

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebart
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of March 26, 2017

Sunday School ----- 23
Sunday Morning Service ----- 27
Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
Wed. Eve. Service, 03/29/17 ----- 12

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of March 26, 2017

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 738.25
Total Received for Week of 03/26/17: \$ 738.25

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
to operate the church EACH WEEK,
as a minimum = **\$ 1,400.00**

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
Rayna Crawford ----- Greeter
Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER

ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE

2017 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 28,
at 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday,
April 29,
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Men's Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the Men's Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 28, 2017, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 29. Again this year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God's Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men's Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional "It Is Well With My Soul" finale.

HURRY - We Need Everyone Registered by 04/14!



GIVE OUT A GOSPEL TRACT THIS WEEK!

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“And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments...”
- Luke 16:23

Can A Modern Man Believe In Hell?

by Angel Martinez

The doctrine of hell is a salute to the freedom of the will. If there were no hell, then man would not be a free moral agent. For if every man has to go to heaven, then heaven would become hell to those who do not want to go. The enjoyment of anything is conditioned by the nature of the person. If you would take a genuine Christian and place him in a night club where people are engaged in gradual self-destruction, the Christian would be in hell; though for the unsaved man, such a place would be heaven. On the other hand, if you were to place an unsaved man, carnal and selfish in his make up, in a prayer meeting, though to the Christian that would be heaven, to him the prayer meeting would be hell. For an unsaved man to be forced to go to heaven when he doesn't want to go, heaven would become hell for him.

When I was in my teens, I preached a strong sermon on hell in the course of a revival. A very suave and cultured lady came and spoke to me after the service. She pleaded with me that I not preach on that subject again. She reminded me that such a view was not consistent with the love of God for all men. God could never allow such a place to exist, and to preach such a doctrine would do injustice to the mercy of God for us. I then responded by asking her what I should preach. She replied that I major on the Sermon on the Mount. In that sermon is all the material for the minister. She did not know her Bible. She was stunned when I told her that one could not preach the Sermon on the Mount without preaching on hell. Then I showed her Matthew 5:29, 30, where Jesus said, “If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.”

In the attempt to discourage ministers from dwelling upon this dreadful reality, I have heard people refer to them as being “Hell, fire, and damnation preachers.” This ought to be a compliment to

the conscientiousness of the minister. That proves that he is declaring the whole counsel of God. That means that he is not trimming his sails to catch the breeze of passing popularity.

Woe unto the minister who succumbs to the wants of the people instead of the will of God. We ought to obey God rather than men. Men didn't call the preacher into the ministry; God called him. His first loyalty is to the Lord. You might as well make fun of a medical doctor by saying that he believes in cancer, tuberculosis, and polio. Why, certainly he does, and he would not be true to his practice if he disregarded these dreadful realities simply to soothe the minds of his patients.

I began my ministry at the age of thirteen. As a youngster, in the course of preparing sermons, I would think some thoughts that for the moment would frighten me. Some of these thoughts I never voiced in the course of the message. I thought that perhaps it would be better to store them and let time judge their validity. I want to express a thought now that I felt was true in my teens, but then I surmised that mature reflection would eliminate it. However, after these many years in the ministry, I find it to be true. This is it, if a man believes that there is no hell, he is going there when he dies. For if there is no hell, then Christ is a liar and He cannot be our Redeemer. For a man to say that there is no hell makes Christ a liar, and He cannot be that man's Saviour. It is not a pleasant thought that man can so sin so as to be separate from God forever. But the word of God is infallible, and its teaching is inerrant. We may not understand the ramifications of this tragic truth, but if we want to eliminate its deadly results on us, then let's quit arguing about it and head for the cross.

I. THE REALITY OF HELL-

Jesus did most of the teaching on the doctrine of hell. He said more about it than any other person in the Bible.

- After the parable of the tares He said, “**The tares shall be cast into the furnace of fire**” (Matthew 13:42). He was referring to unsaved people.

- After the parable of the fish He said, “**The unsaved shall be cast into a place where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth**” (Matthew 13:50).

- He called hell “**outer darkness**” in the case of the unprofitable servant (Matthew 25:30).

- He says to the unsaved, “**Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**” (Matthew 25: 41).

- He said, “**These shall go away into everlasting punishment**” (Matthew 25:46).

- He told the Pharisees that when they made a proselyte, they made him a child of hell (Matthew 23:15).

- He said to them, “**Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?**” (Matthew 23:33).

No one can forget the realistic description that Christ gives concerning hell in the sixteenth chapter of Luke. Remember, this is not a parable. Jesus tore a page out of the book of eternity and gave us a picture of life on the other side of the grave. The

unsaved man went to hell immediately after his death (v. 23).

K He could see in hell (v. 23).

K He could speak in hell (v. 24).

K He could feel in hell (v. 24).

K He could think in hell (v. 25).

K The man was conscious in hell; he was not engaging in soul sleeping. Jesus taught that there was no help in hell (v. 26). He taught that men go there for not repenting (v. 30).

The principle of hell is not only written in the Bible, it is inherent in everything that we see around us. For every good thing in life can be inverted to produce sorrow and disaster. And the better the thing is, the greater its potential for producing calamity and despair. For example, fire is a wonderful blessing. It heats the house, it makes food edible, it produces energy for commerce. That is the heaven side of fire. But fire also possesses its hell side. It can burn the house down; it can destroy lives; it can fall on a city in the form of an atomic bomb. Water has its heaven side — a cold drink of water, a running brook, a swim on a hot day. But water has its hell side. Some years ago in Galveston, Texas, the hand of nature reached into the Gulf and poured water on the land and hundreds died. That's the hell side of water.

Marriage can be heaven or hell. A beautiful home, where two people love each other supremely, is heaven. A home where two people wrangle and endure one another is hell.

The doctrine of hell is woven into the warp and woof of our existence.

The Bible teaches that there will be degrees in hell. Everyone will not suffer alike. When I began my ministry 26 years ago, I would exhort the sinner that if he did not plan to go to heaven, his wisest course would be to live it up. Pay no attention to the moral laws; fill the cup of iniquity to the brim, because there would be no good times in hell. But more mature reflection has changed my views. Now I say, if the sinner is not going to heaven, live a good life, pay your debts, be ethical, be moral, for the hell of the good man will not be the same as the hell of the wicked man.

Jesus clearly taught that this was so. Speaking about the scribes who devour widows' houses, He said, “**These shall receive the greater damnation**” (Mark 12:40). And when He was upbraiding the cities, He said, “**Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you**” (Matthew 11:21,22).

But let me say this, and let's not forget it, that men and women do not go to hell for anything that they do on the moral level. If men went to hell for getting drunk, God is unjust. It would be like putting a man in the penitentiary for life for stealing a loaf of bread. If men go to hell for committing adultery or for murder, then God is unjust. It would be like sending a man to the gas chamber for running a red light. Men are not going to hell for any sin that they commit on the moral level. Men will

experience hell on this earth for their sin; a bitter conscience and dull regrets testify to this for those who do wrong. Men go to hell for rejecting Christ. Jesus placed salvation on the level with man's rejection of the way of salvation. Now there will be murderers in hell and thieves and good men, but they are not there for their sins; they are there because they would not avail themselves of the remedy of redemption. Hitler is not in hell for killing the Jews; he is there for rejecting Christ. The only sin that sends men to hell is rejecting Christ.

The reason hell is such a horrible truth is that it will put men out of position. Man was made for God, and to have to suffer eternal separation from God forever is what makes hell. Man was made for God like the lungs were made for air. Man was made for God like the ear was made for sound or the eye for color. Take, for example, a bird and a fish. A bird in the air is in heaven; a fish in the water is in heaven. But place the bird in the water and the fish in the air, and you produce hell for both. So man was made for God, but when a man refuses the offer of mercy, then by his own will he separated himself from God forever. That is what makes salvation so imperative.

II. THE RESIDENTS OF HELL -

The child of God will not be there. No one who has ever been saved will be in hell. God will discipline His own in His own sovereign way, but He will not send any of His children to hell. Some years ago I was preaching on this subject and the next day I received a telephone call. The gentleman at the other end of the line told me that he did not find my sermon logical. He said, “I have two sons; I love those boys with all of my heart. Sometimes they disobey me and I have to discipline them. But no matter how they hurt me, I would never send them to a place of eternal punishment. I am just an earthly father; God's love is as superior to mine as the mountains are above the earth and I don't believe that God would send any of His children to hell.”

I agreed with him and said, “My friend, I did not say that God would send His children to hell. I agree with you. That is why I believe in ‘once saved always saved.’ I said that God would send the devil's children to hell so that they can be with their papa.”

“Oh,” he said, “don't you believe that all men are God's children? Didn't He make us?”

“Jesus didn't believe that all men are God's children,” I replied. “In John 8:44, Jesus told the good moral Pharisees, ‘**Ye are of your father the devil.**’ So Satan has some children. I believe that God made us, but He also made snakes and buzzards — is He their father? There's a difference between creatorhood and fatherhood. God is the Creator of life, but the Father only of those who have been born into His family. None of God's children will be in hell.”

The open sinner will be there. We are told that men who live without Christ will be there because they rejected Jesus. The drunkard and the murderer and the liar will be there. The man who lived as if there were no God, no Christ, no church, no Ten Commandments, no cross, no Holy Spirit, no heaven, no hell, will be there. Not because of his sins, for the cross could have

