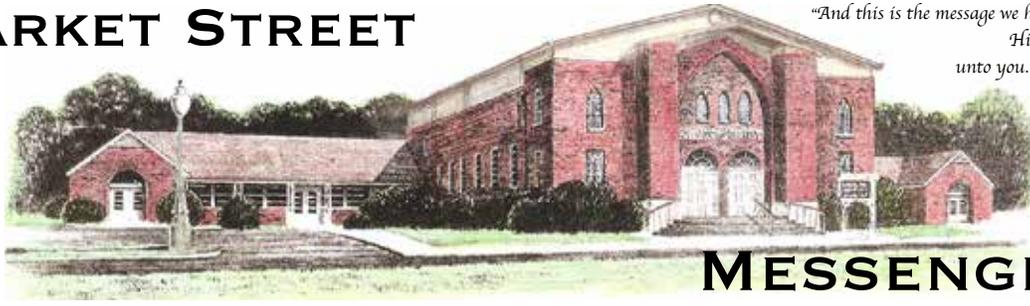


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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

“For You Were Bought at a Price”

David A. Cox

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” — (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Paul declares that we have been bought with a price. What a tremendous price that Jesus paid so that we could have life. There is a song we sing that says,

*He paid a debt He did not owe,
I owed a debt I could not pay.
I needed someone to wash my sins away,
And now I sing a brand new song,
“Amazing Grace.” All day long.
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.*

Jesus gave His life and shed His blood to pay the penalty for my sin. How does this affect my life that I live?

It Should Cause Me To See the Destruction of Sin.

Since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, sin has been the great destroyer. On that day, it destroyed the relationship that God had with man. God could not dwell with man because sin had separated the relationship they had shared in the garden. We must come to understand that sin is not a light thing. Yes, we all sin, and we have imperfections, but that does not mean that sin should be trivialized. Sin is so grievous that it took the blood of Christ, the Son of God, to shed His blood to redeem us from sin. Sin is grave, and it does not matter how the culture views it; we must see sin for how God views it. Paul told the Romans, “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). Let us remember David, who is a man after God’s own heart, and how he viewed sin (Psalm 51:1-9).

It Should Be A Life of Joy.

When we consider the price that God and Christ paid to redeem me from my sins, it should cause us to rejoice with unspeakable joy for the salvation and redemption from sin (1 Peter 1:8-9). In John 10, Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Our redemption in Christ allows us to live

spiritually with joy. The life God desires for us is that we live receiving our spiritual strength and nourishment from Him. We live by faith, feeding on the word of God and developing our faith for the hope and glory ahead for us. Many things in this earthly life are not good, but even in those difficult times, the one redeemed can live through it with a different mindset.

It Should Be A Life That Is God's.

Before saying we have been "bought with a price", Paul reminds us that we "are not our own." He goes in verse 20 to say that our body is God's. The point here is that our lives belong to God, and they are for His use. It is in this thought that Paul writes to the Galatians: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Let us understand we living our lives for God. We are His ambassadors here to do His work. Let us live, shining our lights in the world around us so that they may learn of the hope of Christ we have.

What a blessed thought that we were "bought at a price." Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb so that can possess the hope of an eternity with God.



Selling Our Birthrights

Matt Bassford

We know from the story of the anointing of David that God does not see as man sees. In the case of David, God saw potential where no one else did. However, God is equally likely to judge more harshly than we do.

We see an instance of this in Genesis 25:27-34. It's one of a frustrating series of stories in this portion of the book featuring Jacob the trickster and Esau the sucker. Repeatedly, Jacob uses his cleverness either to get something valuable belonging to Esau or to protect himself from Esau's very reasonable indignation.

In this case, Jacob swindles Esau out of his birthright, the double portion of the inheritance from Isaac that

was due to the firstborn. Esau has returned from hunting, unsuccessful and starving. A decent brother would have fed him out of kindness, but Jacob demands the birthright in exchange for a bowl of stew. Esau takes the deal and loses the double portion.

In this story, Jacob is the villain, right? He schemes to take advantage of his own flesh and blood in a moment of need. However, that is not how the story is treated in the New Testament. In Hebrews 12:16, we are not warned against imitating Jacob. We are warned against imitating Esau!

For all of his questionable morality, Jacob possesses one vital attribute that Esau does not. Jacob looks to the future and does what he must now to receive good things later. Though he is not commended explicitly by the writer here, he falls into the same category as some other sketchy characters who are commended, like Rahab the harlot and the unrighteous steward of Luke 16. We are not to imitate them in sharp practice, lying, or embezzling, but we are to imitate them in looking to the future and acting accordingly.

Esau, by contrast, is so focused on his immediate desires that he forgets what fulfilling them will cost him. For this reason, the Hebrews writer condemns him as immoral and irreverent. This may seem harsh to us, but Esau has failed to keep his eyes on the prize, the very thing that everyone who hopes to inherit eternal life must do.

Certainly, Esau's foolishness was exploited by a trickster, but every one of us is the target of a deceiver who makes Jacob look naive by comparison. Constantly, the devil takes advantage of our moments of weakness to try to get us to give away our birthrights as children of the King. We shake our heads at the short-sightedness of the man who traded away his inheritance for a bowl of lentils, but everyone who surrenders their soul in exchange for earthly pleasure is making a far worse bargain!

When we are tempted, then, we should remember Esau. No matter what delights the evil one is dangling in front of us, they don't amount to a hill of beans next to what we would surrender. Only a Jacob-like focus on our ultimate reward will keep us safe.

~via Family Matters Jackson Heights; Columbia, Tennessee.

Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

God's Plan

Bill Walton

In the first century, God's plan for saving the lost and caring for the saved was made known through the apostles and put into practice by the disciples. God's plan was simplicity itself. And its success was the marvel of all the world. The gospel was sent to the lost. The poor and needy were cared for. And the church was edified.

How was the gospel sent to the lost? By congregations (1 Thessalonians 1:2-8) and individual Christians (Galatians 6:6) supporting evangelists to carry the gospel message all over the world, and by every faithful Christian "who (would) teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

How were the poor and needy cared for? By each congregation caring for its own needy saints (Acts 4:34-35, 1 Timothy 5:16) and receiving help from other congregations when needed (Romans 15:25-26), and by each individual Christian "doing good unto all men" as there was opportunity (Galatians 6:10).

How was the church edified? By the elders of each congregation "feeding the flock of God which is among them" (1 Peter 5:2), and by Christians "exhorting one another" and "provoking one another unto love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

This plan is tried and proven. It worked in the first century, and it will work in the twentieth century. We do not need a new plan. We do not need an improved plan. But we do need renewed zeal for executing God's plan.

That's what makes Christianity unique.

~via *Northside Proclaimer*; Hillsboro, Ohio.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Margaret Carter	Peggy Smith
Kenneth Smith	Ruby Dean Ezell
Don Bates	James Adams
Dan Lovell	Brad Brown
Betty Pepper	Shirley Miller
Betty Lovell	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Joe Brooks

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy Burns	Priscilla Tucker
Peggy Pepper	Vicki Stringer
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Doris Reid	Lloyd Adams
Charles Burns	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Matt Bassford	Sadricia Wilson
Leigh Ellen Elliott	Wynell Romine
Elmina McLemore	Anthony Sutton
Charlotte Adams	Charlotte Griffin
Anthony Sutton	

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Irene Inman, rm. 121
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 79a	Bobby Ogles, rm. 113
Ann Bush, rm. 75	Betty Christopher, rm. 109
Alice Roberson, rm. 49	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Bobbie Adcock; at her son's home
Nell Barksdale; at home
Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Traditions
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Stan Stanford; at home
Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Howard Morris; North Alabama Med. Ctr. - Florence
Belinda Motter; Huntsville Hospital - ICU

Updates:

Dale Adcock had surgery on Wednesday morning in Huntsville on her elbow ... *Don Bates* is scheduled to begin his cardio rehabilitation on Monday... *Sharon Nave* is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday of this week and will follow that with four weeks of radiation... *Ruby Dean Ezell* was able to get the injections in her back on Tuesday at TOC in Athens and she is doing better... *Lisa Wulfekuhl* had injections in her back on Tuesday at Huntsville Surgery... *Steve & Vicki Stringer* are not able to be out. Vicki's immune system is very low, and Steve is struggling with getting around with his back problems... *Jackie Cox's brother, Howard Morris,*

had open heart surgery on Thursday in Florence and had four bypasses done... **Larry Tucker's cousin, Belinda Motter**, was moved on Friday from Athens-Limestone Hospital to Huntsville Hospital due to a decline in her condition... **Roger & Wendy Hammonds' niece, Brooklyn Berthiaume**, is back home after a round of treatment... **Keith Holt, the oldest son of Danny and Larry's brother, Mike**, is scheduled for surgery on Monday at Sarah Cannon Cancer Center in Nashville.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30. The class is studying "*The Christian in a Secular Age.*"

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet Monday morning at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them in the morning.

GOSPEL MEETING: The **Somerville Road church** in Decatur is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be **Edwin Crozier**... The **Bethel church** in Bethel, Tennessee, is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Thursday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be **Scott Richardson**.

SINGING: There will be a singing this afternoon at the **Carriger church** at 3:00... The Cartwright church will have a singing on Saturday, August 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Gregorys: Sam, Taylor, Cara Blake & Weston** were at the Gulf this week on vacation last week... **Larry Holt** was in Ocala, Florida, last weekend... **The Adams: Marty & Marvella** are in Auburn this weekend finalizing Kenneth's move... **Kenneth Adams** is in Auburn for school... **Keenon Currier** is in Monterey, California, where he is stationed.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We are continuing to make and update pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of July 31st:

Sunday: Bible Classes 105
 Morning Worship 141
 Evening Worship 95
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 73

Beacon of Truth
 Radio Program
 Sunday Mornings
 8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 7th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Stephen Lynn
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Terry Andrews
 Assisting Larry Mitchell
 Serving Roger Hammonds Sam Gregory
 Matthew Vaughn Luke Vaughn
 Closing Prayer Frank Melton

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Griffin Holt
 Prayer..... Larry Tucker
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
 Closing Prayer Marcus Morris
 Other Assignments for the week of August 7th:
 Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblenz
 Work Sound System..... Larry Holt

Wednesday, August 10th:

Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Bible Reading Landon Adams
 (John 17:1-5)
 Prayer..... Jerry Baker
 Invitation Christian Usery/David Cox
 Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Sunday, August 14th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblenz
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Stephen Lynn
 Serving Hayden Pierce Matthew Usery
 Charles Vaughn Clayton Hamm
 Closing Prayer Bob Broadus

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Keith Hinkle
 Other Assignments for the week of August 14th:
 Ushers..... Marvin Putman/Heath Dollar
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews