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"Where The Truths Of God's Word Have Been Taught For More Than Fifty-Eight Years"

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"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."

Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Pastor G. L. Burr, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Clair and Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirley King, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Message:

The plain and simple truth about salvation.

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." 1 Peter 1:19 - 21

In the world throughout Christianity you will find a very broad and never-ending thought on salvation and what one must do to be saved. However, with all that thought process and with all the differing opinions on the subject, only one thought counts, and that is what God said, "*And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*" Acts 16:30 - 23 This is the one single time the question is directly asked and answered in the bible. The bible without question says that salvation is not "of works" "*Not of works, lest any man should boast.*" Ephesians 2:9 and over and over the bible repeats that salvation is not of works. See Romans 3:20, 9:16, 11:16, 1Cor. 1:29-31, 2Tim. 1:9, Titus 3:3-5 and many more that destroy any thought of works for salvation. Lost people will believe anything that Satan put into their hearts, even works for salvation. This battle was fought thousands of years before I was born and if time goes on it will go on for thousands of years after I'm gone. But the truth will never change, salvation is only in the Man Jesus Christ and no other way, nor does it include anything else. There is nothing I can do to change their hearts about salvation, all I can do is continue to preach the truth about Jesus Christ and the salvation, that God gives through Him. God controls them who hear and those who do not hear, there is nothing I can add except preaching the truth about salvation. I know the truth is not appreciated in this world anymore but some of us have been elected by God to carry it to this lost and sinful world, even to those who believe in works for salvation. People must be brought to the reality that we are sinful, and as sinful people there is nothing we can add to the salvation of our souls, absolutely nothing! There are a lot of people who point to their eagerness to serve the Lord, to get the word out, and to prove themselves Christians, but as the apostle Paul wrote about his beloved Israel, their zeal is worthless. "*For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*" Romans 10:2 - 4 Anyone who believes that salvation includes "works of any sort" are "...being ignorant of God's righteousness..." and they will die lost and awake in hell. Now, let's look at why our works are not part of salvation, mankind is totally depraved. You never find anywhere in the bible about God speaking highly of peoples work outside of

Christ. God in His word only continues to condemn man's works and tells mankind how sinful we truly are. People outside of Christ has no good, and people that are saved only do good "in Christ". *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."* Rom. 8:1 - 2 *"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"* 1Cor. 1:30 There is a reason for this fact, that salvation is only possible in Jesus Christ and not in anything else. It is His death, burial, and His resurrection, but it is also because of His blood, because it is His blood that cleanses all our sins. God said His blood cleanses us as white as snow, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9 also *"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* Titus 2:14 When one is saved it is because of the very acts of Jesus Christ on the cross, it was He who died our death, paid our sin debt to God, and rose again from the grave for our resurrection. There is no place in this for our works, because our works would diminish what works He accomplished on the cross at Calvary. *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"*. Hebrews 12:2 The shame and condemnation of the cross was for our sins He took with Him, if you are saved then Jesus took your sins to His cross. It is us who must believe this record of God, it is not of them who are working, but those who believe God's record of salvation. *If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."* 1 John 5:9 – 12 Who do you believe, God or man? This is the plain and simple truth about salvation, Jesus Christ caved sinned, do you believe?

The sacrifice of Himself!

By Ruth Bryan, "The Marvelous Riches of Savoring Christ!"

"But now He has appeared one time, at the end of the ages, to remove sin by the sacrifice of Himself!"
Hebrews 9:26

That word "sin" feels weighty to a sensible sinner. But oh! that word "Himself!" seems a million times more weighty!

"Himself!" the mighty God, the precious Man Christ Jesus!

"Himself!" by whom all things were created, and for whom they exist!

"Himself!" whose smile is heaven, whose frown is hell!

"Himself!" whom all angels worship, and all devils obey!

"Himself!" the sacrifice!

Another such sacrifice could not be found! Sins as deep as hell and as high as heaven cannot overmatch it — for it is infinite! Sins of scarlet and crimson dye cannot resist its power — for it makes them whiter than snow!

See as much as you can of the vileness of self, and the demerit of sin — yet "Himself" a bleeding sacrifice, exceeds it all! Here is the sweet-smelling savor, both to the Lawgiver and the lawbreaker. The Lawgiver is honored — the lawbreaker is saved!

See how He stands most lovingly, as with open arms, saying to every laboring, weary, heavy-laden sinner, "Come! Come unto Me, and I will give you rest! I still receive sinners, to the uttermost I save them, and never am weary of healing their backslidings, forgiving all their iniquities, and multiplying pardons — as they multiply transgressions against Me. I blot all out with My blood, and love them freely and forever!" Sinner, will not this suffice? It will, if the Spirit applies it — and opens in a little measure, Himself and His sacrifice — in contrast to yourself and your sins. It will take eternity to know it fully; but that your heart may find rest and refreshing in it now, is my affectionate prayer.

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Church Notices:

Happy Anniversary to Brother Ronnie & Sister Sarah Henderson Tuesday November 19th