WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; 1:16; Acts 18:8; latt. 10:32, 33).

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By the Numbers:

Week of 9/2/18

Contribution - \$2469

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes — 35 Sunday Worship \* — 55 Wednesday Night — 27

\*Total for the day

### Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Reuben and Judah (Gen. 37:21 & 26).

Q: What part of Egypt did the Israelites settle?

Answer to be given next week!

## **Sermon Spotlight:**

AM: Overcoming Temptation

- 1) What is the best course of action when you are tempted?
- 2) Is temptation a sin?

PM: Overcoming Addiction

- 1) What is the main difference between temptation and addiction?
- 2) Name some things that people are addicted to.

# THE BEACON OF TRUTH

September 9, 2018

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

# Under the Gun Chase Green

Have you ever found yourself in an extremely high-pressure situation? Have you ever found yourself "under the gun," so to speak, to finish something before a deadline? Sometimes we find ourselves procrastinating to the point of putting ourselves under unnecessary stress and frustration.

While Jesus never procrastinated, He certainly can relate to high-pressure situations. In Luke chapter 4, we have the account of a large crowd gathering around Jesus, but not to wish Him welcome!

"And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias..." (Luke 4:14-17a).

(Jesus then read from Isaiah 61:1ff and explained that He was the fulfillment of that passage. And how did the crowd respond?)

"And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong" (Luke 4:28-29).

This is certainly a textbook example of a high-pressure situation, a (cntd. on pg. 2)

# <u>NEWS AND NOTES</u> TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Kenneth Hendrix — Jerry Tippen — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Terri & Kenneth Hendrix (traveling in Arkansas today) — Harold Myers

#### **OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- September 14-16 Creation vs. Evolution Seminar with Dr. Brad Harrub Let's make sure to invite as many as possible! Flyers are in the foyer!
- We will have a door knocking on September 14 from 4:30 to 6pm, and September 15 from 9:30 to 11:30am. Brother Harrub is bringing several young people to door knock with us. Please let Chase know if you plan to participate.
- Monthly Fellowship Meal Will be moved to the 3rd Sunday (Sept. 16) this month
- Youth & Young Adults Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers. (If you would like to help with a get-together, please let Chase know).

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situation of being "under the gun," but how did Jesus respond? Did He become flustered? Did He give up? Did He accept defeat?

No He did not! The text simply says, "But he passing through the midst of them went his way" (Luke 4:30). There is much to be learned from this!

When we find ourselves in a situation of despair, a situation of duress, a time when we feel like there is no escape, we need to remember that God will not allow us to be tested above that we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13). When we find ourselves struggling to meet deadlines, fulfill demands, or fit things into our busy schedules, Luke chapter 4 can help us with that too! We must remain "calm, cool, and collected," and get the job done!

There are so many wonderful attributes of Christ from which we should learn. We need to remember that the Bible is the Source for all things we need to know, both for LIFE and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). When the little setbacks of life get in our way, when the struggles of the day to day grind get to us, we must remember the attitude of our Savior, and strive to be like Him!

With love, Chase

#### Do You Fear the Lord? B.J. Clarke

I am not asking if you are terrified of God. There is a tremendous misunderstanding in the minds of most people concerning what is truly involved in fearing Jehovah. The Bible speaks of two types of fear. First, there is the fear forbidden (Gen. 15:1; Ex. 14:13; Mt. 10:28; Lk. 12:32). In all of these passages and hundreds more, individuals are instructed to refrain from fearing certain men or afflictions brought on by men. These are comforting assurances of God's protective watchcare over his faithful followers.

Second, there is the fear commanded. "Fear God. and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). This verse does not demand that we be filled with a dread and fright of God. It rather speaks of fear in the sense of deep-seated reverence and respect for the authority of God as the rightful ruler of the Universe. It was this kind of godly fear that moved Noah to prepare an ark for the saving of his household (Heb. 11:7). His example is worthy! But, how can I know if I fear the Lord? Am I supposed to build an ark like Noah? While we are not obligated to do specifically what Noah did, we are required to imitate his general attitude towards God's wishes (Gen. 6:22). The Proverbs reveal that fear of the Lord must involve several things. IF I WOULD TRULY FEAR THE LORD I MUST:

- (1) Seek Wisdom and Knowledge (Prov. 1:7; 2:1-5; 9:10). The humanist doesn't seek Divine wisdom and knowledge because he has no respect for God. He doesn't even believe in God! He considers the wisdom of man to be supreme and sufficient to handle all of life's problems. Contrariwise, the man who fears Jehovah realizes that he needs the wisdom from above to live a well-balanced and fulfilling life. His respect for God leads him to turn to God for wisdom just as our respect for certain individuals leads us to ask them for advice and wisdom.
- (2) Hate Evil and Depart From It (Prov. 3:7; 8:13; 23:17). If we respect God we will believe that he knows what is best for us. Thus, if God has classified certain activities as evil, we will consider them evil also. Fear of Jehovah is essential in overcoming temptations of this life. We cannot say that we fear the Lord while openly rebelling against him and participating in evil (Jonah 1:9, 10; 1 Jn. 2:3-5). Doing that which God hates is not fear! The man who fears God in the aforementioned manner will be blessed (Prov. 10:27; 14:26,27; 19:23; 22:4; 29:25). On the other hand, the man who does not fear the Lord has much to fear (Prov. 1:29-32; 10:24). "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble" (15:16).

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
Romans 10:17

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