

**God is Merciful**

*“Therefore, let’s approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need.”*

Hebrews 4:16

**Attention**

**Business Meeting today at 2:30 p.m.**

**Thank you again...Baldwin Borland!  
Speaker for Today**

**September Birthdays**

6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales  
16 Jim Burruss 30 Kurt Hoffman

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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# Indio Informer

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*

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**Paid in Full**  
David A. Sargent

Author James Herriot tells of an unforgettable wedding anniversary he and his wife celebrated early in their marriage. His boss had encouraged him to take his wife to a fancy restaurant, but Herriot balked. He was a young veterinarian and couldn’t really afford it. “Oh, do it!” the boss insisted. Herriot reluctantly agreed and surprised his wife with the news.

En route to the restaurant, Herriot and his wife stopped at a farm to examine a farmer’s horse. Having finished the routine exam, he returned to his car and drove to the restaurant, unaware that his checkbook had fallen in the mud. After a wonderful meal, Herriot reached for his checkbook and discovered it was gone. Quite embarrassed, he tried to offer a way of making it up.

“Not to worry,” the waiter replied. “Your dinner has been taken care of!” As it was, Herriot’s employer had paid for the dinner in advance. \*

God has done the same for us. Jesus’ utterance on the cross, “It is finished” (John 19:30), is a Greek term meaning “paid in full.” On the cross, Jesus paid for the debt of our sins, and He paid the debt “in full.”

Jesus paid our sin debt.  
We owed it but couldn't pay it.  
He didn't owe it but paid it.  
The debt is no longer owed —  
It has been paid in full.

We could get by on nothing less.  
We need nothing more.  
We rely on nothing else.  
“Hopelessly in debt” is now past tense.

All we have to do is accept God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life on His terms. God will cancel the debt of sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess Jesus** before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Our debt has been paid if only we will accept God's offer on His terms.

### **Washed in the Blood**

By Andrew Beasley

There have been times in my life where I have felt hopeless. When one thinks of biblical hope one may think of confident expectation. That helps to illustrate what hopelessness truly is. An absence of confident expectation of good things to come. In the long term one might think of salvation, but in the short term it is applicable to good things in life. For those who have not experienced hopelessness to an extreme degree it is hard to comprehend why someone might hurt themselves or go to even greater, more devastating lengths.

In moments of hopelessness the words of the 23rd Psalm may come to mind. *“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me.”* While we may not fear evil, and while the Lord certainly is with us, there are times when evil still wins. There are times

when doubts creep in and cause our confident expectation to falter. I hope that if you are reading this, and the hope you have within you is faltering, you know that you are not alone. I have been there. Others have been there. And most importantly, even though you have faltered, the Lord has not.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, He is there. Just as He remained steadfast when Peter started to sink after walking on the water out to Him (Matthew 14:22-33), He remains steadfast for us. And our hope is built on nothing less than His blood and righteousness.

### **Those Whom Jesus Loves...Betrayers**

By Andrew Beasley

The problem of evil is one of many challenging subjects that humanity, especially those who believe in God, must wrestle with. It is frequently referenced by unbelievers as proof of why God cannot exist as they assert that a loving God would not allow evil to exist. However, studying God's word will reveal to us that the problem of evil is addressed by God directly. In one instance in the Gospel of Luke, our Lord instructs those who are listening to *“love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”* (Luke 6:27-28). In the Beatitudes Jesus teaches that we should be happy when we are persecuted, reviled and spoken negatively of for the cause of Christ because those who came before us were also persecuted, and the reward for enduring is great (Matthew 5:11-12).

One of the greatest acts of evil against Christ occurs by the hands of one of His closest friends, Judas Iscariot. We are familiar with the account of Christ's betrayal to a similar degree that we are familiar with the crucifixion of Christ. The work on the cross was accomplished as much for Judas as it was for each of us. So, it seems that the problem of evil and how to address it has already been shown by Christ. Face it, handle it, and conquer it with love.