This exposes our greed, our exploitation of God.

Prayer is our means of talking with God—**Luke 18:10-14** “*Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*” It is the act of communicating the thoughts of man to the infinite mind of God. WOW! We express our heart’s desires to God when we pray as seen in **Rom. 10:1** and **Phil. 4:6**. What we must realize is that God can be trusted.

So we see that prayer is more than listening to God—It is being **with** God. It is true that you can do more than pray after you have prayed, **but** you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.

See you next week when we will discuss how prayer is a force. What do we mean? Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

Presenting Christ

Presenting Christ to the world—The early church used the Law of Moses, Psalms and Prophets to bear testimony to Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Lk 24:44-48). The many Messianic passages (about 300) all pinpointed Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Old Testament documents rest upon being inspired (2 Pet 1:20,21). This gave rise to a validation of Old Testament history and its teachings. These teachings became learning vehicles that produced faith, patience, and comfort with hope (Gal 3:23-29; Rom 15:1-5). To the early church they were examples and admonitions (1 Cor 10:1-13). By using these documents they demonstrated Jesus Christ of Nazareth had procured salvation for all mankind by his death.

Presenting Christ to the world—The early church taught the Gospel (Good News) of salvation which was immediate deliverance granted by God to those who accepted His conditions of faith, repentance, confession of Jesus as the Son of God and being baptized for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name alone was there found salvation (Acts 4:12). They presented Christ as a deliverer from the bondage of sin and able to maintain security of the believers (Phil 2:12; 1 Jn 1:5-10; 5:13-18; 1 Pet 1:9; Rom 13:110 1 Thes 5:8,9). This salvation delivered sinners from the wrath of God destined to be executed upon the ungodly (2 Thes 1:6-9; 2:13; Heb 9:27,28). Inclusive in the Gospel were all spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3; Heb 5:9). The gospel included who Jesus was, that He had died to obtain salvation for lost mankind with the advantages of His being a Mediator following His ascension back to glory (Rom 8:31-39; 1 Tim 2:1-5), Jesus was personified as the Son of God who proffered grace, glory and eternal life with the Father.

Presenting Christ to the world—The early disciples declared Immanuel (God with us) had come (Mat 1:18-20). He had existed in the form of God but had emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, likeness of man, humbling Himself, became obedient even unto death upon the cross (Phil 2:1-11; Jn 1:1-7). He worked signs, wonders and manifold miracles by healing all manners of sickness, raised the dead as undeniable proofs of His divinity (Mat 4:23-25; Heb 2:1-5). His death acquired eternal life for the faithful and obedient. They demonstrated that He was crucified, buried, rose on the third day by the glory of the Father and that death has no more dominion over Him (Rom 6:1-11). He ascended to the right hand of the Father where He has all authority in heaven and earth (Mat 28:18-20). He was coming again to judge the quick and the dead by His appearing and kingdom (1 Thes 4:13-18; 2 Tim 4:1-5). Christ’s riches were salvation, eternal life, comfort, and freedom from sorrow, pain and tears in the heavenly home.

Presenting Christ to the world—The early church knew that she was paramount to Christ. He died to establish her (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 6:19,20). The church became His bride wedded to Him by a sacred covenant (2 Cor 11:1,2; Eph 5:22-33; Rev 19:6-10). All who were baptized into Christ were added to this august body of believers (Acts 2:47; Gal 3:27). “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...”(Eph 4:1-16). If there is only one body, one church over which Jesus Christ is the head and for whom He died, then she should have a **high and holy name- Church of Christ** (Rom 16:16), **Church of God** (1 Cor 1:2; Acts 11:26), **church of the firstborn** (Heb 12:23). These called out from darkness were translated into the kingdom of the Son whom God loved (Col 1:13). The kingdom and church were the same people (Rev 1:6-9). As subjects in the kingdom they were disciples who adhered to the Apostolic Doctrine (Act 11:26; 2:42).

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

March 12 – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

March 19 – Front Foyer – Linda & Bill Matthews
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

Communion Preparation: Dale & Katherine Cox

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Mike Garrison

SERMONS

March 12 – a.m. “Why Pray”
James 4:1-10
p.m. “Why Did Ye Send For Me”
Acts 10:23-29

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Sissy Allen, Grady Fowler, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Don & Anne Herriage

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: Max Melton – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday, March 7th**. Fellowship at 9:45 and lesson at 10:00. We will be going over the questions and answers on the Jule Miller filmstrip from the previous week. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Herriage has the shingles and he was not able to get the shot for his back. He is in a lot of pain.

Don Hatch had a pacemaker put in last Monday. He is home and doing well.

Mike & Elizabeth Garrison have asked for prayers for their grandchildren **Tyler & Chelsea Story**. Tyler has some medical problems and he will be seeing a specialist here on March 13th.

Hospital:

Mary Curtis is in Baylor Scott & White, Irving in room #480. She has pneumonia and has requested **NO Visitors** at this time.

Nellie Melvin fell and broke her arm Saturday and is in a great deal of pain.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bobby King** as he has passed away. His service will be at Brown's Funeral Home on Thursday, March 9th at 2 p.m. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **39'ers breakfast** is scheduled for **March 11th** at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday night is your last chance to sign up.

TIME CHANGE: Be sure and set your clocks **forward one** hour on Saturday night March 11th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/20/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Don Overturf* – 3/7
 James Gilliam – 3/7
 Vicky Askins – 3/8
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Phillip Whitlock – 3/22
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)**

3/12/17

SUNDAY PRAYERS**Front Table**

Glen Kelly
 Don Herriage
 Mike Garrison
 Kenny Mayer
 Thomas Rathbun
 Walt LaHaye

Rear Table

Bobby England
 Alex Mayer
 Curtis Vaughan
 Xavier Kaiser

A.M. – Jerry McKey
 Bill Matthews
 Dean Webb
 P.M. – Richard Renfro
 Don Herriage

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Curtis Vaughan
 John Mayer

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – John Mayer
 James 4:1-10
 P.M. – Glen Kelly
 Acts 10:23-29

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Jerry McKey
 P.M. – Darrell Allen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Robert Taylor

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	57	52	58	100
A.M. Worship	92	80	87	150
P.M. Worship	49	49	56	80
Wed. Class	49	60	56	85
Contribution	\$4169	\$6087	\$5219	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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