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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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NO MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW

Dan Jenkins


When you first read the words of Paul in Galatians 3:11 you may not immediately understand the impact of what He said. "But that no one is justified by the law is evident..." This truth forces you to deal with how men were saved during the times of the Old Testament if no one is justified by the law. How could anyone be saved from Adam to the coming of Jesus?

When God revealed His covenant at Mount Sinai, He told them to offer sacrifices. Why? As He described the various animal sacrifices He repeatedly said, "And it shall be forgiven" (Lev. 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7; 19:22; Num. 14:19; 15:25, 26, 28; Deut. 21:8). More than a dozen times God told them their sins would be forgiven when they offered the sacrifices. How then can Paul describe some who did these very things and much more yet were not forgiven? Paul does say that no one is justified by the law!

What about Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Jacob and so many others, especially David? They lived under the Old Testament, and no one doubts their salvation, yet Paul said that no one is justified by the law. How can this be?

What about those in Hebrews 11. So many righteous people are listed there, and then the writer adds these words, "Time would not permit me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson, also of David and Samuel and the prophets" (Heb. 11:32). Yet, Paul said that no one is justified by the law.

The writer then lists verbs, nouns and adjectives to describe the righteousness of these unnamed saints. "Through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness; obtained promises...quenched fires...valiant...tortured...trials of mockings and scourgings...chains...imprisonment...stoned...sawn... slain...wandered in deserts and mountains...dens...and caves..." He then shows the assurance of their salvation by saying, "All these having obtained a good testimony through faith." They were accepted and saved while living under Old Testament law. Yet, Paul said that no one is justified by the law!

The key to understanding how this could be is to look at New Testament scribes and Pharisees. They sought salvation by their own acts of righteousness based on the law. They boasted of the fact that they fasted twice every week, gave alms (with sounding trumpets) prayed long prayers (on street corners) etc. What was missing? Paul says, "Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law" (Rom. 9:32). Faith without obedience is dead faith; but obedience without faith is just as dead! Knowing the Bible but seeking salvation without faith leads to disaster. Is it possible that some today are making this same mistake? 

BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

Forgiveness



There is probably no more beautiful word in the English language than “forgiven.” When we remember all the times that we have failed, surely we realize that it is a wonderful blessing to know that God has forgiven us. We understand that when we obey the gospel of Christ, we receive the forgiveness of sin through the precious blood Christ shed for us. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19).

Saved by the grace of God, forgiveness of our sins does not come as payment for our obedience. Our obedience is but the proper response to His love. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God gives us His forgiveness. How do we respond to His love in relation to others? In The Vision of Matthew, John P. Meier asserts, “A Christian cannot win God’s forgiveness, but he can lose it by refusing to extend it to a brother.” Do we forgive as the kind Master, or do we withhold forgiveness as the unmerciful servant?

“Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses” (Matthew 18:32-35). “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

- Bob Prichard

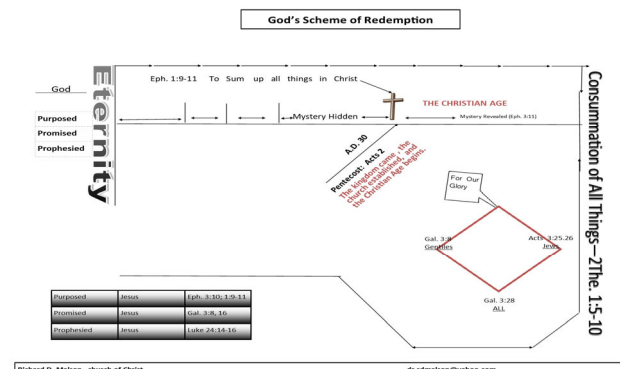
“We’re doing this for God- He’ll accept it!”



It is interesting how man has made worship more about “man” and “man’s likes” than he has about God and God’s demands. There is a mentality, which is often voiced, regarding worship that, “We’re doing this for God, to give the praise to Him. He will accept it.” Unfortunately, such sentiments are actually proven completely contrary to what God will accept.

Many examples of worship in the Bible could be cited to show that God, in fact, does not accept just any effort of man to worship Him, including Cain (Gen. 4:3-5), Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3), King Saul (1 Sam. 13:1-14), many Jews (Matt. 15:8-9), etc. But consider closely the sincerity of the persons who will say to Jesus at the judgment, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?” (Matt. 7:22). It is not enough to think that the Lord will accept what I do for Him (including in worship)! We must truly do “the will of [the] Father in heaven” (7:21)! Does your worship follow the demands of God in the New Testament?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



Make Time For Your Family

Peter Lynch, former manager of the Magellan Fund, left his job in 1990 to devote time to his family and favorite charities. He was forty-six, the age his father was when he died. Lynch said, "Nobody on his deathbed ever said: 'I wish I'd spent more time at the office.'" It takes time to care for aging parents and to attend family events. Our time with our mates "is short," even if we reach the golden anniversary.

Our time with our children is even shorter as they will have their own children by the time we get firmly established in our careers. It takes time to nurture and admonish them. One survey found that an average father spends 28 minutes a week in conversation or instructing his child. Four minutes a day is hardly enough to say a bedtime prayer - much less teach them about God and how to live in His world.

Arthur Gordon wrote, "When I was a child, Father promised to take my brother and me to the circus. At lunch a phone call told us urgent business required his attention. We braced ourselves for disappointment. Then we heard him say, "No, I won't be there. It will have to wait." Mother said, "The circus keeps coming back." "I know," said Father, "but childhood doesn't."

Let us make time today and avoid regrets tomorrow.

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from Nashville, TN bulletin

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord... Eph. 6:4

-Glenn Hitchcock

Time Rushes On

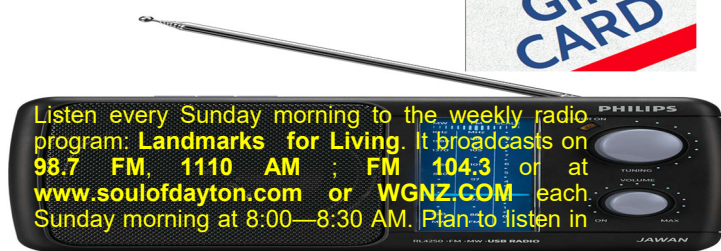
Time rushes on, unchecked, unaltered, carrying every material object to its inevitable end. Rust, decay and death are its perpetual companions. We are all running out of time. The only thing that really matters is: Are You Prepared To Meet God? Are the books of your life balanced? Are you ready to go?

When time is swallowed up in eternity, Where Will You Be?

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

-Frank Chesser

- ☞ Mid-week service will assemble in Tipp City for gospel meeting at 7:00 PM
- ☞ Check out the new tract titles in the rack
- ☞ Take a "**Christian Gift Card**" and give it away to someone you meet.



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NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org ; <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

"Sirs, What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30

- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Heard — John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ♦ Sins Must Be Repented of — Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ♦ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ♦ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ♦ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	50
Attendance AM	77
Attendance PM	36
Wednesday PM	36

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Mary Sanders; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Naomi Shields; Phil Tydings

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr. (Utah);

Prayers: Jaren and Kari Sutherlin

Repentance: Norris Cole, II

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: September — 3 Ruby Holt; 5— Michael Blanks, Jr.; 27 - Christina Barnes; 29 - Florine Thomas

Anniversaries: September — 1— Chris and Tally Poole; 27— Samuel and Dollie Jones

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class September 18 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 11 in "Bible A's for Ladies"

September 14	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Chris Poole
Lead Lord's Supper	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Server 1	James Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Server 2	Michael Blanks, Jr.	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Scripture Reader	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Closing Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Announcements	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your "**church**" and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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