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“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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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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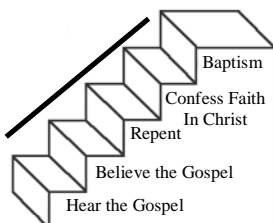
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Lack of Knowledge

Don Hatch

The comparison of Old Testament priests and the New Testament can be made because the Old Testament priests were typical of what the New Testament would become. They are examples for us (Rom 15:1-4; 1 Cor 10:1-13). Frequently they failed to serve God and fulfill the purpose for their existence. When wicked imaginations prevailed among the people of God the prophets and priests were employed to correct the course. When prophets or priests became corrupt, teaching base things to the people, they were found wanting. Hosea was instructed to write “My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God, I will forget thy children...” (Hos 4:6-10). God brought a charge against priests, prophets and people for not having truth, goodness or knowledge (Hos 1:1-5).

Displayed in the New Testament is a priesthood of believers, not a priestly class (1 Pet 2:1-10; Rev 1:6; Heb 3:1). These in a peculiar sense are God’s property and the object of His election (Rom 8:33; 2 Pet 1:3-11). Priests have a special work equal to their heritage. Priests are privileged to draw near to God in an unparalleled fashion (Heb 4:14-16). Their designation and appointment must be from above. No one takes to himself such a high honor (Heb 5:4; Ps 65:4). Grounds for divine choice is that they have been sanctified by the blood of Christ Jesus and called to be saints (1 Cor 1:1, 2, 30, and 31). Distinctive from the world with an office beyond fleshly heredity is where priests find their work. These distinguished ranks of priests belong to God.

Only God can confer priesthood. Without God’s sanction and being made holy, they cannot serve as priests (1 Pet 1:13-25; 2:1-10). Characteristically their lives must be spiritual and fruitful. God’s family is a cherished and preeminent role (Eph 3:15). Being holy as God is holy is a prerequisite for priests (1 Pet 1:13-16). They derive this holiness from Him who is holy and they

must be holy in character that defines their duties with fixed standards. Priests are unable to change standards because their point of origin is out of this world. This forcibly attests to their sacred duties. A threat of destruction is emphasized in a thumbnail view of the seven churches of Asia (Rev 1, 2, 3). Degradation and ruin because of lax morals and impurity of lives can be read about in the Old Testament.

Those chosen of God to “draw near” to Him is a common description of priests. Distinctive acts for biblical priests describe them as being prepared to approach God and having a designated offering. Privileged to be priests and to come into God’s presence is because Christ is their High Priest (Heb 3:1, 6:13-20; 7:1-28). Nations are blessed because of God’s priests. Their purpose is to disseminate knowledge, fitness for duty and personal employment in the kingdom. Knowledge of God’s word is necessary to be able to direct others to offer suitable worship. Priests are charged to teach other faithful believers how to serve and ply what has been learned (2 Tim 2:1-13). Priests connect their sacred employment to the church of Christ. Priest’s lips should maintain knowledge because they are messengers for God (Mal 2:7).

Priests are to be a light, leading others (Mat 5:14-16). When the priesthood is full of darkness, there is no comparison to their destructive force. Their work is to correct, reprove, admonish and teach by demanding reform, uprightness and holiness (2 Tim 3:16, 17). Upright priests improve and refit their lives in order to be employed. The ruin of a people will largely be ascribed to the priestly failures in knowledge. Priests who are faithful to their charge enjoy a unique advantage. Teaching and instructing God’s people causes spiritual growth.

Each priest keeps his tabernacle and reckons the divine worship (1 Cor 3:16, 17; 6:19, 20). Public worship culminates in actions sanctioned by God. Purity is instrumental in subordinating the priest to God’s will. Rendering what is due to God subsequently becomes indispensable to a sacred relationship with God. Faithfulness, as God’s representatives, is presupposed. Priests are absent of any disqualifying act, deed or manner of life. Profane lives do not promote holiness. Those who accept this noble role comprehend the need for ethical, moral and righteous lives. They are outwardly pure and inwardly holy. A lack of knowledge destroyed the Old Testament priesthood.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Baptism is Essential to Salvation
(continued from last week)

II. The Study (cont.)

C. Multitudes have misunderstood how one receives the “gift” of salvation.

It is a common belief (yet incorrect) that salvation is a free gift from God that requires no action on our part.

Many people turn to Ephesians 2:8-9 to try and prove this false doctrine – “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*”

While this passage proves that we cannot earn our salvation by good works, it **does not** prove that there are no conditions we must meet in order to accept the “gift”.

When we study the entire New Testament we find that there are several steps that a person must go through in order to accept the “free gift” of salvation that Jesus made possible through his death on the cross.

Please remember that none of these steps will result in salvation alone . . .

They must all be included

Leaving any one of them out will not accomplish salvation.

Think of it as a “combination lock” and all of the numbers in the combination must be used in the correct order before one can open the lock.

Here are the required steps or conditions we find in the Bible . . .

One must have **FAITH** in God . . .

Hebrews 11:6 – “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God), for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*”

One must **HEAR** the word of God – **Romans 10:17** – “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

At this point each person must decide if they believe the Word of God they have heard.

If they do NOT believe, nothing more can be done to save their souls, unless they change their minds in the future.

One must then **BELIEVE** that Jesus is the only begotten son of God . . .

Acts 16:31 – “*...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...*”

John 3:16 – “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*”

However, this belief is not the end of the condition.

One must be willing to **CONFESS** their faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God in the presence of others.

Romans 10:9-10 – “*...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*”

1 John 4:15 – “*Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*”

One must be willing to **REPENT** of past sins . . .

2 Peter 3:9 – “*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that ALL should come to repentance.*”

Jesus said in **Luke 13:3** – “*I tell you, no; but unless you repent you all will likewise perish.*”

We have already covered the step of baptism, but here are other verses that confirm that baptism is necessary for salvation . . .

Acts 2:38 - On the Day of Pentecost, in Jerusalem when the church was first established (50 days after the death of Jesus), Peter and the other apostles preached to the huge crowd that had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast known as Pentecost and this is what he said. ---

*“Then Peter said to them, **“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

Jesus said again in **Mark 16:15-16** – “¹⁵ *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

Galatians 3:27 – “*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*”

It is important to know that baptism in the New Testament is **ALWAYS** immersion into water – not sprinkling, nor pouring water.

This immersion is very important since the act of baptism is meant to be symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:3-6 – “³ *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death*

No other method of baptism can represent this symbolism, therefore, baptism must be by total immersion in water.

Peter confirmed this in 1 Peter 3:20b-21 – “*...in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”*

The New Testament is perfectly clear on these points and it requires a perversion of the scriptures to teach any other method of salvation

III. CONCLUSION

We must all adhere to the Gospel of Christ and remember if God says it then we have no choice but to do it according to the way he says to do it. **Richard Renfro**

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Oct. 29 - Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

Nov. 5 - Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfo

Communion Preparation: Bill & Linda Matthews

Contribution Counters: Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

SERMONS

Oct. 29 – a.m. “It Is Later Than We Think”
Romans 13:11-14
p.m. “Fifth Sunday Singing”
TBA

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Bobby Allen, Jimmy Webb, Alice Worthy

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

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

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

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, October 24**. Please mark your calendar and join us at 9:45 a.m. The lesson will be “**The Sermon On The Mount**”. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Billie Prince is struggling with her health. Her daughter **Pam** is going to take her home with her until she feels better.

Jerry Grantham & Dana Hodgkins has asked for prayers for their friend **Betty Randall**. She had surgery twice last week and she is not doing well.

Alice Worthy has asked for prayers for **Roy & Terry** (her son-in-law) they both have serious health issues.

Carolyn Renfro is not feeling well and was unable to be at services on Sunday.

Denzil Myers is now home from rehab.

PRAYER CONCERN, con't

LaFon Simpson will be having back surgery on October 31st.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and love goes out to **Elizabeth Garrison** and family, **Mike** passed away Tuesday October 17, 2017. The services were here at the building on Friday.

5th SUNDAY SINGING

Our **5th Sunday Singing** will be on **October 29th**. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer to list your favorite songs.

GOSPEL MEETING

Our nightly Gospel Meeting with **Jeff Jenkins** from Lewisville, Texas will start on **November 5th – 8th, 2017**. Service on Sunday night will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Monday – Wednesday night the service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

Flyers for the Gospel Meeting are in both foyers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/5/17 – Our Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins

11/5/17 – (TIME CHANGE)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- LaFon Simpson – 10/7
- Geraldean Jones – 10/8
- Annette Kaiser – 10/10
- Walt LaHaye – 10/11
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Tori Morris – 10/21
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Barbara Hatcher – 10/24
- Michael Haynes – 10/26
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

| <u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u> | | 10/29/17 | <u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> | | A.M. – Richard Renfro |
| Jerry McKey | Bobby England | | Jerry McKey |
| Richard Renfro | Alex Mayer | | Mike Haynes |
| Dean Webb | Xavier Kaiser | | P.M. – John Mayer |
| Glen Kelly | Curtis Vaughan | | Alex Mayer |
| John Mayer | | | |
| Darrell Allen | | | |
| <u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u> | | | <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> |
| Randy Reagan | | | A.M. – Randy Reagan |
| Darrell Allen | | | Romans 13:11-14 |
| | | | P.M. – Mike Haynes |
| | | | TBA |
| <u>SONG LEADERS</u> | | | <u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u> |
| A.M. – Darrell Allen | | | Thomas Rathbun |
| P.M. – Jerry Baker | | | |

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>This Week</u> | <u>YTD Avg.</u> | <u>Goal</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Sun. Class | 54 | 66 | 59 | 100 |
| A.M. Worship | 103 | 95 | 94 | 150 |
| P.M. Worship | 68 | 63 | 66 | 80 |
| Wed. Class | 60 | 65 | 64 | 85 |
| Contribution | \$5188 | \$5658 | \$5355 | \$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 – Garrett English

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