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WEDNESDAY
MID-WEEK CLASSES 7:00 P.M.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
Hebrews 10:22 KJV

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY
"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)
Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOCB—TV34
SEARCH PROGRAMS:
August 2, "Why Jesus Died"
August 9, "The Sacrifice"
August 16, "Salvation and the Cross"
August 23, "The call of the Cross"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 57
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening 18
Contribution \$3,150.10

Cleaning Team for this week is #3

You can find our worship service on:

Central's Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>

Central's YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSYok8ol9xpw?>

Central's Webpage:
<http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php?t=sermons>

If you would like to mail your offering in the mail to the church, you can mail it to:

Central Church of Christ
P.O. Box 1228
Shawnee, OK 74802

If you would like for someone to bring you communion supplies, pick up your contribution, or have any other needs please call the Church office at 405-273-3065, or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons.

Our recorded worship services will be ready by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday you can find this on our Church website.



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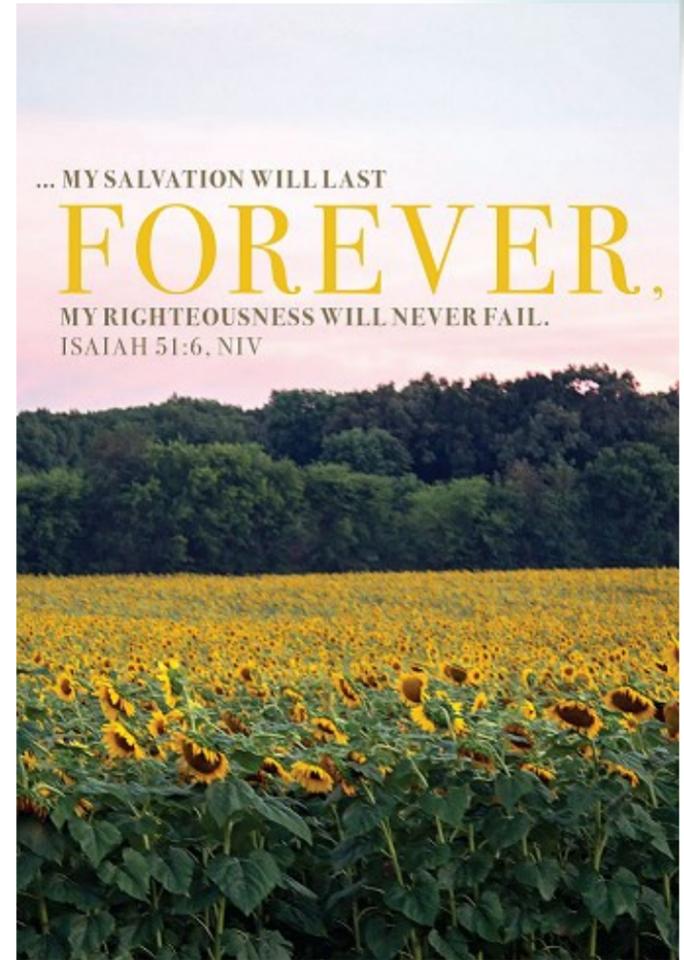
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Saved By Grace
Rex A Turner

The Grace of God

Grace is defined as unmerited, unearned, and undeserved favor. No man has a right to salvation as a result of his own righteousness or meritorious works." There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom 3:10). God's offer of salvation to man is positively a matter of grace. The offer is to all men! What a glorious contemplation! What love hath been shown to fallen man!

Paul wrote: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves (not earned, nor right through your own selves), it is a gift (unmerited grace) of God; and not of works (not of works stemming from their own righteousness and/or power), that no man should glory (or boast of his own devices and accomplishments)."

In short, the plan or scheme whereby man might become righteous was a matter of absolute grace on God's part. All men were under sin (Rom :3:23). No man had or could have earned his salvation by means of his own meritorious works. True, the Jews had the law of Moses, but the law did not save the Jews from sin. It only convicted them of sin. It was not given to save; but rather, it was given to convict.

God's grace, as extended to all men, was and is through his Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his body as a propitiation—an appeasement, an atonement, a sacrifice—for the sins of men. Through his propitiation, Christ has provided a means for the redemption – or the buying back—of fallen man.

Christ made the atonement for the sins of men by dying in their place. He gave his life in the place of sinners who deserved to die. This was a matter of meeting the terms of justice which required " life for life." Adam through sin, so to speak, had taken his own life. His redemption, therefore, could only be obtained on the basis of a life for his life (Deut 19:21). Since the" life is in the blood," Christ left heaven and came to earth through means of a body prepared for him in the womb of the virgin Mary in order that he could give his life-- which necessarily required his atoning blood for the redemption of man (Heb 10:4-7). God's gift of his son for fallen man provided that God could at the same time be just the justifier of him that hath faith in Christ Jesus (Rom 3:26).

God is first of all just and righteous, and if he were to "pass over the sins done aforesaid" without the demands of violated justice having been met, he would cease at that very point to be righteous and just God. Christ made an unlimited atonement that is
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he made atonement for all men (Heb 2:9; 1 John 2:2) Christ's atonement for all men is certainly contrary to Calvin's doctrine of limited atonement or atonement for certain and predetermined elect only. The atonement which Christ made is predicted, however on the basis of man's faith in him, and in the blood that he shed

While boastful works are excluded by God's grace, there are works that are included. The works which are included are works which the Protestant religious world refuses to recognize or grant. To illustrate the fact that there are works which are included, Peter declared at the House of Cornelius: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and work his righteousness, is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34, 35). A point of emphasis is that whatever is included under the term "righteousness" is included in the gospel plan of salvation. Certainly, salvation is by faith, but is it by faith only or alone, as the denominational world claims? This is the pertinent question.

Salvation is through faith, but not by faith only! To illustrate, James wrote "Wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect." Paul wrote: "Faith cometh of hearing and hearing by the word of Christ" (Rom: 10:17). In short, faith is the result of teaching, and the acts of obedience are the results of faith in God- thus faith is made perfect by obedience. Within this very frame of reference, Paul wrote the Galatians: "For ye are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus for as many of you were baptized into Christ did put on Christ ." To the Ephesians, Paul wrote: "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them." Paul also wrote the Galatians: "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision:— now observe but faith working by love." The conclusion of this whole matter is the faith that saves is a faith that takes God at his word, believes what he says, obeys what he commands, and becomes what he demands. The faith that saves is a live, energetic, and active faith (James 2:20, 21, Romans 10:17, Gal. 3:26, 27; Eph 2:10; Gal 5:6).

 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

We currently have none of our members in the hospital at this time.

Please keep our shut-ins in prayer.

Chad Beard—Continues to heal from his procedure.

Don Mack— Has some procedures coming up.

Jim Pettyjohn— Has a broken rib after a fall.

Blake Carter—Is currently off treatment but still has some off days with weakness.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY SHUT-INS

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

John 13:34

Carol Brodersen—100 Lakeshore Drive

Harold Carothers—Shawnee Care Center, #109

Thelma Divine—Brookdale, #132

Rachel Hall—Avonlea Cottage, #4

Lola Mullinax—1712 Grace Court

Geraldine Outlaw—221 N. Pesotum

Jean Pointer—Colonial Estates, #27B

Winona Seikel—Brookdale, #102

Dorothy Strickland— Colonial Estates, #53

Emma White—43 Doyle

Beverly Woodard—Legacy (Rose Manor), #413

Billie Horton— Bel-Fair, 216 A



Please join us Wednesday at 7:00 for another great lesson by Bob Perry.



CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Chad Beard, Ann Bivins, Carol Brodersen, Debra Campbell, Harold Carothers, Blake Carter (great grandson of Sue Merritt), Boyd Cheney, Carla Dame (daughter of Betty Emery), Thelma Divine, Fredith Hanifan, Sandon Hilditch, Diane Lawerance, Hayden Leonard, Don Mack, Thearlene Morris, James Reeves, Dorothy Strickland, John Sullivan, Debbie Taffe, Carl Weeks, Emma White, Beverly Woodard, Selene Williams, Kristin Path, and Sandra Pollard.

All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances.

They appreciate your interest and prayers.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 107:1 KJV

Tipton Home Truck will be coming the week of August 24th. There are a few things they need; Assorted Cereal, Presweetened Kool Aid, Ritz Crackers, Club Crackers, Pop tarts, Spaghetti Sauce, Vegetable Oil, Spam, Apple Juice, Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Canned Diced Tomatoes
Supplies— Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Bleach, Window Cleaner, and Sanitizing wipes.

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **August** is **Toilet Tissue** Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday morning worship service will be at 10:30a.m.

Wednesday Night services 7:00pm