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### PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear (Romans 10:17)

Believe (Mark 16:16)

Repent (Acts 17:30)

Confess (Matthew 10:32)

Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)

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## **PREACHER**

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#### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM



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"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ (Galatians 1:10)."

## "THE EXAMPLE OF EZRA" BY: RONNIE WHITTEMORE

Ezra is a well-known Old Testament character. He was a scribe and a priest of the lineage of Eleazar (Ezra 7:12; Neh. 8:1-2). He lived during the Babylonian captivity and became the restorer of worship for the Jews. Ezra chapter seven records the letter of decree issued from Artazerxes (king of the Medo-Persians who possessed world power after the Babylonians) that authorized Ezra and 1,754 other men to return to Jerusalem. In the course of setting things in order, many objectives were set forth. First, silver and gold were carried to Jerusalem to buy animals and other commodities. Second, money was granted from the king's treasury to Ezra. Third, no tax was issued upon the servants of God's house. Fourth, Ezra established judges and magistrates to judge and execute punishment. Fifth, Ezra would do all that God said and do so speedily. So the scene is set with about 50,000 Jews (who had returned earlier) plus the 1,754 with Ezra in Jerusalem. The time was right for the restoration of worship and service to Jehovah.

The key passage of this event is found in Ezra 7:10: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."

Within this text are four distinct expressions showing the ACTION of Ezra, the scribe.

#### HE SET HIS HEART RIGHT

Ezra's first step was to set his heart right as described by the phrase, "prepared his heart." Solomon wrote, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). It is essential that God's people overcome diseases of the heart that would hinder them from fulfilling their responsibilities. Worry, fear, doubt, envy, pride and ingratitude are just a few of the evil dispositions that try to infiltrate the hearts of God's people. The early church was easily identified by a proper heart (Acts 2:37,46; 4:32; 8:37) from which came joy, peace, gladness and unity. Sinners are identified by their wicked hearts from which come lies (Acts 5:32), rebellion (Acts 7:39), and defiance (Acts 7:51). However, concerning Ezra's task, the time had arrived for him and the rest of Judah to serve Jehovah. Ezra knew that in order for this nation to serve God acceptably, he must be the right example. As a priest and scribe, he was in a place of leadership. Therefore, he set his heart right.

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#### BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

Bible Study Classes

Perfect Attendance List for August

Ellie Dixon, Brittany Mayfield, Kristen Rowland Congratulations!

#### **News**

- We are thankful in our hearts for you being with us!
- Check out the church website at www.campaignchurchofchrist.org
- Check out the church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ campaignchurchofchristcampaigntn
- This week's pantry item suggested is an item of your choice.
- Happy Birthday to Brandi Gann, who will celebrate on September 8, if the Lord permits!