

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

Store In My Heart

1Thessalonians 5:16-18

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

As Paul gave instructions to the Ephesian elders, he emphasized our dependance upon God's Word. Without the Word we are not able to accomplish any of what we must do to be saved. God left this message to make us strong enough to do what needs to be done. With the Word we can conquer any fear or trial that might be in our way. As we go about our daily life we need to have the Word in our minds so that we are ready for whatever may arise.

But the Word is also to impress upon us the need for God in our life.

The promised rest is ours if we but use the Word to remain sanctified in God's sight.



Man Has His Values Confused

Richie Thetford

It is very evident that in our society, man has his values confused. What often seems valuable to many is not really valuable at all. Men put a great price-tag on pleasure, money or prominence. Men value wealth, satisfaction of the physical desires and attention from their peers. If they secure this, they think of themselves as successful. But these pass with time.

It is righteousness that is lasting and truly valuable. The greatest of all man's needs is to be made righteous. In the absolute, God is righteous. But Christ was sent from God to make men righteous. Paul stated: *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous"* (**Romans 5:19**). It is God's desire to have all men become righteous, but without Christ's sacrifice, man could never have been righteous. The Bible says: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,"* (**Ephesians 2:8**). The eternal God knows man's needs and God has supplied the greatest need of all and that is salvation through Jesus Christ.

Man was not born in sin, but men of accountable age do sin. Men do not inherit their sins as they do the color of their hair. Yet, being sinners, man's greatest need is salvation. Since man cannot save himself, he must have a savior. God in

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For Our Information

Paula Laubach had another spell with dizziness. She has a doctor appointment for an EEG this week.

Ruben and Brenda Keisler are thru with physical therapy but still need to continue exercises.

Dan & JoBeth will leave Friday for a visit in Alabama.

Tonight we start in 2Kings 5:15.

Wednesday we will start in the book of Hebrews 2:5.

Make plans to join us for these studies.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

His infinite love and grace has provided man's salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16). Why? Because God was not willing that man should perish, but have eternal life. At great expense God fulfilled His promise to send Christ into the world as our savior. Almost two thousand years ago, Christ died on the cross for our sins. Thanks be to God for His love and mercy!

Our Spiritual Need is Greater Than Our Physical Need

"What is the greatest need that we have?" We may answer that our greatest need is economic stability or political integrity. We may answer that our greatest need is financial security, or better health. And while all of those things are desirable, our greatest need, regardless of the economic or political situation, is salvation from sin, for sin is the greatest enemy of mankind. Sin is the greatest enemy of man because it is the enemy that can destroy a good life here, and cause us to be eternally separated from God. It is a most troublesome thought to think of a ruined life in this world, but it is even worse to think of an eternity in hell. I am glad I serve a God that anticipated the greatest benefit of man, the salvation from sin. Since sin separates one from God (**Isaiah 59:1-2**), our great need is reconciliation to God, or salvation from sin. Only Jesus can save us.

God has made two dispositions of sin. First, if not forgiven, sin brings death to the sinner. This is justice. The Bible says "*the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" Also, "*the wages of sin is death.*" Secondly, God can and does forgive sins. Man cannot live above sin, and man cannot save himself, so he is entirely at the mercy of God for forgiveness. Christ died on the cross for our sins, and had he not done this, we would all be doomed to death, for no other person could have died for our sins. But God promised salvation UNCONDITIONALLY, but salvation is conditional. Jesus said, "*He who believes and is baptized will be saved....*" (**Mark 16:16**).

(If we do not value freedom from sin and righteousness more than the things of this world we will always be searching for something more than we can find in life. God alone provides that which has true value for life and beyond. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!