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Thankful for Jesus the Christ ***Kevin Cauley***

Christianity is the only world religion that teaches salvation by grace. The other world religions teach that "salvation" is based on merit. This means as long as one is 51% good, he may claim salvation. He can be 49% evil and be "saved." This implicates God in evil since God would be obliged to "save" people who are 49% evil. In such a system, God must condone evil. What kind of a god would condone evil?

In Christianity, God doesn't condone evil. He demands that everyone be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). This means, however, that one must be perfect to be saved. If one sins just one time, he is lost. He isn't lost because God is evil, but because he is evil. How can a person be saved? There is only one way; God must pay the price for his sins. He did this through Jesus' perfect life and sacrifice on the cross.

Since Jesus paid the price, Jesus may give salvation to whoever He desires, and Jesus desires that salvation be given to those who trust and obey Him in love (John 14:15). Hebrews 5:9 says, "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." Salvation is by grace through faith because we trust that Jesus will save us when we obey Him (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our obedience doesn't merit salvation as if God owes it to us; obedience is simply the response of one who trusts Jesus for salvation. Do we obey perfectly? No, but Jesus forgives those who are trying to be faithful to Him, and He knows who is and who isn't (2 Timothy 2:19). I am so thankful for Jesus.

Glorify Jesus!

Kevin Cauley

The word “glorify” means to praise, honor, or lift up. The Hebrew word for glorify is “chabad,” which means to be weighty, or heavy. The idea of “honor” was associated with the word due to the gravity of honorable events. In the New Testament, the word “glorify” is a translation of the Greek word “doxazo,” which meant to hold an opinion, or think of something or someone. The word evolved to mean: to hold a high opinion of another, and thus to elevate or lift up another to a position of honor. The word “glorify” has many specialized meanings involving the status of God, Jesus, or the saints and ultimate honor given to them. For God, this honor is intrinsic to Who He is, and thus He is to be glorified, or praised (Leviticus 10:3, Luke 13:13). Jesus earned honor by living a sinless life (John 17:1-5). Christians will be changed and glorified by the grace of God through Jesus (Romans 8:30). glorified

Jesus is three-times glorified. First, He is glorified for the fact of His being divine. He is God in the flesh, Immanuel, the incarnate Word, our Creator, Sustainer, and Provider. For that very reason alone, He is to be glorified. Second, He is glorified for His sinless life and vicarious sacrifice. Peter said in Acts 3:13, “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.” Third, He has also been glorified in His humanity. Paul wrote in Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Freddie Callis,
Margie Montgomery,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Jerry Crabb, Karen Chance,
Mary Lewis, Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn & Trudy Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Jesus, the Son of God
John 3:14-18

PM - Satan on the Run
James 4:7-10

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

April 25

Area wide Singing
7:00 PM
Dessert Fellowship following
the Singing

Cards to Send

Danny Darnaby
239 Hudson Road
Bells, TN 38006

Betty Mosely
62 Auburndale Cove
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

6 AM	3
Bible Class	49/4
AM Worship	91/10
PM Worship	50/8
Wed Bible Study	51/4
Contribution	3030
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

APR 20 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

APR 20 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Van McConnell

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Dove

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Mike Wages

Apr 23 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Mike Wages

Apr 23 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Greg Long

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM