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“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

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Hanged!

Judge Isaac Parker hanged 79 men for their crimes against humanity in the years 1875 to 1896. He was a kind and just judge once stating "*in the uncertainty of punishment following crime, lies the weakness of our halting justice.*"

Hanging is thought of by many as hanging a body by the neck from a tree, gallows, or outcropping. However, hanging has also historically been associated with impalement or crucifixion. The first hanging read about in the Old Testament was Pharaoh's chief baker in **Genesis 40:18-22** (circa 1800 BC). Israel was commanded the practice of hanging by the Law of Moses in **Dueteronmy 21:22-23**. Hanging of the body was a sign to others for the individual had already been stoned to death for his crimes. There are numerous accounts of hanging throughout the Old Testament for crimes and in times of battle. One of the more well known hangings is the hanging of Haman, an officer of King Xerxes of the Persian Empire, who had plotted treachery against the Jews (**Esther 9:25**). More famous than the hanging of Haman was that of Judas Iscariot after he had betrayed Jesus (**Matthew 27:5**).

The most famous hanging in the world, however, was a by crucifixion. The individual was Jesus who was not a criminal, though He was hanged, alongside two of them. He was the innocent lamb of God hung for the sins of mankind (**John 1:29, I Peter 2:21-24, I Corinthians 15**). Details of His crucifixion were spoken of centuries before occurring (**Psalms 22, Isaiah 53**). Though Jesus was hanged until dead, the miraculous happened afterward. **Acts 5:30** – "*The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree*". In the resurrection of Christ, man was given direction for his life. **2 Corinthians 5:15** - "*And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*"

To Do List:

A small list of tasks for you,
A little reminder of work to do,
Each month will add something new,
Check this list when you're through.

- Attend a Gospel Meeting
- Pick Someone flowers
- Call a widow.
- Read to a child
- Make a prayer list
- Read Matthew 6
- Tell someone how much you love God.

Can Someone Tell Me?

If a leader of a country does something sinful, can the people point the sin out or is such an action considered to be sinful?

2Ti 2:24-26 - And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will.

The Mind Stretch Puzzle Will Return Next Issue... Until Then...

What Does the Bible Say about Salvation?

Some individuals and groups claim that the salvation coming by God is accomplished by a singular thing such as grace, belief, or faith. The Bible refutes such teaching. Salvation absolutely includes these items and they are integral to it, however, considering the full scope of the teachings of Jesus, shared by Himself and the Holy Spirit through the apostles and prophets, a much clearer picture is displayed. Neither by grace, belief, or faith alone shall man be saved.

According to the Bible Man is saved by:

Matthew 10:22, 2 Timothy 2:10 – Endurance for self and others

Matthew 19:23-26 – Impossible by man, but possible through God.

Mark 16:16 – Belief and baptism

Luke 1:77 – knowledge

Luke 8:12 – Hearing, believing in their hearts

Luke 9:24 – Losing one's life for Christ's sake

Luke 9:56, John 12:47, Acts 4:12, I Thessalonians 5:9, I Timothy 1:15 – by Christ

Luke 17:33 – losing life

John 3:16-17, Acts 16:31 – Believing in Christ

Acts 2:21 – Calling on the name of the Lord

Acts 11:14, I Corinthians 1:21, I Corinthians 15:2 I Corinthians 9:18-22 – by words; preaching

Acts 15:11, Ephesians 2:5 – through grace of Jesus

Acts 28:28 – Salvation of God

Romans 1:16, Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 6:17 – through the Word of God

Romans 8:24 – Hope

Romans 10:9-10 – Confessing Jesus as Lord and Belief in heart of resurrection

2 Corinthians 7:10 – Repentance

Ephesians 2:8 – Grace through faith by God

Philippians 1:19 – Through prayer of saints and provision of Christ

Philippians 2:12 – fear and trembling

2 Thess. 2:10 – receiving the love of the truth

2 Thessalonians 2:13 – God's choice, sanctification by Spirit, belief of truth.

I Timothy 4:16 – Self examination and attention to the gospel

2 Timothy 1:9 – According to purpose and grace of God given by Jesus

2 Timothy 3:15 – through faith

Titus 2:11 – God's Grace

Titus 3:5 – According to mercy by washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost

Hebrews 5:9 – Obedience

Hebrews 7:25 – by coming to God by Jesus

James 1:21 – laying aside filthiness and evil and humbly receiving God's Word

James 5:20 – turning from sin

I Peter 1:5 – Power of God through Faith

I Peter 3:21 – baptism

2 Peter 3:15 – the Longsuffering of the Lord

Jude 1:23 – by keeping from sin of the flesh

These intertwined conditions can be summed up appropriately by establishing that through God's grace given in Christ man has the gift of salvation by: Hearing the word, believing the word, confessing Jesus as their Lord, Repenting of their Sins, being baptized for forgiveness of sins, and living faithfully in obedience to the Word which has been given. No single aspect of salvation can stand on its own and bring man to the presence of God.