

# Good News

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#### **SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

##### **SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:20 a.m.  
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

##### **TUESDAY**

Ladies Bible Class (Sept. - May) ..... 10:00 a.m.

##### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

It has become a custom at the Getwell church of Christ to invite an outstanding Gospel preacher to speak at all services on Sunday at the end of each year. We all look forward to this time and rejoice to hear the unsearchable riches of the Gospel excellently proclaimed. For the past several years brother Robert R. Taylor has been invited for these services, and it is again true this year. We always look forward to having Robert and Irene Taylor with us, and we especially look forward to having them this year on December 18! Sister Taylor has had some health problems the past few weeks, but we received the good report that things are not as difficult as they seemed! Please mark your calendar for this special time.

John, the "apostle of love," always commended those faithfully living according to the Truth with his special interest and concern. In his 4th book of the New Testament he wrote these words, which it would be well for each of us to pray. He said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (III Jn. 1:2). His desire was that in every respect those Christians to whom he wrote would enjoy success and happiness in life, not only in this world, but especially that their souls would prosper! This is our desire for each member at Getwell in the closing days of 2016, as well as for the New Year 2017. We trust that all will make the resolution to attend all classes and worship services of the Lord's church through the year.

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# Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

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## *Men Can Do Miracles Today?*

Though some make wild claims of being able to work miracles today, and even Oprah and a few others "just know" there are miracles today, the Bible does not so teach. Though many are fooled by these claims, the Bible will make us free if we study (Jn. 8:32). The Bible proclaims those today who claim to work miracles to be "spirits of devils" (Rev. 16:14). It is true that we still have the miracles of Jesus and the apostles recorded in the Bible, for the purpose of causing men to believe today (Jn. 20:30-31), but it is also true that the Bible says these would "cease," "fail," and "vanish away" (I Cor. 13:8-13). These would pass away when "that which is perfect is come," that is, when the fullness of revelation (to which the passage refers) has come. We now have "that which is perfect" in the "perfect law of liberty"; therefore, we have no more need for miracles to confirm our preaching (Mk. 16:17-20). We can now call up the chapter and verse for God's teaching (II Tim. 3:16-17). The passage in I Corinthians 13 refers to the apostles who were the witnesses (Lk. 24:49) and the ambassadors (II Cor. 5:20) of Christ. None today can correctly claim to have seen the Lord from

the baptism of John to the resurrection of Christ, therefore are not witnesses (Acts 1:22). The fakes who claim to do miracles pick and choose the folks they claim to work miracles upon! When Jesus healed people, He did not separate the blind from the ones who were limping slightly! His miracles were performed upon people whom the neighbors and friends knew had diseases beyond the healing of human power, such as leprosy, total blindness, etc. When Peter and John commanded the man sitting at the Beautiful gate of the temple to "stand up and walk," this man began to leap and to run (Acts 3). The people knew this man was above 40 years old and had been unable to walk from his birth. When Jesus met the funeral procession coming out of the city of Nain and raised the widow's son, who was lying dead in the casket, the people knew the young man had been dead! Such was the case with Lazarus when Jesus called him out of the tomb. The people knew he had been dead 4 days and that his body was in a state of decay. Why do not the ones who claim today such power perform some miracle like these? The answer is obvious. They cannot.



# RON'S REMINDERS



## Did Jesus Intend To Die?

Justin Rogers

The death of Jesus is difficult to understand. From the beginnings of Christian preaching, the cross was a barrier to conversion (1 Corinthians 1:18). Still today, many imagine the cross to have been a mistake. Jesus intended to establish an earthly kingdom, they claim, only to have His intentions thwarted by His arrest and crucifixion. But is this account true? Did Jesus intend to die?

First, we must note that God planned the death of Christ from the foundation of the world (Acts 2:23; Revelation 13:8). It was no surprise to God when Jesus was captured and crucified. That was the plan all along. Second, the Old Testament predicted the death of Jesus. The best-known passages are Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53, but many other details of the betrayal (Zechariah 11:12-13), crucifixion (Psalm 34:20), and resurrection (Psalm 16:10) are provided. These prophecies formed the foundation of early Christian preaching (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Third, Jesus had total power over His own fate. His purpose was to complete the will of God, as He testifies (John 6:38). Thus His life, including the manner of His death, followed the will of God (Matthew 20:22; Luke 22:42). This does not mean Jesus had no free will. To the contrary, He states, "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my

Father" (John 10:17-18 ESV). Although Jesus acted in accord with the will of God, He remained in total control.

On two occasions in John's gospel, the Jews picked up stones to execute Jesus (8:59; 10:31), and on both occasions He escaped their grasp (8:59; 10:39). These accounts stand in addition to Jesus' previous evasions of arrest (7:30, 44). But in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus puts up no fight, nor does He miraculously escape (Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53). Indeed, His hour had come (John 17:1).

The choice of the Garden of Gethsemane itself was intentional, for Jesus knew the place was isolated from Jerusalem and familiar to Judas (John 18:2). He thus acquiesced to the Jews' desire to avoid strife by having Him arrested during the Passover (Matthew 26:5). Every step of His arrest, trial and crucifixion Christ carefully controlled to ensure His execution. The death of Jesus was no mistake nor a botched attempt to force an earthly kingdom. It was planned before the world existed, prophesied in Old Testament Scripture and performed by the faithful Son of God.

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