

## Tidings From Timothy

**T**his morning I will preach on Love. Tonight, I plan to bring a lesson on “Bible questions and answers.” It’s been a few months since I have done this kind of lesson and if you have any Bible questions, then please submit them this morning and maybe I can get to them tonight.

**In need of Prayer:** Of course, all of those who suffered loss from the storm are now in our prayers. The Hammers and others have suffered the loss of precious physical possessions, but thankfully I have not heard of any in Monroe being killed by the storm. I am sorry that I cannot say that for those in Macon County and surrounding areas. There is a list of items that the Lafayette church of Christ is listing on their web site as being needed for people in that area. These items are:

- Heavy duty construction type trash bags
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing liquid
- Flashlights and batteries
- Hand sanitizer
- Parents Choice Baby formula
- Packing tape/duct tape
- Plastic containers (totes)
- Plastic Sheeting

Often times, food is easy to come by and many are offering it, but some things on this list are needed for clean-up and temporary housing needs. We will make further announcements about how we can get the help to those who need it. In the mean time, consider the need of those closest to you that have been affected by the storm and give in the most helpful way possible as a good Christian neighbor.

Lavanna Billingsley, Otha Grider, Helen Bartley, and others on the list are also in need of prayer.

**Jail Service:** We will be conducting the Jail service today. Pray that those who come will benefit spiritually and get their lives turned around. The last time I was there for a Monday night Bible Study we had excellent participation from the inmates.

### **Some Gifts are Conditional**

We need to realize that some gifts are conditional. For example, God told Joshua, “See! I have given Jericho into your hand...” (Joshua 6:2). God GAVE the city to Joshua and the children of Israel. Yet, they had to meet the marching orders that God gave them in the verses that followed (Joshua 6:3-5). It was not until they met the conditions that they received the gift! Some gifts are conditional.

In John 9, Jesus GAVE sight to a man who had been blind from birth. Yet, the man had to meet the condition that the Lord set forth: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (verse 7). When the people asked the man how he received his sight, he told them what the Lord had done and the instructions that he had been given. He then said, “So I went and washed, and I received my sight” (verse 10). It was not until he met the condition that he received the gift! Some gifts are conditional.

Ephesians 2:8,9 teaches that we are saved by grace. Paul declares, “it is the gift of God.” We are not saved by our own works. It is a GIFT. But does this mean that we do not have to repent and be baptized to be saved? Are we to disregard plain statements like Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38? Are they “explained away” by saying, “Oh, but we are saved by grace?” No, my friend, some gifts are conditional!

There is an eternity of differences between the doctrine of salvation by grace and the doctrine of salvation by grace only. When people argue that we are saved by “grace only,” they create Biblical contradiction! While the Bible clearly teaches that we are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8) and that we must obey God to be saved (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8,9; etc.), “grace only” arrays grace against obedience and obedience against grace - one passage against another passage.

There is no contradiction! The Bible teaches that we are saved by grace. The Bible teaches that we are saved by obedience. God offers the GIFT of salvation through the sacrifice of His Son. We become recipients of that gift by meeting the conditions of salvation that He set forth. Some gifts are conditional!

--Dwight Fuqua--

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

### Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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**Hebrews 10:10 - 13** <sup>10</sup>By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. <sup>11</sup>And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: <sup>12</sup>But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; <sup>13</sup>From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

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Bible Study... 7pm

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