

For Our Information

David & Paula Laubach's grandson, Zachary, will have eye surgery Thursday of this week.

Ruben & Brenda Keisler are still on vacation this weekend.

Dan & JoBeth Henderson will travel to Georgia later this week and travel to Texas before heading back home the end of next week.

Remember those with on going health issues.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

something and doing something is work, any way you understand it.

There are things to do in order to be saved and there are things to do in order to stay saved. That means: whether you need to be saved, or need to stay saved; there are certain works you must accomplish, but not one of those works will merit, earn or make you worthy of salvation.

Before ever again presenting themselves as teachers of God's message to man, our confused brethren need to grow up in the truth, at least, to the point where they have learned the first lessons of the word of God.

Jesus said, "*Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man*" (**Matthew 7:24**). How foolish the teachings of our brethren who are waving the old thread bare banner of "Faith Alone" must be in the sight of Jesus our Lord.

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Mistaken At The Top Of Their Voices

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Judging by what we are currently hearing and reading, it appears safe to say, there is a great deal of misunderstanding concerning grace, faith, law, obedience and works. Some who have expressed their thoughts on these subjects are completely confused. As is often the case, those whose thinking is the most confused seem convinced they have developed new insights into these concepts to which the rest of us have never given any consideration. Their egotism is to be pitied, but the arrogance which many of them parade make it difficult to show pity.

Teaching that everyone who is



He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

Mark 16:16



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saved, is saved by the grace of God is not something new for gospel preachers. Teaching that everyone who is saved, is saved by faith also is nothing new for gospel preachers. As long as I can remember, Gospel preachers have been teaching that faith is man's response to God's grace.

For many years I have taught that there is nothing a person can do to merit salvation. I have been hearing preachers preach the gospel more than forty years and cannot remember ever hearing a single gospel preacher say that anyone could do something to merit, earn or be worthy of salvation. However from what I have been reading lately, one would think there is a preacher behind every bush teaching folks that there is something they must do to merit, earn or be worthy of salvation.

Any gospel preacher knows that there is nothing anyone can do to merit salvation. On the other hand it is just as true that those who refuse to obey the gospel will be lost (**1Peter 4:17-18; 2Thessalonians 1:6-10**). Obviously, this means obedience does not merit salvation; yet, salvation is reserved for only those who are obedient (**Hebrews 5:8-9**). That obedience does not merit anything was plainly taught by Jesus when He said, "*So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do*" (**Luke 17:10**).

What our confused brethren need to realize is that it was because of God's grace Christ came into the world and made it possible that the Holy spirit could deliver the gospel to mankind. They need to realize that in the gospel the righteousness of God is made known and that the righteousness of God is made known from faith (**Romans 1:16-17**). The faith in

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Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

With the Lord beside us there is nothing that can keep us from true happiness and contentment. In the Lord we will always find joy, so freely submit to His rule in all of your life.

Give it to God. Let Him be your Pilot. Follow His lead and you can know peace. Try to keep control for yourself and you will have no peace.

these verses from which the righteousness of God is made known is the gospel in which the righteousness of God is made known. It must be realized that this faith/gospel which was given as the result of the grace of God is "to faith." This simply means that the faith/gospel is to produce faith/belief in the hearts of men. Belief of the faith/gospel by man is, therefore, man's response to God's grace. However, belief is only the first step leading to salvation.

As far as I have been able to learn, gospel preachers have always recognized that belief sometimes refers to this first step and sometimes includes everything required of a man in order to be saved (**Mark 16:16** and **Crispus Acts 18:8; 1Corinthians 1:14**). this inclusive usage of the word, "believed," is as far from the term, "faith alone," as the north pole is from the south.

In **Romans 1:5** we learn that the faith, which is the gospel (**v. 1**) is given "for obedience." Inherent in the idea of "obedience" are commandments to be obeyed. The faith/gospel was sent to man through the grace of God. It is also through God's grace that it is made possible for man to believe and obey the commandments contained within the faith/gospel in order to be granted salvation.

Observe the relationships between grace (favor); gospel (faith) -- God's revelation to man; commandments (law) -- contained in God's revelation to man; belief (faith) -- which God's revelation was given to produce and obedience to the commandments contained in God's revelation to man. There also is another link in this chain of relationships. That link is works. It should be obvious, to even the very simplest, that obedience to the commandments of God means that one does