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Judgment Is Coming

by George Slover

“to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

The Scripture above is one of the few that speaks of the condition of the lost. Paul plainly states that such a state will 1) involve “destruction” or to be cut off from the presence and glory of God, and 2) will last eternally! Christ is coming “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God.” Hell is an awful reality!

The very idea of such a place is either ridiculed or quickly diminished in modern times. Our society has lost its sense of moral accountability. And modern churches are more interested in preparing one for retirement or success in business than in saving souls from hell.

There are two classes of people in the World. They are 1) the saved – i.e. those who have obeyed the Gospel, and 2) the lost - i.e. those who do not know God. There is no in-between state. Every person is in one of those two classes.

I have a good friend whose profession involves rescuing people from burning buildings. Suppose you were in that building and someone rushed in to save you. Would you refuse? Jesus Christ came into the World to deliver you from a burning house! He did not die on the cross to help you succeed in this life, but to free you from the dread of hell!

It is not a very popular subject, but judgment is coming! Jesus Christ can either be your Savior or your judge. This important choice is left up to you.

Love Is Occupied with Others

by Rickie Jenkins

The great enemy of every Christian, every shepherd, and every preacher is a selfish heart. A wonderful New Testament model of a loving leader and teacher is Barnabas. He was not a self-oriented throne seeker.

The first time we meet Barnabas in the New Testament, he is selling land and giving the money to the poor saints in Jerusalem (Acts 4:36-37). Generosity toward others naturally flows out of love.

But what is most impressive about Barnabas is how he shared his leadership position and work with Paul. Barnabas had been sent by the leaders in Jerusalem

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When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

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to help with the newly established church in Antioch. It was an exciting place to be. God was doing new things among the Gentiles, and Barnabas was at the center of the action. Yet he thought more of what was best for the new church than his own prominence and security.

Believing that the church needed Paul's extraordinary giftedness, Barnabas traveled, at great personal sacrifice, to the city of Tarsus to find Paul and invite him to Antioch to teach. This meant Barnabas would be sharing his teaching and leadership role with Paul, who was far more gifted. Barnabas didn't have to do all the service or get all the glory. Barnabas was not a throne seeker; he was a washer of feet (John 13:14). He was a lifter of people, not a limiter of people (Acts 11:19-24). He was a giver, not a taker. His love was the "giving variety," not the "getting variety."

Barnabas was truly a loving Christian leader and teacher. He was not jealous of Paul. He was not arrogant, rude, or selfish, but he gave himself for the benefit of others. No wonder the people called him "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36; 11:23). He exemplified the motto: "Great things can happen when you don't care who gets the credit." Great things happened in the church at Antioch through Barnabas and Paul, and continue to happen in the church today, because of unselfish teachers and leaders.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing treatments to strengthen his immune system. He is having some tests run for his lungs.

Karen Hallmark has improved but continues to struggle and could use our prayers.

Dinah Williams continues to have mobility issues.

Don Simmons is home and still struggling with his breathing; he is on oxygen at all times. **Alene** is having hip issues.

John Miller (Dyanne Turner's brother) is under treatment for cancer.

Sylvia Stinnett's brother, Jerome, had surgery and is recovering.

Elaine Kersch is having tests run to diagnose problems with her lungs.

Randall Vanaman is having difficulties with his feet.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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