

# Let's Visit

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## Jesus Christ – Savior of the World!

Every individual who has read the Bible has come away impressed with the life and word of Jesus Christ. Yet, I am afraid we have often overlooked the very purpose for which our Lord came into the world. Jesus himself said in Luke 19:10, *“for the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”*. You see, there is no greater fact attested to than the fact that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World.

Matthew opens his account of the life of Christ, telling about a young Jewish girl by the name of Mary who was to be married to a carpenter by the name of Joseph. Before they were married, however, Mary was found to be with child. Joseph did not want to make a public spectacle of her, so he was going to quietly put her away. Yet, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and had this to say, *“Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins,”* (Matthew 1:20-21)

Man is in need of a savior because man is lost in sin. The very first step in converting men to Christ is to make man realize that he is eternally doomed. Perhaps one of the weaknesses in our teaching is the fact that we are telling people what to do to be saved when they do not realize that they are lost. We must make mankind come face to face with the fact that they are lost. We would never have to beg someone to flee from a burning building. We would merely need to make known to them the danger, the fact that the building is burning and they would flee. In order to make individuals flee from the wrath to come, we must make known to them the danger of being lost.

Perhaps that explains the power of Apostolic preaching. The apostles were able to make their hearers understand that they were lost in sin without Jesus Christ. On that great day of Pentecost that we read about in Acts chapter 2, Peter proved to those Jews that they had crucified the Christ, the son of God. When they realized the enormity of their sin they cried out, *“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* (Acts 2:37)

Half a century ago, people were more conscious of being lost than they are today. The saints sang with joy and gladness such songs as *“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.”* Yes, the world needs a Savior because we are lost in sin.

Notice the statement, *“He will save his people from their sins.”* Jesus is the Savior of all who obey Him. In the sermon on the mount, as Jesus brought it to a close, he had this to say, *“Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”* (Matthew 7:21) The writer of Hebrews says this, *“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.”* (Hebrews 5:8-9)

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### In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry  
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday  
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday  
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

# Gathered Here and There



## Today's Sermon

### "The Precious Blood of Jesus"

Our text comes from I Peter 1:19. Peter tells his readers they were redeemed from sin by the "precious blood of Jesus". Let's see what that means for us.

objects but a mind that can see beauty anywhere. We do not need good luck charms but courage. We do not need money as much as we need an abundance of good things spiritually.

If we are unhappy, perhaps it is because we are hungry. Not hungry for the material food we eat but hungry because we do not draw from the boundless supplies of spiritual food from God. Love, joy, peace, mirth and all the good vital forces are about us just as the atmosphere, but because we are sometimes a little stupid and vain we only believe in what we can actually see.

The poorest man, the humblest soul can be happy if he but opens and revels in the infinite storehouse of unseen treasures that are his.

*-Mutual Moments*

## For The Pantry. . . Hamburger Helper

### Jesus Christ – Savior – continued from page 1

Jesus came to this world to save sinners, not unconditionally, but all who will obey his will. God has done his part, he sent his son, Jesus did His part, He went to the cross. It is now up to men and women to do their part and obey the commands of our heavenly father.

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## Things Unseen

Do you believe only in the things you can see? It is the thing not seen that is the most important. A house is a thing seen while a home is a thing unseen. A brain can be seen but a mind is unseen. You can see a mother's face but you cannot see the love behind it. You can see a word but you cannot see an idea. You can see a church but you cannot see God. You can see flags but you cannot see patriotism. And so on down the line of things that are real and those that are fanciful.

Some of us are sometimes inclined to go in only for the tangible goods of this life, such as food, clothes and money. But, behind every tangible object we should look for the intangible, which is more solid and essential. We do not need beautiful

## On The Lighter Side. . .



HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU  
TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?

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## Good Reference . . .

"Did you take your car over to the mechanic I recommended?"

"Yes, I did."

"Did you tell him I sent you?"

"Yes."

"What did he say?"

"He asked me to pay in advance."

*-copied*

## Miscellaneous

# Save The Date!



**September  
11th**

**Begin right now to pray for this to  
be a great day, invite your friends  
and neighbors to come and plan to  
be here!**

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## *Ponder on this. . .*

*Have you ever wondered how a rumor  
Can get around so fast when it doesn't have a leg  
to stand on?*

*Then there was the woman who  
when she found that first gray hair decided she  
had nothing to live for so she dyed.*

*A person may be young only once, but  
They can stay immature indefinitely.*

*A sure way to get the last word in an argument is  
To say, "You're right".*

*One thing to be said of ignorance is that it does  
cause a lot of interesting arguments.*

**Each One Bring One!  
52 in '22  
Invite Someone Each Week!**



## Those To Remember In Prayer

We extend our sympathy to Alice Hall in the passing of her sister-in-law Elsie Lee McDaniel. Services were held Friday.

Betty Willis is now at Pine Grove.

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

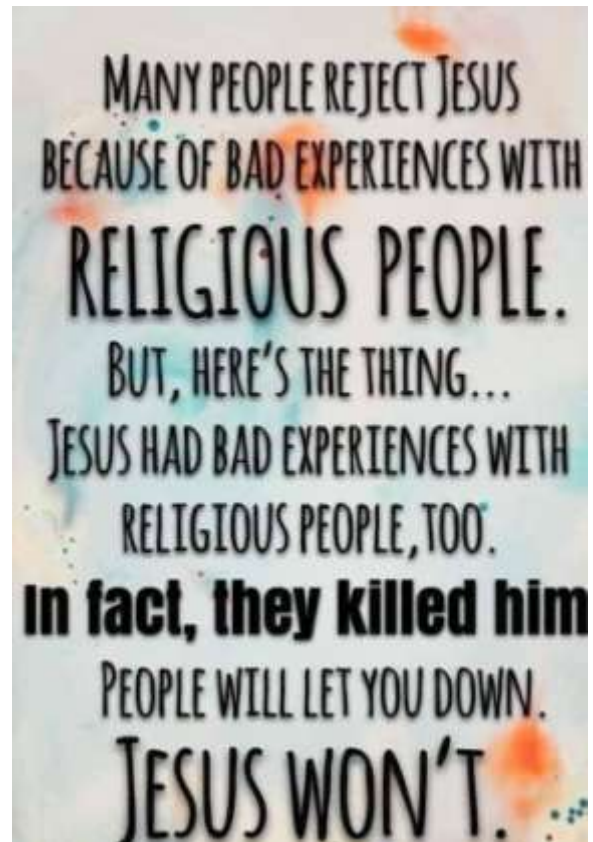
Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden,  
Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt,  
Tiffanee Klein, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate,  
Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

### **"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS**

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair  
(friend of Debra Pate) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick)  
Suzie Hogan (Roxie Bostick's sister) Laurie King (Co-worker  
of Mike O'brien,) cancer; Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah  
Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's  
uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Marc Tate (Jana  
O'Brien's brother) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother)  
Tina Vaughn - cancer

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE**  
Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw  
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate, Rosie Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill  
out a card and put it in the offering plate.





## Across The Preacher's Desk

Imagine visiting in a home and having the opportunity to get to know the family that lives there. Then, you do not see them for a year or so and then go back for another visit. This time you notice one of the children is not there when it's time for dinner and everyone is around the table.

So, you ask, "Didn't you have a little boy named Billy when I was here before? I haven't seen him tonight. Where is he?"

The family members exchange glances and look a bit puzzled. You start to doubt yourself and think you are mistaken. Then one of the family members says, "Oh, yes, now I remember Billy. But, you know, we don't know what happened to him. We haven't seen him for several months now. He seemed like a nice boy too." The rest of the family smiles and nods and yes, they remember Billy too. They speak pleasantly and kindly of Billy, but no one can remember seeing him for a long time and no one knows why he left.

You know, in God's family, this scene is replayed over and over in congregations all over our land. There are brothers and sisters who have not been seen around the Lord's table in months or even years. Wonder how God feels about that?

*it's something to think about. . . .tlp*

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
Each one Bring one!  
52 in '22!**