

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

*"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."
 —2 Timothy 2:2*



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Reading: Larry

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Robert, Mike, Peter, Marty

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (2),

Stanley (9), Kris (16), Larry (23), Stanley (30)

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Save Yourself

By Jim Mickells

"And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation,'" Acts 2:40, ESV.

There are a good number of translations of the Bible which point out we are to "save ourselves" (KJV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, NCV, Mace N.T., GW, ISV, TEV, Wesley N.T., TLB, NAB, ETRV, Moffatt, Goodspeed, NIV, etc.). There are several lessons in this verse which are needful for us and the religious world as well. Let me suggest just a few.

Save – Man has something which needs saving. The word "save" is defined as, "Specifically of salvation from eternal death, sin, and the punishment and misery consequent to sin" (The Complete Word Study Dictionary, New Testament). He has a soul in need of salvation, Mt 16:26, a soul marred by sin, Rom 3:10,23. Because of those sins, he has become separated from his Creator, Isa 59:1,2. Far too many are more concerned

about satisfying the desire of the flesh, rather than following the Spirit which can lead to eternal life, Rom 8:12-14. Your soul is the most valuable thing you possess and is worth saving.

Yourself – This tells us that man has a responsibility in obtaining his salvation. If one is ever saved it will be by the grace and mercy of God, Eph 2:4,5. Yet access to His grace is through man's faith, Eph 2:8; Rom 5:1,2. I remember reading an article several years ago which stated, "there is nothing for you to do in obtaining salvation, Jesus did it all for you almost 2,000 years ago." This is one of Satan's most famous lies! Jesus did His part in dying on the cross and shedding His blood for the sins of the world, 1 Tim 2:6; 1 Jn 2:2. So did the Father in sending His Son to die so that all might live, Acts 2:23; 1 Jn 4:10. Likewise, the Spirit made it possible for all to know about this great sacrifice and the plan to redeem from sin,

1 Pet 1:10-12; 2 Pet 1:21. All are not going to be saved, Mt 7:13,14. Why? Did God fail in some way? Was the blood of Christ insufficient? Did the Spirit not give us the proper instructions on how to be forgiven? You know the answer to these questions! Absolutely not! If one is not saved it is his fault. He has failed in submitting to God's plan of redemption.

Crooked Generation – When Luke records what the apostle Peter says by the inspiration of the Spirit on this occasion, there was a generation of people among whom these Jews dwelled, that were very wicked. Were they any different from the people whom the apostle said was a crooked generation? No! They were guilty of putting the Son of God to death, Acts 2:36. They needed forgiveness. If God was willing to forgive those who put His Son to death, will He not be willing to forgive any person of any sin if they will only turn and seek His forgiveness? Yes! We live in a very corrupt world as well. Yet we too can be

forgiven and live as Christ instructs regardless of how others around us live. All can become God's elect, His chosen people, 1 Pet 1:1,2.

Words – Peter tells them words, when obeyed, they could be saved. His sermon was about Jesus Christ, Acts 2:22. He told them they had crucified Jesus, whom God made both Lord and Christ, Acts 2:36. They believed this and asked what they needed to do to be saved, Acts 2:37. The words spoken to them? "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," Acts 2:38. Their response? "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them," Acts 2:41.

Let me exhort you if you have not been saved by the blood of Christ, "Save yourself from this crooked generation," Acts 2:40, ESV.

—via **Meditate on These Things**, October 2018 

What Did Eunice Do?

By Frank Himmel

Marriage is life's most intimate relationship. No one will affect you more than your mate. "An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones," Prov 12:4.

For many reasons, Christians

should marry Christians. Only in that case can you share what is most important in life—your service to Christ—with your closest companion. An unbelieving mate may influence you away from the Lord. If that does not happen, he or she will hold you back in

some way or at least make things more awkward or difficult. Two people dedicated to doing God's will have a common basis for solving problems that come to the relationship. If God blesses the marriage with children, your parental obligation is much easier if both parents are Christians. And when death ends your marriage, how much better to face the loss of a companion knowing that he or she died in the Lord.

We need to emphasize these practical realities to people contemplating marriage. Nevertheless, some choose to marry those who are not Christians. Also, it is not uncommon among those already married for one spouse to become a Christian but the other does not. Such families should consider Eunice and take heart. She shows what can be done in that situation.

Acts 16 tells of Paul coming to Lystra on his second preaching trip. "And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek," v1. Timothy's mother was Eunice, 2 Tim 1:5. His father was evidently not a Christian, and he was sufficiently opposed to

Eunice's beliefs that Timothy had not been circumcised, v3.

What did Eunice do? Two things. First, she lived by her convictions, despite her husband. 2 Tim 1:5 speaks of her sincere faith, which also characterized her mother, Lois. Second, she taught her son. Paul reminded Timothy that "from childhood you have known the sacred writings," 2 Tim 3:15. It was surely more difficult for Eunice to have to do this training without a husband's help, but she did it. Doubtless Lois also contributed. If Eunice did it, so can you. It will require persistent instruction and a consistent example.

Something else about Eunice is noteworthy. It was at Lystra where Paul was stoned and left for dead on his first preaching trip, Acts 14:19. Now, this same apostle wanted her young son to go with him to destinations unknown to assist him in preaching. What would be in store for Timothy? How would he fare? Surely she had concerns. But the text reveals no hesitation on her part or his, and this faithful mother's beloved son proved to be a valuable worker in the Lord's cause. If you will be a Eunice, your son may be a Timothy.

Remember in Prayer

Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** has died without knowing Christ; please pray for **her family**, and the other Justices: **Chief Justice John Roberts**, and **Associate Justices Samuel Alito, Stephen Breyer, Neil Gorsuch, Elana Kagan, Brett Kavanaugh, Sonia Sotomayor, and Clarence Thomas**. Also, pray that wisdom would be given

to those selecting her replacement, Deut 16:18-20; 1 Tim 2:1,2.

Please continue to remember and pray for those that cannot meet with us, including **Lois Adams, Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Bernice Osburn**. 