

What We Have in Christ and Could Not Have Without Him

1. True peace in a hostile world.
The Lord's peace is more than the absence of conflict. Eph. 2:14-22, John 14:27
2. Security in an unstable world.
The one who holds the world together can hold us together too, if we let him. Heb. 1:2, Col. 1:17
3. Hope in fear and uncertainty.
Nothing has failed or will fail of what Jesus promised. Phil. 4:13, Heb. 13:5-6
4. Salvation from the results of sin.
Forgiveness is the only remedy for the spiritual consequences of sin. Rom. 6:23, Gal. 6:7-8, Col. 1:14
5. Eternal life in heaven with God.
John 3:16, John 11:23-26, John 14:1-6, 1 John 2:25

With Jesus we have everything we really need for this life and the life to come. Without him we have nothing and we are nothing.

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No Charge

By Shirley Ceasar

Our little boy came up to his mother in the kitchen one evening while she was fixing supper, and he handed her a piece of paper that he had been writing on. After his mom dried her hands on an apron, she read it, and this is what it said:

- For cutting the grass \$5.00
- For cleaning my room this week \$1.00
- For going to the store for you .50
- Baby-sitting my kid brother for you while you went shopping .25
- Taking out the garbage \$1.00
- For getting a good report card \$5.00
- For cleaning up and raking the yard \$2.00
- Total Owed: \$14.75

Well, I'll tell you, his mother looked at him standing there expectantly, and boy, could I see the memories flashing through her mind. So she picked up the pen, turned over the paper he'd written on, and this is what she wrote:

- For the nine months I carried you while you grew inside me, No Charge.
- For all the nights I've sat up with you, doctored and prayed for you, No Charge.
- For all the trying times, and all the tears you've caused through the years, No Charge. And when you add it all up, the cost of my love is, No Charge.
- For all the nights that were filled with dread, and for the worries I knew were ahead, No Charge.
- For the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose, there's No Charge, Son. And when you add it all up, the full cost of real love is No Charge.

Well, friends, when our son finished reading what his mother had written, there were great big old tears in his eyes, and he looked straight up at his mother and said, "Mom, I sure do love you." And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: "PAID IN FULL."

- "No Charge" was written by Gospel singer Shirley Ceasar. Submitted by James C. Guy, Canal Heights church of Christ, in Demopolis, Alabama.

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Panama Mission

Pablo Sanchez

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "The Attitude of Christ" Philippians 2:5-11

Sunday Evening: "Does the Bible Contradict Itself?" part 2

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Matt Johnson
Scripture Grover Blanton
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper
Message Rick Martin
Attendant Brandon Montgomery
Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

PM Service

Song Leader Steven Cravens
Bible Reading Ethan Welch
Selection 6
Prayer Greg Blanton
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Welch
If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

AM & PM Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
Lord's Supper Joe Sweeney
Offering Clint Smith Jr
Usher Ernie Marshall
Count Offering Harold Tincher
Assist Count Hank Tincher

Last Sunday

Offering Attendance
\$3,232 85

Is Heaven a “Fairy Tale?”

Eric Welch

According to the British newspaper The Guardian, the renowned scientist Stephen Hawking avowed that heaven is a “fairy story.” He said, “I have lived with the prospect of an early death for the last 49 years. I’m not afraid of death, but I’m in no hurry to die. I have so much I want to do first...I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark.”

Hawking suffers from motor neuron disease. He is disabled and can only speak through a voice synthesizer. Hawking used to believe that there was room for a god who created the universe. Although that is not an overt confession in God, we will take what we can get. However, now he has become hardened toward belief in God because of the disease.

Children love the fairy tale in which a frog turns into a prince when kissed by a princess. Yet, no scientist would ever believe such a story, right? However, according to these scientists, the frog did turn into a human with one long kiss, the long kiss of time. Time is the god of scientists and they are constantly molding it into their image. If the Big Bang or evolution needs more, they just slap on more heaps of time. Satan has authored the biggest fairy tale of all time.

Anyone with common sense knows that from nothing you get nothing. The Halam Argument for the existence of God is stated this way: 1) Everything that begins to exist has a cause. 2) The universe began to exist. Science has proven this. 3) Therefore, the universe has a cause. The only two choices available as the cause is either matter or mind. Matter has a beginning and cannot create itself. The best explanation for this cause is the Uncaused First Cause, what the Bible calls---God. “For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God” Hebrews 3:4. Life comes only from life. Because God exists, we know that heaven exists too.

So, Mr. Hawking who is the believer in fairy tales?

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 11th; the meal theme is potluck.

The Ladies Bible class will not meet in April due to the Gospel Meeting and other scheduled activities. The next Ladies Bible class will be Saturday May 8th.

Hamburg Pike’s Spring Gospel Meeting is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 29th, 30th and May 1st. Sam Jones from Henderson, TN will be the speaker. A church dinner is planned for Sunday May 1st. More details to follow.

Thanks to all the Youth Group members who participated in the service activity last Saturday. We had a lot of fun and look forward to the next service project; thanks to the adults who helped as well.