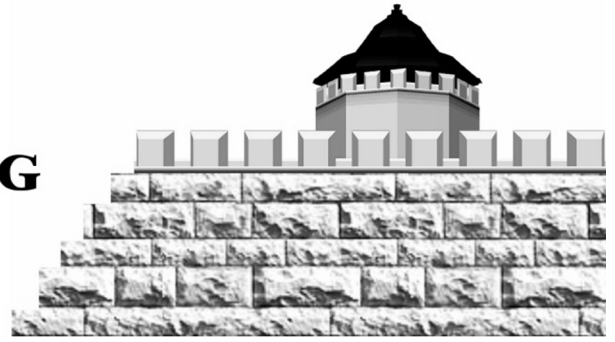


STANDING IN THE GAP



"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land..." (Ezekiel 22:30).

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Sundays
Morning Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
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A Few Words from the Preacher

Congratulations to all three of our Bible Bowl teams for winning the banners for their age groups! Congratulations to Jacob Dickson and family, as they are expecting a new baby! We are looking forward to our upcoming Gospel meeting with David Dixon on Oct. 9-12, Lord willing. Jason



The Biblical View of Salvation by Grace

(Part 3)

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Please notice that the Bible speaks of many kinds of works:

- 1) Works of the devil (John 8:44; I John 3:8);
- 2) Wicked works of the flesh (Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 1:21);
- 3) Works of human merit, like saving a baby from a burning building (II Timothy 1:9);
- 4) Works of the Law of Moses (Galatians 2:16); and
- 5) Works of faith, or works of godly righteousness in obedience to God's New Testament commands (Acts 2:37-40; 10:34-35, 48; Galatians 5:6; I Thessalonians 1:3; I John 3:7).

If works have nothing to do with whether or not one enters Heaven, why does God repeatedly say that all men will be judged by their works? (Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 7:21-23; 12:36; 16:27; 25:30; John 5:28-29; Romans 2:5-6; II Corinthians 5:10; 11:15; I Peter 1:17; Revelation 20:12-13; 22:12; cf. Psalm 62:12; Proverbs 24:12; Jeremiah 17:10; 21:14). As will be shown, interpreting Ephesians 2:8-9 in a way that rules out all works as having any part in one's salvation conflicts with the context and contradicts a multitude of other inspired passages. Paul was not saying that no works have a part in man's salvation. Jesus even said that belief is a work! (John 6:29). Jesus called belief a work, because having obedient faith in Jesus is one of the things commanded by God that men must do, and Jesus was trying to change the mindset of the Jews (compare many of Paul's writings).

Notice Ephesians 2:8-9 in its context of Jews and Gentiles both being saved apart from the works of the Law of Moses, which God describes as "the enmity" that has been "slain":

For by **grace** are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of **works**, lest any man should **boast** [**These four key words are found in other passages related to the Law of Moses, JPH**]. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works** [**Not all works are bad!, JPH**], which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past **Gentiles** in the flesh, who are **called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision** [**He is speaking of Jews and Gentiles, because the "works" above are works of the Law of Moses, JPH**] in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now **in Christ Jesus** [**Being "baptized into Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27; cf. Acts 19:1-5) is described as working righteousness to be accepted by God—Acts 10:34-35, 48, JPH**] ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath **broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments** contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having **slain the enmity** thereby (Ephesians 2:8-16, emphasis JPH).

Will anyone really argue that Ephesians 2:8-9 is not in the context of the Law of Moses being abolished? Works of the Law of Moses have nothing to do with man's salvation under the New Covenant (Ephesians 2:9).

Regarding boasting when it comes to deserving salvation (2:8-9), this prideful attitude is seen exclusively among Jews in the New Testament Scriptures. Jews, who were proud to be called God's chosen people, carrying out the works of the Law of Moses, "trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others" (Luke 18:8), and were much more likely to boast of their righteousness than Gentiles. Consider the prideful attitude of the "children of Abraham" in John 8:33-59, or the praying Pharisee boasting to God of his righteousness (Luke 18:9-14). Passages such as Galatians 2:11-21, Romans 2:17-23, Romans 3:27, and Romans 11:18 also show a pride and boastfulness which was characteristic of many Jews, whose confidence was in the Law of Moses—not obedient faith in Christ (Romans 10:1-3, 16). This is further evidence that what the Holy Spirit had in mind in Ephesians 2:8-9 was boasting regarding works of the Law of Moses.

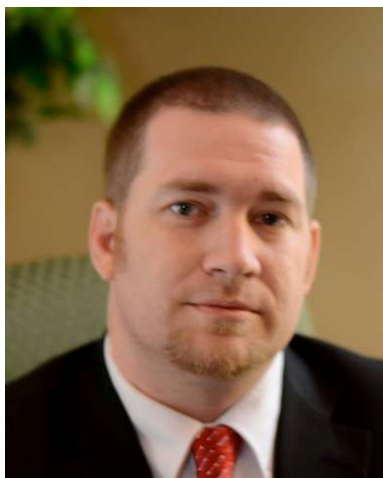
To be continued next week, if God wills...

The church of Christ at Nesbit invites you to our **Fall Gospel Meeting!**

David Dixon plans to preach the Gospel **October 9-12**

We will have our normally scheduled service times on Sunday morning (9AM and 10AM), then have a lunch fellowship meal, and meet again Sunday night at 7:30.

Monday – Wednesday at 7:00PM



David Dixon currently works with the Wesconnett church of Christ in Jacksonville, FL. He is a 2011 graduate of MSOP, and he worked with us at Nesbit while he was in school. David has also received degrees from the University of South Alabama (2005) and Faulkner University (2000). He and his wife Rachel have 3 children—Micah (10); Sarah (4); and Asher (1).

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In Our Prayers

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK: **Jim Burton**—lumbar block on 9/29. **Steve Dobson** (friend of Lisa England in KY)—cancer. **Flora Dugan**—at St. Francis with double pneumonia. **Bruce Dunaway**—improving after colon cancer surgery. **Bobby Edge** (Betty Anderson's son)—at home; kidney stones. **Eddie Dean Flood** (Janice Moore's brother)—colon surgery recovery; no cancer. **David A. Jones**—in pain after shoulder surgery. **Hallie Lester** (Trey Bledsoe's niece)—tests after seizure. **Eric Nicks** (known by Larry Butler)—pneumonia; meningitis. **Beth Roberts** (friend of Bonnie Van Dyke)—in ICU in MO; possibly leukemia. **Nicole Stafford**—on-going stomach problems; dr. 10/20. **Janice Tipton**—cataract surgery 9/21. **Alyce Vincent**—improving after a fall.
- *Sympathy is extended to the family of John Phillips (of Brantley-Phillips Funeral Home), whose funeral was on Monday, 9/19.*

Betty Anderson—various health problems. **Lucille Boling**—health problems. **Elijah Butler** (Dwayne Butler's son)—fractured leg bone. **Jean Butler**—pain in knees; physical therapy. **Tangie Elam** (Jeannette Gordon's sister-in-law)—cancer and needs hip replacement. **Louise Flood** (Janice Moore's sister)—multiple strokes and very high blood pressure. **Olivia Flood** (Janice Moore's mother)—heart issues. **Josephine Gill**—physical therapy; dealing with pain. **Jack Hill** (friend of Sandra Morris)—heart and lung problems. **Shelby Hollin** (Jane Cone's sister)—slightly improved; congestive heart failure and pneumonia; hospital in Savannah, TN. **Genella Holmes**—shoulder pain. **Lester Holmes**—kidney and back problems. **Michael Jernigan** (Mickey Anderson's friend)—health problems. **Benita Kanins** (Michelle Hadaway's 90 yr. old grandmother)—not doing well. **Belinda Mason** (David Stafford's mother)—rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia. **Joyce McCain** (friend of Beverly Dye)—liver cancer returned. **Raeleigh McCartha**—young toddler; cancer. **Jamie Mercer**—upcoming brain procedure for Parkinson's. **Sarah Helen Merritt** (Carrol Harris' sister-in-law)—recovering from broken hip. **Carolyn Miller** (Nancy Pickett's sister-in-law)—at home on Hospice care. **Bobby Milo** (friend of Sandra Morris' sister)—cancer. **Tarrence Moore**—recovering well from surgery on his feet. **Sandra Morris**—may have more physical therapy. **Carol Oglesby** (Carrol Harris' sister-in-law)—cancer treatments. **Lisa Parker**—about the same; bacterial infection in eye; may lose vision; vision problems in other eye also. **Patricia Pierce** (friend of the Hilburns)—health problems. **Martha Ponders**—various health problems. **Jean Webb**—very weak.

Also continue to remember...

Negial Brisco, Sue Brown, Serobia Chandler, Estie Ennis, Jeannette Gaines, Karie Hale, Martha Hopkins, Lori Howard, Elizabeth Johnson, Marjean Mercer, Elnora Moore, Sarah Morris, Nell Shelly, Mary Telford, Rylie Tillman, Betty and Wiley Tuggle, Danella and Stephen Vaughn, Janet Walker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bible Bowl practice and Pew Packers Sundays at 4:30 & 5:30
 - Ladies Class on Tuesdays at 10AM
- Sept. 28.....4th Wednesday Singing
Oct. 2.....Nesbit Youth Devo between AM and PM Worship
Oct. 2.....Men's Meeting after PM Worship

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Contribution.....	\$3,027.00

Privileged to Serve on September 25th

Announcements – Patrick Hughes
Scripture Reading – Matthew Williams

The Lord's Table

Richard Gordon.....Ray Chamberlain
Mitchell Arnold.....Dennis Cone
Youth Assistant for PM this month—Matthew Williams

Leading Prayer – A.M.

O – Richard Gordon.....C – Cullen Moore

Leading Prayer – P.M.

O – Brandon Swanson.....C – Hudson Byrd

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Wednesdays

9:30 P.M. on WTWV 23.....Good News Today

Fridays - 11:00 A.M. on WTWV 23.....Good News Today

Sundays

6:00 A.M. on WGN.....In Search of the Lord's Way

6:30 A.M. on WTWV 23.....Good News Today

6:30 A.M. on Dish Network Ch. 267.....Good News Today

6:30 A.M. on DirecTV Ch. 376.....Good News Today

8:00 A.M. on AM Radio 560.....Gary Colley, The Truth in Love

8:30 A.M. on AM Radio 560.....Anchor of the Soul Radio Program

You can also go to www.gbntv.org for 24 / 7 teaching.

What Must We Do To Be Saved?

1. Learn the Truth (John 6:45; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).
3. Repent of sins (Acts 17:30).
4. Confess faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37).
5. Be baptized in the name of Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20-21).