

THOSE TO SERVE
WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2011
 Announcements Todd Webb
 Greeters J. & M. Ford
 L. Hutchison
 R. & B. Brown

MORNING WORSHIP
 Song Leader Jonathan Whitson
 First Prayer Roger Thomas
 Sermon David Dalton
 Closing Prayer John Ford

SERVE AT TABLE MORNING
NORTH SOUTH
 Jay Whitson Jondan Rothfus
 Andy Cobb David Allen
 Jeff Allen Ricky Davis
 Brent Robinson Steve Carroll

EVENING WORSHIP
 Song Leader Jondan Rothfus
 First Prayer Derek Crawford
 Sermon David Dalton
 Closing Prayer Joe Peek

SERVE AT TABLE EVENING
 Daniel Loftis L. Hutchison

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
AUGUST 17, 2011
 Song Leader Jeff Allen
 First Prayer Josh Knight
 Scripture Reading Jay Whitson
 Devotional Talk Andy Cobb
 Closing Prayer Jeff Sparkman

REMEMBER:
Gospel Meeting-October 23-28, 2011
James Watkins, speaker

MEETING TIMES:
SUNDAY
 Bible Study9:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
 Evening Bible Study.....5:25 P.M.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

GOSPEL BROADCAST SUPPORTED
 James Watkins, Sunday 7:30 AM – Ch.11

GOSPEL BROADCAST RECOMMENDED
 Search, Sunday - 7:00 AM – UPN
 Steve Bowman, Sunday - 7:15AM–1400AM

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JESUS CHRIST – MAN'S HOPE #3

God's Grace to Man

John, the apostle, by inspiration wrote, ***“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”*** (John 1:17). Jesus was certainly the deliverer of God's wonderful message of truth to man (Hebrews 1:1-3). Jesus, by His sacrifice and teaching, extended God's great grace to man (Titus 2:11-15). Man that comes into Jesus Christ can move from falling deeper and deeper in the destruction of sin to progressing in the grace of God. One should note that each of the following aspects of grace are found only in Jesus Christ. Therefore, these things can only be accessed when one comes into Christ by being baptized (Galatians 3:26, 27).

Man is saved by grace in Jesus Christ. After describing the fact that man is saved by God's grace through Christ (Ephesians 2:7), Paul states that man is saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Salvation by grace through faith in Christ begins one in the progression of God's grace. Salvation is found in Christ because the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of God's grace is found in Christ (Ephesians 1:7).

Man is able to grow in grace and knowledge in Jesus Christ. Peter wrote, ***“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus***

Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Jesus expects those who are his to be growing individuals. The Christian is to be a student of the word which will allow him to grow in those things which God gives and in the knowledge of the things of God.

Man is able to abound in grace in Jesus Christ. Romans 5:20, 21 says, **“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”** In the Old Testament there was not sufficient sacrifice to take away sin (Hebrews 10:1-3). God's grace abounds in the New Covenant through Jesus Christ to take away man's sin.

Man is provided sufficient grace to overcome in Christ. When the apostle Paul talked to God about his infirmities, God said, **“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness”** (2 Corinthians 12:9). Paul was being told that God's grace made full provision for Paul and that it would give him the strength to overcome his physical ailments. Paul later encouraged Timothy to **“be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”** (2 Timothy 2:1).

Man can receive a multiplied grace and peace in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. **“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. . .”** (2 Peter 1:3). In Christ is the only place true grace and peace can be found. The fulness of grace and peace are found in Christ.

Man needs God's grace because man sins. Isaiah 59:1, 2 says, **“Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”** The purpose of Christ was to bring God's grace into the world and provide salvation for man. The prophecies concerning Christ noted this very important point. Matthew 1:21 prophesied, **“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”** All men need the grace which is found in Christ because all men have sinned (Romans 3:23). God, in Christ, made provision for man to be brought out of spiritual death into spiritual life. It is therefore by the righteousness of Christ that sinful man can be made righteous.

Man sometimes becomes satisfied with his own sin and refuses to leave it. Man who remains in sin gets deeper and deeper in his own sins. Generally man digresses deeper and deeper into sin. The psalmist indicated that man might first walk in sin, then stand in sin, and finally will completely sit down satisfied in the sin (Psalm 1:1). Man cannot make his own way out of sin, but must depend upon the grace of Jesus Christ. One should evaluate their obedience to God to ascertain if

they are in the grace of Christ or if they are sinking deeper and deeper into sin.

David Dalton

NEWS: The Fair Booth continues through August 14 and many have shown great interest in enrolling in the Bible Correspondence Courses. The elders would like to thank everyone for all the effort that has been put into this work. A more detailed report will be included in next week's bulletin.

Janessa Ford will begin her return trip home from Africa next Sunday, August 14th and will arrive in Cookeville on Wednesday, August 17th. Please pray for her safety and health.

The song leading training class will continue on for several more weeks. All men who are interested in further developing their skills in leading singing, please attend.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ed Smith, who passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m. August 7 at Cookeville Chapel of Hooper, Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home.

Also, sympathy is extended to the family of Sammy Cooper, who passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at NHC in Cookeville. Funeral services were conducted at Crestlawn Funeral Home, Friday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m.

SICK: Shirley Parsley has now returned

home from a long stay in the hospital after two lung transplants and is recovering nicely. She is able to walk after much therapy and does not require to be oxygenated any longer. Many prayers have been offered to God on Shirley's behalf and we thank Him for her progress.

Jane Wilmoth continues at home in much pain with her knee. She will undergo exploratory surgery next Monday, August 15th with hopes of finding what is causing this pain.

Carl Wilmoth underwent a same-day procedure Monday at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

Willie Belle Snell is improving after having fluid (mostly blood) drawn from her knee last week.

Please remember these and all who need our prayers. Arlene and Jasper Birdwell, Juanita Grider, Lula Jackson, Reba Johnson, Jim and Susan Scarlett, Kay Mires, Glenda Gribble, Doris Whitaker, Jewel Hunter, Hessie Hicks, Isaac Dalton, Lou Conner, Nan Young, Frances Davis, Nancy Roland, James Dunn and Bob Spurlin.

There is no greater love than the love that holds on where there seems nothing left to hold on to. (Read I Cor. 13:8)

PANTRY ITEM FOR THIS WEEK

Spaghetti Sauce
