

CARTHAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 15, 2020

Founded by Christ---Grounded in His Word---Committed to His Love

Zephaniah: 4 Easy Steps to Heaven (Part 2)

Interestingly, the “Prophet Zephaniah’s Four Easy Steps” work both directions. We can take “Zephaniah’s Four Easy Steps: How to Get to Hell,” and apply them in reverse and from them we can determine...

Today even you can follow these four simple steps and have your name written – for all eternity in the book of life. “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” (Rev. 3:5)

“Obey the Voice.” Obey God and His Son Jesus Christ. Heb.5:8-9 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him...” We learn to obey God as we learn of His Word. 2 Tim. 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

“Receive Correction.” As we read, study and understand God’s Word we come to know what obedience to God’s Word requires. The Word teaches us what we are to obey. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” Solomon had this to say with regards to receiving correction, Prov. 3:11-12 “...despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.”

“Trust in God.” We cannot trust in ourselves or we will fall. The prophet said in Jeremiah 10:23 “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” Solomon said in Proverbs 14:12, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” When we hear and heed God’s Word and we receive and apply His correction we demonstrate our trust in Him.

“Draw Near to God.” When we place our complete trust in God and submit ourselves to His Will, we draw ourselves near to Him and He to us. James 4:7-8 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded....”

Unfortunately, Judah succumbed to the same fate as those other nations. Jeremiah, a contemporary of Zephaniah, showed that Israel had already completed the first two of the Prophet Zep’s Four Easy Steps: How to Get to Hell. Jeremiah 7:28 “But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.” The Lord had previously commanded them to follow the Prophet Zep’s Four Easy Steps: How to Get to Heaven. Jeremiah 7:23 “But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”

Will you not do as God commanded Israel – obey His voice, receive His correction, trust in and draw near to Him?

Jack McNeil

Assignments for this week:

Sunday AM: 3-15-2020:

Announcements: Takota Anderson

Greeter: Sampson

Opening Prayer: Alan Cook

Lord's Supper: Josh Clements

Charles Baker

Richard Lyons

Chandler Marks

Scripture Reading: Nathan Miller

Closing Prayer: Steve Teel

Song leader AM: Mike Lawson

Communion to Shut ins: Sampson

Sunday PM: 3-15-2020:

Opening Prayer: Marty Block

Closing Prayer: Harold Chayer

Song Leader: Young Men

Wednesday: 3-18-2020:

Song Leader: Kai Clements

Devotional: Josh Clements

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Tennessee tornado victims and the ones that are recovery from injuries and for the families of the ones that were killed.

Charlie Baker: broken ribs resulting from fall

Ron Gibson: cancer

Vicki Fieker's husband Ron: Health issues

Clarice Shores (friends of Lawhons): cancer

Robin Thompson (sister of **Lindia Kisling**): blood cancer

Malcolm Scott: preacher at the Pea Ridge (AR) Church of Christ: cancer/heart issues

Sharolet Trease (sister of **Charlie Baker**): cancer

Ben Quade (brother-in-law of **Bev Baker**) undergoing cancer treatments.

Priscilla Lorton: Health issues

Jo Shrum: illness/falls

Barb Durham's sister-in-law's sister: cancer and her (Barb's) sister.

Kathy Brewer: Health issues

Shirlane Horton (family of Chayers): Knee issues

Fair Havens Children's Home Pantry List for March:

Cake mixes, icing, pie fillings, microwave popcorn, cooking spray, pork & beans, spices, egg noodles, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, Manwich, trash bags (13 and 33 gallon), spam, shampoo, and taco sauce/seasonings.

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Worship Times:

10:20 AM Sunday

6:00 PM Sunday

Bible Class:

9:30 AM Sunday

7 PM Wednesday

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Supported Works:

Fair Haven Children's Home

Search Program

Gary Reaves

House to House

Weekly Record:

Sunday AM Worship: 63

Sunday PM Worship: 46

Wed. Night Class: 48

Contribution: \$1721

Dates to Remember:

3/28 Sampson Anniversary reception at Phelps House (2-4pm)

3/30-4/2 Gospel Meeting On The Move @ Seneca (M), Carthage (T), Neosho (W), & Joplin (TH)

4/5 TSYS @ Miami, OK

4/12 Easter (No fellowship Lunch)

Don't be anxious about anything,

but **IN EVERY SITUATION**

by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,

PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

And the *Peace of God,*

which transcends all understanding, will

GUARD YOUR HEARTS & MINDS

in *Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

There is a stack of Gospel Meeting flyers in the foyer to take and pass out to friends and family.