

The Tanner St Church of Christ meets each Lord's Day beginning with Bible classes at **9:30 AM**. We continue with our worship at **10:20 AM** and again at **5:00 PM**. We also meet each Wednesday evening at **7:00 PM** for Bible study and worship. Our meeting place is located about ¾ of a mile from I30 at 1512 Tanner St in Malvern, AR.

If you have questions about what we believe and teach, please visit our website, tannerst.com to listen to sermons or read past articles from our bulletin. Or you can contact us and we will be glad to find a convenient time to study with you.

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Consider: Revelation 2:10

Needed News

Joyce Venable, Dolline Fain and **Conrad Harris** continue to deal with their respective health issues. **Dolline** is still hurting from her recent fall.

Ricky Ragsdale is wearing a special brace to support the broken vertebra and doing physical therapy.

John & Betty Ragsdale are in Jonesboro this weekend.

John & Phyllis Jackson are leaving Thursday for a cruise to Alaska.

We are very happy that **Monty Rasberry** decided to join God's Family through obedience to The Word. Some of you have known Monty for decades, now he is part of our family. Each of us should be encouraged by his decision. It is a reminder that there are still those in this world who are looking for Truth. Let us never forget that we have what the world needs above all else. Pray for the sight to see the fields ready for harvest. Pray for the wisdom to help others know Christ. Pray for God's hand to help us find the lost. Then start looking for new opportunities to teach. Be aware of the signs that someone is looking for Truth. Remember the Word is a seed that must be planted before it will grow.

Seeking His Righteousness

"...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.." Matthew 6:33

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Peter's Sermon On Solomon's Porch

Tom O'Neal

Peter and John were going to the temple at the ninth hour of prayer (Acts 3:1) when they encountered a lame man (vv. 2,3). They did not give him the alms he sought, but rather healed him (vv. 4-8). This caused much excitement among the people (vv. 9-11).

Apostles Disclaim Credit For Themselves: -- The apostles ask the people why they looked upon them as the ones who healed this man through their own power? (v. 12).

Jesus Is Preached: -- The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob glorified His Son Jesus Christ (v. 13). The people had delivered Jesus to be crucified at the time that Pilate found no fault in Him and determined to release Him (v. 13). Instead, the people wanted a murderer released unto them, denying the Holy and Just Jesus (v. 14). The people, the apostles said, delivered up Jesus (v. 13), denied Him (v. 14), desired a murderer instead (v. 14), and killed the Prince of life (v. 15). But God raised Jesus from the dead (v. 15). The apostles were witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus (v. 15). The apostles charged the people and the rulers with killing Jesus through ignorance (v. 17; 1Corinthians 2:8). All of this was done that prophecy might be fulfilled (v. 18).

Salvation Is Promised: -- The apostles told the believing audience (vv. 9,10) to repent and be converted (v. 19). The American Standard Version renders "*be converted*" as "*turn again*." Repent and be converted, in verse 19, is the same

and repent and be baptized in Acts 2:38. *"The times of refreshing,"* in verse 19, parallels the reception of *"the gift of the Holy Spirit"* in Acts 2:38.

Salvation Is Promised Through Jesus Christ: -- Peter quotes Moses in (Deuteronomy 18:15-18) as telling of Jesus Christ. Those who do not hear Jesus Christ will be lost (v. 23). All the prophets foretold of the days of salvation (v. 24). In Peter's audience, were the children of the prophets and the ones to whom the gospel was first preached (vv. 25,26). They were the children of the covenant that God made with Abraham (v. 25; Genesis 12:1-3). The covenant God made with Abraham was threefold in nature.

God promised to give Abraham and his seed a **LAND** (Genesis 12:1). God fulfilled this promise in giving them the land of promise, Canaan (Genesis 15:18; Joshua 11:23; 21:43-45; 23:13-16; 1Kings 4:21,25; 8:56; Nehemiah 9:7,8,23,24).

God promised Abraham that He would make of his seed a great **NATION** (Genesis 12:1). God fulfilled that promise (Genesis 46:3; Exodus 19:6; Deuteronomy 26:5).

God promised Abraham that *"in thy **SEED** shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed"* (Genesis 12:3,25). Peter, by the Holy Spirit, said God fulfilled this promise by sending Jesus Christ *"to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities"* (v. 26). The blessing of Abraham was fulfilled in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to all mankind. First, to the Jews (v. 26). Then, to the Gentiles (Ephesians 2:13; 4:17), the *"afar off"* of Acts 2:39).

All men who reject Christ, reject being a part of those who will be blessed in fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham; they reject their only hope of salvation (Acts 4:11,12).

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GOD HATH SPOKEN

Gilbert Alexander

The Exodus and the entrance into Canaan were provided by the grace of God; yet both required obedience in order that the children of Israel should accomplish them. Writing to the Corinthian saints, Paul said by the Holy Spirit that the Israelites *"were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."* None of them were freed from bondage without this *"baptism"* (1Corinthians 10:1-12). Coming out of Egypt was not the end of life for them, but the beginning of a new and better life. Their new life was filled with trials, temptations, and hardships before its goal was reached. Many who began the journey did not successfully complete it (1Corinthians 10:5; Hebrews 3:14-19). However, for those who completed the journey by obedience of faith, the reward was great indeed.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul would not have Christians to be ignorant of this lesson-by-comparison. All enter the new life of freedom from bondage to sin by the obedience of faith through baptism into Christ (Romans 6:3,4; Galatians 3:26,27; Acts 2:38). This is the beginning not the end, of an arduous journey filled with trials, hardships, and temptations. Many do not successfully complete the journey, but, for those who do, the reward is far greater than we can imagine. We can fall, as many of them did, and come short of the goal. We can turn aside into "Edom" and be lost. We can join "Korah" and perish. Or like Joshua and Caleb, we can endure against all public pressure and life's temptations, and can enter that final rest that God has promised for the faithful (Hebrews 4:9). *"Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall"* (1Corinthians 10:12). Come, and let us serve God faithfully.