

Good News From Chardon

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
13—Wonderful Words Of Life
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
261—Love Lifted Me
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Galatians 2:14-21
Hymn:
322—The Old Rugged Cross
Lord's Supper: Mark
Hymn:
190—Leaning On The Ever-lasting Arms
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
613—Are You Washed In The Blood
Closing Hymn:
55—Take Time To Be Holy
Closing Prayer: Ray

Who Crucified Jesus?

I recently read an article which said that anti-Semitism has risen world-wide. This persecution of Jews is reported to not be solely from Muslims, but from nominal Christians as well. Some of these go so far as to hatefully chastise them as "Christ-killers." Such, of course, are not imitating Christ, who prayed for those involved in His crucifixion, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

There were, of course, certain Jewish leaders who conspired for His death, and other Jews who agreed to it, but they alone were not responsible. Without Pilate's and Rome's approval, it could not have been done. On Pentecost Sunday following the death and resurrection of Jesus, Peter addressed some of these, declaring, "Him...you have taken (and) by lawless hands have crucified and put to death" (Acts 2:23, NKJ). Though done in ignorance, they were not guiltless; but theirs was not the only guilt. It was done through "lawless hands"—through those who were "without law" (1 Cor. 9:21), Gentiles. To be more specific, the deed was done through Roman officials and soldiers. Should we therefore blame the Romans (Italians)? It was soldiers from Rome who mocked Jesus, scourged Him, drove the nails into His hands and feet, and completed their task by thrusting a spear into His side to assure His death.

The fact of the matter is that the responsibility for His death is shared by ALL. Isaiah had prophesied 700 years before this event, saying, "...the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6b). The sins of humanity put Jesus on the tree, and that includes

my sins and your sins. We crucified Jesus! To satisfy divine justice, and yet to show grace and mercy to us sinners, the crucifixion was no mere senseless martyrdom, but was accomplished by "the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God..." (Acts 2:23a).

Those who would seek to put the blame for Jesus' death upon the Jews should also recognize that Jesus also was a Jew. It was He who declared, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22b). The apostles were Jews. The first Christians were Jews. The New Testament Scriptures were written by converted Jews. Paul, though he suffered many things at the hands of Jews, still maintained them to be "beloved for the sake of the fathers" (Romans 11:28b)—the "fathers" referring to the covenant God had years before made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

As we would ponder the death of our Lord and Savior, it must not be that we pass the blame on to others. We should, instead, say, as did Paul, that He "loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). We all had our part. Were it not for our sins, Christ would not have died.

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Truth of the Gospel

Galatians 2:20

H I M S E L F E S C D H G T S
D I E D R I K R V E S S R H E
L O V E D T E N I I B K A G V
L I V E T N G F O E L R C I L
S I N R N O I H L W S O E M E
M E U I S T D I S E I W P C S
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T C T G S I V I T M I E U E O
N E I E L A N G O A Y T F S E
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BELIEVED	BUILD	COMES
COMPEL	CRUCIFIED	DESTROY
DIED	FAITH	FLESH
FOUND	GENTILES	GOSPEL
GRACE	HIMSELF	JESUS
JEW	JUSTIFIED	KNOWING
LIFE	LIVE	LOVED
MIGHT	MINISTER	NATURE
OURSELVES	PETER	SEEK
SINNERS	TRUTH	VAIN
WORKS		

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

Mynda and all her family; as they travel, **parents** at the loss of their home, **father's** recovery from injuries.

Mark & Debbie as they travel,

Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, body healing and Bible study with **Kris**

Dakota as he struggles

Wanda's migraines; **Allen**, her son. Wanda's sister **Lorraine** heart

Mary and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip surgery recovery, **Mary's** leg injury

Tom & Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, **Bear Nicholas**, is now at home; **Nina's** hip pain.

Kathy, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot healing, She is now home

Bonnie as she travels

Zarna and her family

Juanita's sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.

Ray and **Barbara** and their family.

Dale's health issues and his family. His friend **Riley** (age 6) who has cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His Aunt Rosie's heart and Lungs. His cousin with heart issues

Ray and his family

Pat and her family

CALENDAR

Oct. 2—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom. Business meeting

Oct. 7—(b) Alayna

Oct. 7—(b) Melissa

Oct. 9—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark

Oct. 10—(a) Carl & Mary

Oct. 11—(b) Celeste

Oct. 12—(b) Steve

Oct. 13—(b) Connor

Oct. 15—(b) Tom

Oct. 16—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom. Business meeting

Oct. 17—(b) Renee

Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you happiness, bad days give you experience, worst days give you lessons, and the best days give you memories

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Answer to puzzle: