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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

**"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;**

but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 7:13

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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Bring your friends & Bible questions

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none at present time
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"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

OUR LORD'S WARNING

Christ, who is all knowing, tells us that many people are going to be lost in eternity. In Matthew 7:13-14 He says, "Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it". According to the Bible the majority of people will be lost. We must take this warning seriously. The Lord says that only a few people will be saved.

How few can few be? In 1 Peter 3:20 (KJV) we read, "When once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water." The conservative estimate of the number of people on the face of the earth in the days of Noah is two hundred million (200,000,000) people. But only eight (8) out of the estimated two hundred million (200,000,000) were saved. This is not very good odds. Even though the Bible says in 1 Peter 3:9 that the Lord is "not willing that any should perish", Jesus says in Matthew 7:13-14 concerning eternal life in Heaven that "there are few who find it". The vast majority of people will spend forever and ever in the eternal fires of Hell that will never be extinguished. Mankind cannot comprehend how horrible that Hell is going to be.

There are only two roads to eternity and everyone is on one or the other. If we miss Heaven, we will be thrown into the eternal fires of Hell forever. One of the saddest things about being thrown into Hell is the fact that it could have been avoided. The majority of people will be lost in spite of what the Lord has done. Hell is not what God does to us, but Hell is what one does to himself. A person who ends up in Hell is his own worst enemy and only has himself to blame. Let us make going to Heaven our number one priority in this life.

- Ron Boatwright, church of Christ, Conway, Arkansas

**"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?
So run, that ye may obtain. " - 1 Corinthians 9:24**

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Marshall Turbyfil** is still having blood pressure problems
- **Lauren Beard** is still having problems. Blood pressure was very low.
- **Judy Cornelius** is still having blood pressure and heart problems. They did 2 ekg's this week and changed her medicine. She is to go back to the doctor on Tuesday.
- **Pat Joyner** is still not feeling well.
- **Jason Parks** is traveling.
- **Spencer Strickland** will be flying to Chicago on Sunday.
- **Gail Allen's mother** fell and broke her ankle.
- **John Beasley's** grandma(**Dottie Parris**) is in the hospital. She is out of ICU.
- **Jan Kelleher** continues to be in pain from bone cancer and the chemotherapy she is taking, but latest scans shows the cancer is not spreading. All thanks and glory to **God**, she is really enjoying her new grandchildren.
- Also remember **Margaret Herring** and family with many ills. **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday! Men's meeting afterwards.**
- Daylight Savings time begins March 11th.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **MEN! Save the Date! Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday 3/10/18 at church of Christ at Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC. **Ed** may still be out of town then and not able to drive up as he has before. Hopefully someone else can give **Tommy** a ride.
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." - Galatians 6:7

WHY WAS JESUS A MAN OF SORROWS AND GRIEF?

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:" - Isaiah 53:3a
Here's one reason:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!" - Matthew 23:37

Don't YOU add to His sorrow. Be involved in the Lord's work. Do more! He knows.

GENUINE FAITH

Genuine faith is based on evidence that admits of no doubt, and to believe in a person means more than to believe that such a person exists. **"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"** - **Heb. 11:6**. In addition to accepting the truth that God is, we confidently trust Him for the fulfillment of His promises. In all genuine faith there is, therefore, the element of confidence and trust. We trust Him to fulfill His promises, and we confide in His wisdom and goodness.

It is true that Abel heard God's command and obeyed, and therefore he made his offering by faith (**Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4**). But there was something back of all that. Why did he do what God said, and why did not Cain do what God said? Abel had confidence in God's wisdom and goodness. Cain had confidence in his own wisdom and way. Hence, Abel followed God's way and Cain followed his own way. Abel did what God commanded because he had more confidence in God than in himself.

- **R.L. Whiteside**, 1869-1951, Gospel preacher

IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

If you had an **emergency** and told someone it was a matter of **life or death**, how would you expect them to respond? Would you appreciate a "Ho-Humm, I'm a little tired, maybe tomorrow..." response? Look what God has said:

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the DEATH of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and LIVE: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" - Ezekiel 33:11

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not will that any should PERISH, but that all would come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9

God has said it's a matter of **life or death—forever!** How are **you** responding to that? Think of the cost of **neglecting** this message. It is so important Jesus had to come to this earth and die on the cross. How do think Jesus will feel if you neglect to put the same importance on the cross? What are you doing about it? Invite someone to visit us. It could be a neighbor you talked with last year, or someone at work. How did you find out about the church? Are you glad you did? **Do something about it—now!** There is **nothing** more important!

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

"Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." - Matt 22:9,10

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