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Welcome! We're glad you are here!

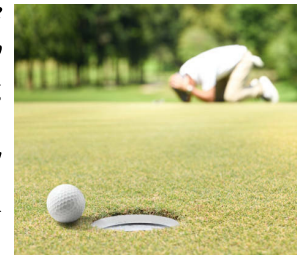
Sunday - April 7, 2024

Spiritual Mulligans?

by Troy Spradlin

I used to love to play golf, but I was never really any good at it. My shots often went where I didn't want them to, so I frequently used the "mulligan rule" (an extra stroke allowed after a poor shot, but not counted on the scorecard)! I knew if I missed the green, I could get a second chance because of that rule. I liked that rule. After all, who wouldn't want a second chance when we make a mistake, right? Yet, what about second chances with spiritual things? Can we get a "spiritual mulligan" if we mess up? Fortunately, the Bible gives us the answer and it all depends on *when*.

First of all, Acts 17:31 teaches us that God *"has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."* In other words, every human being that has ever lived and living will be brought to justice by Jesus - and God proved it by bringing Him back from the dead. Why is everyone being judged? Because *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). So, when will this happen? According to verses like Hebrews 9:27 and Revelation 20:12-14, it will happen in the next life, in life after death, on "Judgment Day."



Secondly, according to the Bible, after we leave this world through physical death, our souls continue to live on in the spiritual realm. This is why John 3:16 is such an important verse, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him **should not perish but have everlasting life.**"* That verse works in concert with 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, *"and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction ..."* Therefore, we all have a decision to make, choose eternal life or perish in condemnation. How does one access eternal life? By "obeying the Gospel." God has provided a means for us to escape punishment on that Judgment Day and instead, receive a *"crown of life"* (Revelation 2:10).

Thirdly, since all of mankind is guilty of sin and the *"wages of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23) then, obeying the Gospel is sort of like a "spiritual mulligan." No matter what mistakes you may have made in your life, God will forgive your sins and *"remember them no more"* according to Ephesians 1:7 and Hebrews 10:16-18. **God gives you opportunity at a "second chance" in this life to get your heart right with Him.** How wonderful is our merciful Father?!

However, some have questioned, and even challenged, this simple and beautiful gift of God's grace by teaching that one can get a "second chance" *after* death! That's the primary message of false teaching such as the Doctrine of Purgatory, Unconditional Election, or Premillennialism. So, **is it possible to get a "second chance" after we die?**

Consider what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2. He said that we should *"not to receive the grace of God in vain, ... Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**"* We should also take note of the urgency of those who obeyed the Gospel in the Book of Acts. The three thousand individuals *"who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them,"* or the Ethiopian Eunuch immediately asking about baptism after hearing the Gospel, or Paul being told, *"why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord"* are all great examples of the urgency of making the decision today! (Acts 2:41, 8:36, 22:16)

Lastly, Jesus clarified what happens after death in His account of "Lazarus and the Rich Man" in Luke 16:19-31. Between the saved and the condemned, *"there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us"* (16:26). The rich man then pleaded with Abraham to send back messengers to his family to warn them of what happens after death. Abraham responded, *"They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them"* (16:29) **In other words, there are NO "spiritual mulligans" in the afterlife.** So, get right with God today!

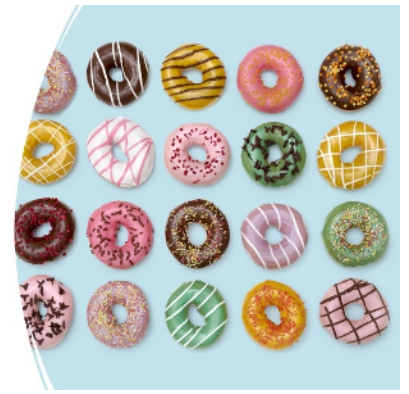


MSYG EVENTS & INFO

**SNAC
AFTERNOON
EDITION**
April 7 | Wilsons

**YG BIRTHDAY
NIGHT**

Wed. April 10th
4:30 pm in the FH



**MSYG
SERVICE DAY**



**MIRACLE
LEAGUE**

A P R I L 1 3

MSYG
Parent Meeting

April 14 | 4:30 pm | Room 303

NEW YG PARENT ORIENTATION @ 3:30

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2023-2024

APRIL 21 – HOSTED BY MARGARET STREET

WORSHIP LEADER: ELLIOT WILSON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TROY SPRADLIN

SMALL GROUPS FOR STUDENTS – 3:30

WORSHIP – 4:30

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – 5:30

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AT INFORMATION STATION



Join us for our
**2024
GRADUATION BANQUET**
Sunday, May 5 | 6 pm Service | Banquet to Follow



Gulf Coast Bible Camp
120 Bible Camp Road
Lucedale, MS 39452

Camp Sessions & Dates:

Baldwin County Week:
May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)

Gulf Coast Week:
June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)

Middle & High School Week:
June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)

Junior Week:
June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)

Hattiesburg Week:
July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at gulfcoastbiblecamp.com

GILEGACY
YEAR THREE · JULY 18-21 2024

Sign up & pay by April 28th

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"For He says: "In an acceptable time, I have heard you, and in the day of salvation, I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2



Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.

Scan this QR Code for the Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Joe Bartell* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanan* - recovery, PT outside
- Sherry Davis* - prayers for peaceful final days
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Patrick Hamilton - (McGriff*)
- Hunton family - loss of Benny (Gateway)
- Gloria Martin* - humerus broken, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - serious health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Sharee Patrick - tests, prayers (Jeanna's sister)
- Brooks Ann Singley - hospital, MRI results
- Edwina Sumrall-broken tailbone, prayers
- Edith Sullins - @ home, recovery (Hatcher*)
- Ted Russell* - stent replaced, recovery
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation(Pace)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family* - loss of Terry
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rose Health Care
- Larry McDaniel*- Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby - heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton-severe health issue(McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W. *)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - lymphedema, bone
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Eli Whitney* - pancreatic
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- LizAnn Webb
- Nick Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin* - Identified 2/4/24

Guest Speaker
CODY BOSTON

*Open the Eyes
of My Heart, Lord*

**GOSPEL MEETING
& Revival**

14-16 APRIL 2024 | MARGARET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9 & 10 AM | SUNDAY 6 PM | MON & TUES 6:30 PM

**KINGDOM LEADERS
MEN'S MINISTRY**

JOIN US!
April 18th @ 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

MORNING

Opening Prayer Matt McReynolds
 Song Director Mason Chandler
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Peter Plays the Pretender"
 Scripture Reading Jake Newcomb
 Galatians 2:11-16
 Closing Prayer Rick Bird

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Brody Crider Luke McReynolds
 Holden Raley Gabriel Lee
 Dalton Lester (Balcony)
 Comments Joe Wilson

EVENING

Opening Prayer Bob Locklin
 Singing Blake Hatcher
 Scripture Dawson Hitchcock
 Revelation 2:8-11
 Comments Joe Wilson

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Jennings Family
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Greeters Jak Gallagher
 Secure Building Dane Harrington

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Brody Crider
 Opening Prayer David English

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 86
 AM Worship 136
 PM Worship
 Wed. Night Bible Class 161
 Contribution \$11,802

Weekly Budget: \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 4/9/24@ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 4/9/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 4/10/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 4/11/24 @ 2:30 PM

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



OWLS BIBLE STUDY
ANGELS AND DEMONS
 Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM
 Starting February 1st

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