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What Did Saul See While Blind?

Acts 9:9

Adapted from Jarrod Jacobs

- 1) **Though sincere in his beliefs, he was sincerely wrong!** *“I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.”* (Acts 26:9)
- 2) **Certain things are a "must" with God.** *“And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.”* (Acts 9:6). It is not left up to man to choose his own "path" to Heaven! (Matthew 7:13-14)
- 3) **His faith alone in Christ was not enough to save him.** He needed to be baptized in order to be saved. *“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”* (Acts 22:16).
- 4) **You cannot separate Christ from His church,** for when you fight against the church of Christ, you fight against Christ. *“As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.”* (Ac. 8:3). Jesus said, *“Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”* (Ac. 9:4). Saul said, *“Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.”* (Ac. 9:5)

The Blood of Christ

By Danny McKibben

Let us notice a few things about the blood of Christ from Heb.9:14, *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* The blood of Christ is such an important theme in human salvation. Peter tells us it was precious blood that redeemed us, *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”* 1 Pet.1:18-19.

The blood of Christ purchased the church, *“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”* Ac.20:28. Now some folks speak frivolously and without due consideration of the importance of the church. Now if the Jesus purchased the church with his own blood, was it not important and dear to him? If we speak despairingly of the church, does that not reflect upon the wisdom of the one purchased it with His own blood? If I buy a car and spend \$10K, and you make light of the car, does that not reflect upon me?

We come in contact with the blood of Christ in baptism. *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”* Rom.6:3. Notice Paul said that we are baptized into **“his death”** and what took place in his death? His blood was shed there! This is why we must be baptized, so that we can make contact with the blood of Christ and find forgiveness of our sins in becoming a child of God. Have you done what Paul said here?

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Why I Never Wash

Author Unknown

A parody of the thread-bare excuses people give for not attending church. Among the "reasons" were:

1. My parents always made me wash as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites; they think they are cleaner than other people.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
4. I used to wash but it got so boring I stopped.
5. I still wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I'm still young, when I get older and need it more I might decide to start washing.
8. People who make soap are only interested in your money.
9. I'm so busy I just can't find the time to wash.
10. I've got to make a living. I don't have time. Please have me excused.

The Reality of Hell

Part 1

By Byron Smith

While there are many Bible subjects that are pleasant to consider and discuss, such as love, forgiveness, salvation, and heaven, one must not ignore those tough subjects that are just as relevant to having a balanced understanding of truth and reality. One such tough subject is hell. Just as the Bible speaks of heaven as being actual and a place to be sweetly anticipated for the righteous, so it speaks of hell as being actual, yet hell is a place to be feared and dreaded by the unrighteous.

All who have witnessed the fierceness of a burning flame should have a cautious respect for its destructive power and potential to inflict excruciating pain. A fire can destroy most anything within its reach. Fires have destroyed cities, forests, homes, and countless lives. Perhaps you have set and watched a camp fire, a brush fire, or something comparable. It is sobering to see how the flames progressively consume what is burning, and to see the intensity of the heat as the flames vary in color. More sobering than that is to experience an actual burn. Is there anything more painful than to suffer a serious burn? Could there be a more agonizing death than to die by burning? To say the least, one should fear fire. Being more specific, one should fear the fire of hell.

One does not have to go far to find someone who will deny the reality of hell. The Bible doctrine of hell is both unappealing and unpopular, yet it is none the less a Bible doctrine. To deny the existence of such a place is to contend against God's word. One needs only to examine a few passages to see that punishment for the unsaved in hell is most certainly established and taught in Scripture. First, that the wicked will be punished eternally is undeniable (Mt.

Her husband and her children remember to praise her. Many times today mom is forgotten. We become spoiled because she is always there, always doing. I remember hearing that "Man may work from sun to sun, but woman's work is never done." Not much has changed has it? She is usually the first one up and unless there's a ball game on she's the last to sleep. How nice a "thank you sweetheart" would be ever so often.

Don't try to reward her with a tombstone or with sweet sounding words as she is laid to rest. Young man, marry a model, and be one yourself.

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Young Man, Marry a Model

Morris Hafley

Yes, that's right, if you want to have a happy marriage marry a model. Now, before you jump to conclusions because of this title, let me tell you quickly that I am not talking about the Hollywood covergirl model. I am talking about the instructions given to the youthful king Lemuel by his mother in Proverbs 31:10-31.

When in my youth I remember reading these 21 verses and thinking every girl should read this because it is about girls and for girls. Then as I grew a little older, still in my teens, a favorite Bible class teacher had us memorize this passage. Then I began to realize that this scripture wasn't just for women. I saw in these verses characteristics that I needed to look for in a young lady. Before this, the only qualifications a girl had to have was that she be popular and pretty. I don't have to tell you what a lasting relationship you can build on "popular and pretty." Statistics prove that you are playing with dynamite when those are the only characteristics you look for. In this chapter, Proverbs 31, I saw the real worth of this one whose "price is far above rubies."

He shows us her energy. She is up and going before the dawn. She doesn't love sleep. She takes care of her husband and her children, and all her domestic duties, then she is free to take care of the business outside her home. In her business she is not slothful. She not only can give instructions as to how something is to be done she is willing to do it herself. Her work is not drudgery but a joy. It is more fun to work with someone who whistles while they work. More work gets done, too.

Also, there is wisdom in her work. She is organized. Her God is directing her hands. Her hands are constantly caring for and sharing with others less fortunate than herself. She knows too well it is more blessed to give than receive (Acts 20:35). She is selfLESS.

18:8; 25:41, 46; Mk. 3:29; Rom. 2:7-9; II Thess 1:9; Jude 7). Second, that such terminology as fire, burning, punish, and destruction, are used to describe this place is equally undeniable (cf. Rev. 20:10, 14-15; 21:8). Whether one chooses to take this language to be literal or figurative is ultimately irrelevant. The same message is conveyed. Hell is a place where the suffering is real and vivid. It is a place of torment (cf. Lk. 16:23).

Why should one contemplate the reality of hell? The answer is simple. One should consider it soberly in order to do everything within their power to save their soul from such tragic fate. Jesus taught that one should take extreme measures to avoid hell. Listen to His words:

“And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

— Mark 9:43-48

I bid you to carefully examine your life. Is it right with God? If heaven does not await your soul in eternity there remains only hell.

The Goodness Of God

By Mike Johnson

The Scriptures impress us with God’s goodness (Rom. 11:22). Notice some things God has given that demonstrate His goodness.

Life in the beginning. The fact that we are living, moving beings is testament to God’s goodness. “God formed man of the dust of the ground” (Gen. 2:7), and it is “in him that we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). God is good!

His only begotten Son. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” What a gift!

A book by which to live. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Bible directs us in our living. “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly...” (Ti. 2:12).

Eternal life in Christ. “...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). Life eternal is “in Christ” (2 Tim. 1:1), in the form of “hope” (Ti. 1:2) and “promise” (1 Jn. 2:25), and will be realized in “the world to come” (Mk. 10:30). One must be “baptized into Christ” (Gal. 3:27) to find it!

The goodness of God leads us to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

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