



**GROW  
IN  
GRACE**  
NEWSLETTER

Volume 44b, No. 11, March 19, 2019 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

## **JESUS CAME TO DIE!**

**MANY CHURCHES OF AMERICA** are gearing up for a **BIG HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY**, which they and the world calls **EASTER!** They will say that they do all that they do, so as to honor Jesus; but make no mistake— ***the DRAWING CARD for attendance is not Jesus and His Cross;*** and it is certainly not a call to ***'Deny self, take up the Cross, and follow Jesus!'***

**AS TO EASTER**, it is big business for both secular businesses and for the 'business of gathering and counting nickels and noses in churches. Wallethub provides 2018 Easter Facts & Stats - Church, Candy & Cash

<https://wallethub.com/blog/easter-facts/19776/>

**HERE IS THE TRUTH: We must do more than merely give 'lip-service' to Sola Scriptura:** "That Scripture is the only infallible voice in the church, and is to be interpreted, in its own light, and with the gracious help of the Holy Ghost,

who is promised to every Christian (1 John 2:20-27), by each individual for himself; with the assistance, though not by the authority, of his fellow Christians. Creeds and confessions, as to form, bind only those who voluntarily profess them, and as to matter, **they bind only so far as they affirm truly what the Bible teaches, and because the Bible does so teach.**" (A. A. Hodge)

"...The Word of God, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, **is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.**" (Charles Hodge)

**REALITY: New Testament Christians DID NOT set up or keep the beloved religious holidays of modern Christendom; nor did** they try to overcome pagan culture by attempting to marry and mix culture with genuine Christianity. **QUESTION: WHY DID THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS not need religious and secular entertainment to draw and to keep them loyal to Jesus Christ?**

**RESPONSE:** The earliest converts to Christ had been boldly confronted with the reality that they had by wicked hands crucified and slain JESUS CHRIST! **By the amazing grace of God,** they were crushed and stabbed to the heart by Holy Spirit conviction of sin, they repented, were born of God, and continued steadfastly in worship, the Word of God, prayer, the LORD'S Supper; and by the time persecution came they all scattered preaching the gospel! (Acts 2:23-47; 4:23-33; 8:4)

**THUS, Jesus left us a command to remember Him by means of the simplicity of the LORD'S SUPPER!**

**True Christian worship, AS SET FORTH IN THE BIBLE, is not about** carnal enjoyment, nor is it to stir up emotional responses to religious presentations/customs born out of the imaginations and/or creativity of man. **Rather, true Christian worship is** a response of praise, submission, and obedience to the Great Triune God Himself! He reveals in the Bible how to worship Him in ‘spirit and in truth.’

**In Christian worship we are BEHOLDING Jesus,** (2 Cor. 3:18), and as we do— we are changed, transformed! The more we sit at His feet to KNOW Him, the more we will love Him; and the more we become like Him! **Therefore, let us receive the following Scriptures and worship, praise, and give thanks to God for SO GREAT SALVATION.** As we do, we shall more and more be TRANSFORMED into His likeness!

## **JESUS CAME TO EARTH AND LIVED AND DIED SO AS TO...**

**1. Propitiate (absorb/satisfy) the just and righteous Wrath of God:** “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13)

“[JESUS] Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.” (Romans 3:25)

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

**2. Please His Heavenly Father:** “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief:..” (Isaiah 53:10a) “... Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a a

sacrifice **to God** for a sweet smelling savour.” [a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God] (Eph. 5:2)

**3. Learn Obedience and be Perfected:** “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.” (Hebrews 5:8) “For it became Him, [It was fitting that He] for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” (Hebrews 2:10)

**4. Show the Wealth of God’s Love and Grace for Sinners:** “For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure [perhaps] for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth [shows, proves] His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:7-8) “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, ESV)

**5. Show His Own Love for Us:** “Christ hath loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

“Christ loved the church and hath given Himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God...” (Ephesians 5:25) “[He] loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

**6. Cancel the Legal Demands of the Law Against Us:** “And you, being dead in your sins... hath He quickened [made alive] together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us [canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands], which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way [set it aside], nailing it to His cross.” (Col 2:13-14)

**7. Become a Ransom for Many:** “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

**8. Provide the Forgiveness of our Sins:** “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.” (Ephesians 1:7) “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

**9. Provide the Basis for our Justification:** “We have now been justified by His blood.” (Romans 5:9) “[We] are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:24) “We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” (Romans 3:28)

**10. Complete the Obedience that becomes our Righteousness:** “Being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8)

“For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:19)

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21) “...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ.” (Philippians 3:9)

**11. Take Away our Condemnation:** “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died— more than that, Who was raised— Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

**12. Give Us a Clear Conscience:** How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)

**13. Heal Us from Moral and Physical Sickness:** Upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5) (He) healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." (Matthew 8:16-17)

**14. Reconcile Us to God:** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. (Romans 5:10)

**15. Become a Sympathetic and Helpful Priest:** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:15-16)

**16. Free us from the Slavery of Sin:** To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Rev. 1:5-6

Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. (Hebrews 13:12)

**17. Empower us to Die to Sin and Live to Righteousness:** He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. (1 Peter 2:24)

**18. Enable us to Die to the Law and Bear Fruit for God:** You also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. (Romans 7:4)

**19. Enable Us to Live for Christ and Not Ourselves:** He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him, who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:15)

**20. Enable Us to Live by Faith in Him:** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

**21. Give Marriage Its Deepest Meaning:** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. (Ephesians 5:25)

**22. Create a People Passionate for Good Works:** (He) gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works. (Titus 2:14)

**23. Call Us to Follow His Example of Lowliness and Costly Love:** This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrow while suffering unjustly... For to this you have been called, **because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.** (1 Peter 2:19-21)

Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. (Heb. 12:3-4)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

(Philippians 2:5-8)

**24. Create a Band of Crucified Followers:** If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. Luke 9:23. Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. (Matthew 10:38)

**25. Free Us from Bondage to the Fear of Death:** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

**26. Enable us to be with Him Immediately after Death:** (He) died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:10) To live is Christ, and to die is gain... I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Philippians 1:21, 23) We would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:8)

**27. Secure Our Resurrection from the Dead:** For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:5) If the

Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11. If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him. (2 Timothy 2:11)

**28. Disarm the Rulers and Authorities:** He set aside (the legal brief against us), nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him. Colossians 2:14-15. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)

**29. Unleash the Power of God in the Gospel:** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

**30. Destroy the Hostility Between Races:** He... has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (Eph. 2:14-16)

**31. Ransom People from Every Tribe and Language and People and Nation:** Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. (Rev. 5:9)

**32. Gather All His Sheep from Around the World:** (Caiaphas) did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the

nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. (John 11:51-52) And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16)

**33. Rescue Us from Final Judgment:** Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. (Hebrews 9:28)

**34. Show That the Worst Evil is meant by God for Good:** ... there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus... both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place. (Acts 4:27-28) *[The above 34 reasons are edited from John Piper's book, Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die]*

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James Bell

## **SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:**

**MONDAYS:** Jail Ministry— (This ministry is ON HOLD... PRAY FOR opening of doors!)

**TUESDAYS:** Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM.**

### **WEDNESDAYS:**

➔ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE➔ Enter via IRON STEPS, side door**

➔ **6:30pm— Youth** Activities and Bible Study— enter, side double doors

➔ **6:30pm— Young Family Prayer Time!** THIS IS a time of study and prayer geared toward **families with children in the**

**nursery and pre-K class.** \*\*\* Meet in Bethany's pre-k class at 6:30pm with a snack and fellowship time. \*\* After this will be a time of study; and learn a song related to the study. \*\* There is a time of prayer; with focus on one of the seven groups for whom the adults are praying. \*\* In this time PARENTS and CHILDREN will discuss what missionaries are, what they do, and whatever else may be appropriate. THIS FAMILY PRAYER GROUP will also seek to incorporate in this time an activity to have a letter prepared to send to the missionaries. The children will sign it, draw pictures, etc., AND ALL OF THIS SO AS TO encourage the missionaries by letting them know this class is praying for them. ALL OF THIS IS FOLLOWED UP BY HAVING a time to release some energy, either in the gym, or as the weather warms up, out on the playground.

**\*\*\* LADIES BIBLE STUDY— Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 11:00am; Continuing in LUKE.** ENTER at the back of the church building, [*Doors open at 10:30am... re-locked at 11:10am*]

**\*\*\* MEN: EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am:** Men's Fellowship/Bible Study! (**STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN!**) ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. [**DOORS OPEN FOR FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits & Donuts at 7:30am!**]

**\*\*\*\* SHARE the Preaching of the Word of God!**

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES, MARCH 24, 31**

**9:30am— Sunday School Classes for All Ages**

**10:45am— Sunday Morning Worship Service**

## **SPECIAL NOTES FOR SUNDAYS:**

**\*\*\*\* March 24— 6:00pm...** Church-wide, EQUIPING DISCIPLES...  
by ***DEVELOPING CHRIST-HONORING MARRIAGES!***

***NEW SERIES: WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage!*** This is a 10 session video series.... We will meet, show the video, discuss, and make applications... EVERY FORTH SUNDAY EVENING. FIRST SESSION, THIS COMING SUNDAY, March 24, 6:00pm      <https://www.paultripp.com/what-did-you-expect>

**\*\*\*\*\* March 31— 6:00pm... 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Evening PRAISE & Worship!**

**This is an evening for EVERYONE to join in the SHARING OF BIBLE VERSES, and/or the sharing of Hymns, (solo, duet, trio, etc); and congregational singing. This month we will emphasize: "What A Mighty God We Serve!" // Please inform Adam or Bradley of your desires/plans to sing or share Scripture!**

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### Heating & Air Funding

**GOAL:** \$20,500

Total Given: 14,637.53

*Remaining Balance:*

\$5,862.47

