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God Owes Me

We live in a time where people feel they are "entitled" to things. Many of the government's programs of this age are termed as "entitlements" meaning that these are things the government owes to the people simply because it is the government. Unfortunately many have taken this attitude and applied it to God, believe they are "entitled" to certain things from Him.

There is a basic problem with this idea, primarily that God owes man absolutely nothing. God created man in His image (Gen. 1:26), meaning that God gave man an eternal nature, a spirit. Since like begets like, and God created the spirit, the spirit is created good. It is man who causes his spirit to be lost.

God has given man everything that he needs to sustain himself here upon this earth (2 Pet. 1:3). He has left nothing out that man needs for making a life here and presenting himself acceptable to God. As a loving and merciful God He has given man a choice to live above sin or to give in to the temptation. Unfortunately man gives in and does not return the love that God has given (Rom. 6:23). At the point man sins he cuts himself off from God (Isa. 59:1-2), and in doing so man separates himself from the blessings that God offers to those who are obedient to Him. Paul wrote, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus," (Rom. 8:38-39). We do it ourselves. God owes us nothing.

Man does not merit salvation. The Lord said, "So likewise you, after you have done all those things which are commanded say, 'We are unprofitable servants, we have done what was our duty to do,'" (Lk. 17:10). People who cry that God owes them something fail to realize they have only done their duty, that it is not God who owes them, but rather they who owe God.

God loves mankind, His creation (Jno. 3:16). It is out of this love that God sent His son to die for us. It is out of this love that God offers salvation from sin. Mercy is at the heart of God's character. Because of His great mercy, and His unwillingness to see His creation lost for all eternity (2 Pet. 3:9) that He has offered the means by which man can be saved from his sins.

"For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God," (Eph. 2:8). When someone gives you a gift it is not something that you deserve, but rather something that out of the goodness of one's heart they offer to you hoping you will accept. There may be conditions on receiving a gift, and even after you have met all the conditions for receiving it, it is still not something you are owed. We are not "entitled" to salvation, but rather are recipients of a gift bestowed by a loving, merciful Father. At the end of the day we are still "unprofitable servants."

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Please Pray For:

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor.

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

Debbie Krumpelman (cousin of Teresa Hayward in Cincinnati) has finished chemo treatments and will soon have surgery.

Kayleigh Coriell having serious problems with her knee.

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) now under hospice care at home.

Kay Hammond had cancer surgery back in December and starts her chemo treatments this week.

Garnet Lindeman (at Nancy Taylor's house) improvement has stalled. Cards, prayers, phone calls welcome.

Tracy Cordle undergoing medical tests.

Angel Salyers (friend of Clyde and Penny Ball) having biopsy for mass in abdomen.

Clyde Ball receiving shots in the eye for macular degeneration.

Brandon Kleinman (6 months old, known to Dee Bradshaw) being treated at Children's in Columbus for inability to hold his head upright.

Glenn Mercer (friend of Penny Ball) in late stage cancer.

Dee Gammon's friend, late stage cancer.

Amanda Montgomery (Sarah Gilliland's sister in Columbus) now in Best Care in Wheelersburg.

Ralph Robertson (Penny Ball's neighbor) seriously injured by a kick from a mule last week.

*The world with its lust
passes away, but he who does
the will of God remains forever.*
I John 2:17



Coming Events

2/16	Deacons Meeting in pm
2/17	Roller Skating, Skatelan 6 pm
2/20	Shepherds Prayer
2/23	Haiti Report at pm service
3/16-4/6	Sun PM Home Groups
4/20	Easter Sunday
5/14-21	Honduras Mission Trip
6/5-9	Honduras Family Mission Trip
6/23-27	VBS at Sunshine

Area Events

Details for all of these events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- 3/7-8: WV Marriage Getaway at Charleston Civic Center
- 4/5: Day of Edification at Chapel Hill church in Gallipolis

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Bob Bates** (former Minford businessman and resident) who passed on Tuesday. His funeral was this week.

Shepherds Prayer

This Thursday evening at 7:30 pm the elders are meeting for prayer for the congregation, the families and individuals that make up the congregation. If you have things which should be included in this prayer please give it in writing to one of the elders before Thursday.

Deacons Meeting

Tonight after services the deacons will be meeting.

Free VHS Materials

We are in the process of clearing out old VHS format materials from our building and offices. These are educational and entertainment type materials. All these items are laid out in the Annex on the counter along the wall. You are free to take any and all of these materials with you. We are adding more discard materials to the pile on a daily basis. Be sure and keep checking the pile. For details, see Steve Miller.

Haiti Mission Report Coming

Sunday evening, February 23, following our time of evening worship, we will be seeing pictures and hearing a report from **Cheryl Villinger** and **Kristi Cordle** about their recent trip to Haiti. Ordinarily we would use the fourth Sunday pm service for our prayer and praise devotional but this time we are using this time slot for a mission report.



*But the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of
the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.*

—Habakkuk 2:14



Sunday PM Hosts Needed

Our Sunday PM Home Groups are scheduled for March 16-April 6 (4 Sunday nights). We need to start now getting host homes lined up for the Home Groups. There is a pad on the table in the foyer to sign up as a host for these groups. Please consider using your home as a place for these groups to meet.



More on Home Groups

The material we will be using for the Home Group meetings is a DVD series recently completed by Randy Harris called Living Jesus. It is based on the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

Can You Write That Down?

Two weeks ago I had, what I thought, was a pretty good idea for a bulletin article. However, I also had another idea that was more appropriate for what was going on at the time and I used that one instead. The key word in paragraph is *had*, because that idea has flown from my mind. The trouble is I didn't write it down and now I am writing an article about something I forgot—ironic isn't it? Are you still with me? Well, maybe this verse will help you see where I'm going.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

You may say, "Isn't that overdoing it?" Well, considering the, "Forgotten" I just wrote about I would say not. The command to the Israelites was to not let God become secondary in their lives. Teach it to your children, speak of Jehovah constantly, write down His words, follow His commands, write it on your doors so you remember, Who gave you your home and Who should preside over it.

Writing something down gives it permanence. Practicing it makes it a part of you. So, maybe we need to take this passage to heart and write down some of God's desires for us, set them as reminders on our cell phones, inscribe them on our email, tape them on our dashboards, write them on our soccer balls, let His word become so much a part of us that we take it wherever we go. *"Hear, O Christian: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "*

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

February 16

Jon Coriell
Nick Davis
Tim Gamp
Tyler Jones
Steve Miller

February 23

Wayne Gamp
Shaun McCray
Jason Coriell
Terry Grashel
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

Zach Coriell
Mark Gamp
Greg Shepherd
Dewey Cordle
Ira Coriell

Gabe Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Mike Coriell
Tim Coriell
Don Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

Aaron McCray
Troy Gahm

Don Ramey
Mark Villinger

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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The phrases below are anagrams of some familiar traditional hymn titles. Unscramble the letters to reveal the songs. Two letters of each song title have been done for you. Solution to the puzzle is posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of our online bulletin.

Ivory Is Homemade: H _ _ _ _ , _ _ _ S _ _ _ _
Harsh Ceramic Geese: H _ _ _ _ _ R _ _ _ _ _
Shiny Gem Thievery: H _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _ _
Him No Idolater: I _ _ T _ _ _ _ _
Impose Our Mercies: P _ _ _ _ _ M _ _ _ _ _
Big Vinyl Faith: L _ _ _ _ _ F _ _ _ _
Payday Hop: O _ _ _ _ _ D _ _
Polite Hoarders: O _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ _
Paralysed Alive: P _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Y
Eight Skeletons: S _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ _



Song Scramble Solution

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Hide Me, O My Savior - Ivory is homemade
His Grace Reaches Me - Harsh ceramic geese
He Is My Everything - Shiny gem thievery
I Am Thine O Lord - Him no idolater
Precious Memories - Impose our mercies
Living By Faith - Big Vinyl Faith
O Happy Day - Payday hop
O Praise The Lord - Polite Hoarders
Paradise Valley - Paralysed Alive
Seeking The Lost - Eight Skeletons