

God's giving of His Son requires something of us

Many people can quote John 3:16, saying that, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him may have everlasting life."

That seems simple enough, but further investigation in the Bible shows it has a deeper meaning than many give it credit for.

1 Corinthians 7:23 says, "You were bought with a price; stop becoming slaves of men."

Why did Jesus have to buy us and from what?

John 8:34 says, "Jesus answered them: 'Most truly I say to you, every doer of sin is a slave of sin.'"

Romans 3:23, 24 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his undeserved kindness through the release by ransom paid by Christ Jesus."



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- use it or lose it

Because our first parents, Adam and Eve, did not obey God's command, mankind had to be bought from slavery to sin. With Christ's sacrifice, we were bought, all of us, whether we know it or not. Christ owns us, and we have obligations to him. As our owner, he can do what he chooses with us.

But he gives us the option to choose what our future will be and told us, as recorded in the Bible, what we need to do.

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus used the illustration of separating

the sheep from the goats as a way to teach his disciples that people would be divided into groups to receive everlasting life or everlasting destruction.

Jesus told them what would be the deciding factor — how they treated his brothers. Who are Christ's brothers, and what do we have to do for them to meet our obligations to Jesus?

Matthew 12:49 says, "And extending his hand toward his disciples, he said: 'Look! My mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.'"

Psalms 40:8-10 says, "To do your will, O my God, I have delighted, and your law is within my inward

parts. I have told the good news of righteousness in the big congregation.

"Your righteousness I have not covered over within my heart. Your faithfulness and your salvation I have declared."

Matthew 24:14 says, "And this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations; and then the end will come."

Most people are familiar with the "Lord's Prayer." It is found in the Bible at Matthew 6:9, 10. Jesus taught his followers to pray for God's name to be sanctified, His kingdom to come and His will to take place.

It is His will that Christ's followers preach to others about that kingdom, about His name and righteousness and about what that kingdom will do for mankind in the future,

"the good news."

Preaching the good news in all the inhabited earth is a big job for Christ's brothers, his disciples. We today need to do all we can to help with that assignment.

At Matthew 7:21, 22, Jesus said, "Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens will. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name?' And yet then I will confess to them: 'I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

That scripture makes it clear that we can't just pick and choose which parts of the Bible to listen to or choose our own place in God's will.

Jesus taught his followers what they need to do, and his instructions were recorded in the Bible, and all of us are obligated to do our best to learn about those instructions and follow them.

John 17:3 says, "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ."

We need accurate knowledge from the Bible in order to know what God's will is and do it. We need accurate knowledge to know about God's kingdom and tell others about it. But the reward for gaining that knowledge and doing God's will is great, as are the consequences for not doing it.

1 John 2:17 says, "Furthermore, the world is passing away and so is its desire, but he that does the will of God remains forever."

Colby teacher's novel considered for Pulitzer

"Crofton's Fire," a novel written by Colby's Keith Coplin, will be one of the books considered for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

"Crofton's Fire," released in January by the Putnam Publishing Group, is Coplin's first novel. It is the story of Michael Crofton, a 1874 graduate of West Point, who begins a life of world-wide adventure after escaping the disaster of Custer's Last Stand.

"This is a book that takes you by surprise," said author and historian Thomas Fleming. "It seems to about war in the late 19th century but it is really about a human being who manages to find his humanity as well as his courage on battlefields from Little Big Horn to Zululand."

Coplin has taught English at Colby Community College since 1989 soon after earning his doctorate from the University of Kansas. He received a Bachelor of Arts in 1964 from the University of North Texas, where he earned a master's degree in 1968. He got a second master's from the University of Maryland in 1974.

G.P Putnam and Sons nominated

"Crofton's Fire" and will serve as its sponsor.

"Dr. Coplin's nomination for a Pulitzer Prize by his publisher is a great testament to his talents," said Mikel Ary, president of Colby Community College. "His publisher honors him with this nomination just as Dr. Coplin does the college by being on our staff."

The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1904 by New York publisher Joseph Pulitzer in his will, "as an incentive to excellence."

At the same time, he bestowed \$2 million to Columbia University for the establishment of the School of Journalism which administers the prize for 21 categories of journalism and literary works.

Last year's prize went to Edward Jones for "The Known World." The winners will be announced in April. They will be honored with a luncheon in May at Columbia University where they will receive their awards.

"Crofton's Fire" is available at the campus bookstore in the Colby College student union from 8:30-4:30 (Central Time) Monday through Friday.

club news

The Lowell Coleman Ladies Auxiliary met on Thursday with eight members present. President Brenda Frankenfeld presided.

Community service projects discussed included the community meeting on Friday with Rep. Jerry Moran, members of his office and representatives from the Veterans Administration in regard to the possibility of a community-based outpatient clinic in Goodland.

The legislative chair encouraged members to exercise their right as citizens to vote. Members were encouraged to study the issues, cast their ballots and take someone to the polls with them. The auxiliary will be serving lunch the day of the elections at the Post home.

Upcoming youth activities include the Voice of Democracy speech contest for high school students. The theme is "Celebrating Our Veterans' Service," and the deadline is Nov. 1.

Patriot's Pen written essay contest is for sixth-eighth graders, and it's theme is "What Service to our Country Means to Me." The deadline for it is also Nov. 1.

Students who individually or as a club or group do an activity for supporting veterans are eligible for a certificate from the national presi-

dent.

This can be writing letters, sending care packages or helping the family members of those serving in a war zone.

Linda Marshall, the ninth district president, will be making her official inspection of the auxiliary on Thursday, Sept. 23. A potluck dinner will be at 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend; we need a nice showing for this important meeting.

The fall conference for the ninth district has been changed to Saturday, Oct. 23, at Oakley. Again, members really need to attend.

The membership chair asked current members to seek out new eligible members. To join the auxiliary, one must be a wife, widow, mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister or half sister of a person who is eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Members must be U.S. citizens and not less than 16 years old. Get an application from Iris Scheopner. Dues for 2005 may now be paid. If dues are paid before Dec. 10, they will be \$16. National raised their dues for 2005, so dues paid after that will be \$17.

The next meeting with the potluck dinner and inspection at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

matters of record

Goodland Police
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

August 20 — Chantel D. Thornburg reported the theft of her wallet and driver's license valued at \$26 at 2219 Enterprise.

Alfred Pershall was arrested on a municipal court warrant at 204 W. 11th.

August 22 — Tony Diehl reported aggravated arson on his house with damage estimated at \$1,000 at 1108 Harrison.

August 24 — The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley reported damage to a 2000 Dodge car estimated at \$500 at 1209 Cherry.

The Northwest Kansas Technical College reported the theft of video equipment valued at \$1,500 at 104 Arcade.

August 25 — The Goodland Regional Medical Center reported the theft of a computer laptop valued at \$2,000 at 220 W. 2nd.

Eric L. Miller, of Colby, was arrested on a failure to appear in municipal court bench warrant at 813 Broadway.

Tony Diehl reported criminal damage to the front tire on his vehicle estimated at \$75 at 1108 Harrison.

August 28 — Tohnna J. Benson reported the theft of her medicine valued at \$50 at 2218 Commerce Road.

Tony L. Diehl reported arson at 1108 Harrison and was arrested for arson with charges pending in district court.

August 29 — Mr. Goodrinse Car Wash reported criminal damage to a car wash door opening box estimated at \$175 at 2305 Enterprise.

Worship warms the heart

Calvary Gospel Church
Pastor: Rev. Steve Rains
Fourth & College • 899-3605
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Morning Service: 10:30 am
Small Group Ministries
Wednesday: Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal
307 W. 13th • 899-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
1st & 3rd Sunday: 4 pm

Sonrise Christian Church
Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister: Tony Kafka
Youth Minister: Doug Bean
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm

**Word of Life
Joursquare Church**
10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Service Schedule:
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
First Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Glenn Hermanson
Fifth & Broadway
899-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

**Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints**
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

United Methodist Church
Brewster:
Pastor:
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: John Park Winkler
Eighth & Arcade • 899-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing
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Nurseries Available

**Kanorado
United Methodist
Church**
Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
1116 Sherman
899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church
109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor: John Meckling
Fifth & Center • 899-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
Call church for information
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969
Sr. Warden for emergencies
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

Grace Fellowship Church
104 E. Hwy 24 • 899-6423
Pastor: Bob Snyder
Residence: 890-0134
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am
Worship Service: 11 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm
Sunday: Bible Study: 7 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Scott Grimshaw
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ
401 Caldwell
899-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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211 E. 11th

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