



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

Come join us!

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"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or check website

Schedule of Events

Young Ladies Study today see Joy

Singing at the Kelly's after evening services see Jennifer/Phillip

Potluck at the Murdocks 1/28 after Morning services



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20 NKJV

Our Family News

Pray for / Emily and Luke Jensen, Steve and Abby, Emily and Cody, Bill and Peggy, one another

Today's Scripture

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

I John 3:18-19 NKJV

Wisdom for Today

A serpent may bite when it is not charmed; The babbler is no different. The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious, But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up; The words of his mouth begin with foolishness, And the end of his talk is raving madness.

Ecclesiastes 10:11-13 NKJV

AM Sermon / George Jensen

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Holier Than Thou

By Joe Murdock

One of the more deadly sin's is that of pride. Pride is so destructive that its characteristic is called out as one of the things God hates. **Proverbs 6:16-17 NKJV** "These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,". I am sure many of us have heard the statement holier than thou. In fact some may have been called that. Sometimes the one being labeled as holier than thou will come from an individual who does not want to follow what the Bible says. That criticism can be rejected because of trying to speak the truth in love. However, we must caution ourselves from thinking we can never have a holier than thou attitude.

The Bible shows by direct statement the sinfulness of a holier than thou attitude and also provides commentary on this issue. A famous parable in shedding light on this problem is found in the gospel account provided by Luke. **Luke 18:9-12 NKJV** Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'" We see how the Pharisee thought about himself. When we elevate ourselves over one another, the only one we are thinking about is ourselves. Many times, either through gossip or poor attitudes, words are spoken with this attitude of pridefulness. The outcome of this mindset is clear by a continued reading of this passage in Luke. **Luke 18:13-14 NKJV** "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The word of God is clear about having an arrogant attitude. This way of thinking causes one to not be JUSTIFIED. To be justified is often described as "just as if I had never sinned." All of us who want to be right before the Lord need our sin to be removed, this cannot happen without being humble. When we think ourselves to be better than others, we separate ourselves from God. **1 John 3:10 NKJV** "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother." One must not only practice the righteousness that we read about in scripture but MUST clearly have a love for his brother. When we have a holier than thou mindset the love for the brethren is not there, nor is the righteousness from scripture.

How do we fix this issue? By what we have already seen in Luke's account. We humble ourselves just like the tax collector did when approaching the heavenly throne. When we do this there is no room for pride, arrogance or a holier than thou attitude. By this we can be right with God and our brethren. How great a blessing it is to know that we can be in fellowship with God and His family, the church. Will you remove the holier than thou attitude and humble yourself. If not remember you will be separated from God just like the Pharisee.

