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The Man in the Middle

In Luke 23:32-43 we read of three crosses. On either side were thieves suffering justly for sins they had committed; but the cross in the center bore the sinless Son of God who was dying for the sins of all men (John 1:29; Matthew 20:28).

One thief died in sin but the other became penitent and Christ said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." This thief was saved under the law of Moses, before the New Testament (the last will and testament of Christ) came into effect (Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 9:15-17). Under the New Testament, salvation is "by grace through faith" (Ephesians 2:8,9). Faith is manifested by works of obedience, including baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

While the world pays much attention to the dying thief, saying, "Be saved like the thief!", our plea is that of Paul who wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:2, "For 1 determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Paul did not say, "the thief and him crucified." Reader, will you obey the will of the man in the middle who said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16)?

Bill Dillon
Gospel Gems, Volume 1

Order of Service

Morning

Announcements: Kelly Pratt

Song Leader: Brent Heffington

Second Prayer: Bill Rodgers

Message: Jim Harris

Closing Prayer: Randy Robertson

Lord's Table:

Miles Stephens

Mike Bownds

Micah Pratt

Joshua Bownds

Ushers & Servers:

Ryan McNabb

Tanner Heffington

Rodney Maxfield

Roland Smith

Count Contribution:

Tanner Heffington

Brad Heffington

Evening

Announcements: Kelly Pratt

Song Leader: Brent Heffington

Second Prayer: Dennis McCain

Message: Jim Harris

Closing Prayer: Jan Fisher

Lord's Table: Miles Stephens

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Weekly Schedule

Sun. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Class: 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &
Tuesday-Friday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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