

The Plan from God
2 Timothy 1:8-12
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Thesis: I want to show the need for the plan provided by God.

Introduction

I. The reason for the His plan.

- A. Mankind breaks God's laws.
 - 1. **(1 Jn 3:4)** – Mankind sins when he breaks (transgresses) God's laws.
 - 2. Law breaking has always had a price.
 - a. A price must be paid when breaking the commands of God.
- B. A path of reconciliation is required.
 - 1. Sin brings spiritual death, but this can be avoided **(Rom 6:23)**.
 - 2. God requires atonement for sin **(Heb 9:22)**.

II. What is God's plan?

- A. A plan that has requirements.
 - 1. Requirements must be met to be able to take advantage of God's plan **(Heb 11:6)**.
 - 2. Living under the New Testament law we are to obedient to God's law has its found in the New Testament.
 - 3. Thus, man must put on Christ at baptism in order to receive the forgiveness of sin atonement by His blood **(Rom 6:1-4)**.
- B. A plan that includes mercy, atonement & forgiveness.
 - 1. God wants to save mankind, for this reason He made a way for mankind to be reconciled to Him **(Rom 5:8-11)**.
 - 2. What God commands for one, applies to all **(Acts 2:37-38, Gal 3:26-27)**

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Man has never reached heaven without God.
 - 1. The Israelites tried to do things there way many times and failed.
 - i. The phrase "*everyone did what was right in their own eyes*" is found several times in the book of Judges alone.
 - 2. **(Pro 14:12)** – Man cannot go to heaven on his own.
- B. God's plan is a requirement.
 - 1. There is no way to gain benefits from God without obedience to Him.
 - 2. **Jn 12:42-43** – man cannot reject God or His Son and still go to heaven.
 - a. **Lk 10:16**

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. God has shown man the to atonement, resulting in forgiveness that grants the ability for us to have heaven as our home, if we obey.
- 2. **Proverbs 16:6**

3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9