



## What Is Man's Greatest Achievement?

CNN producers armed with television cameras recently stopped passersby in Berlin, Madrid, Rome, Bangkok, Tokyo, New Delhi, and Paris. To each participant, **CNN posed the question: "What is man's greatest achievement?"**

Since July 20 was the anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11 mission, it was supposed that many would nominate the moon landing as one of man's greatest feats. Answers given, however, were quite diverse. One woman in Germany suggested the computer. "It has opened up my world. I can stay in my house and travel all over the world," she said. The internet was specifically stated by more than one participant to be man's greatest invention.

Another suggested the airplane. "It's the easiest way to get from one country to the other. Imagine if you would be able to only take the ship. It would take you ages to go somewhere, so it makes humanity more flexible." Fire was also proposed. "Everything started there, right?" said one man in Spain. There was agreement in Italy: "I think the most important is that man discovered fire because it's bringing a lot of life." The written word was also nominated in Italy, as were architecture and sanitation.

In New Delhi, video games got one man's vote. "It allows you to be whomever you want, in whichever world you want, and lets you live an alternate fantasy life," he said.

Despite all of the tremendous achievements of mankind since the beginning of time, there is one thing that man could never achieve on his own. Man has been able to navigate the 240,000 miles to the moon, but there is still one expanse that he has not been able to negotiate independently: the distance between GOD and MAN.

Our sin separates us from the holy God (Isaiah 59:1-2). All of mankind's advancements in technology are powerless to traverse the great gulf between God and sinful man. But God loved us so much that He crossed that great divide and "stepped into our world" (see John 1:14). God became Man in the person of Jesus Christ. Then Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins (Ephesians 1:7). Through Jesus, man can be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

We are reconciled to God when we by faith in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31) turn from our 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; Gal 3:26-27). The blood of Christ continues to cleanse us from our sins as we continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

Man has accomplished great things, but the greatest accomplishment is reconciliation with God. God accomplished this for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Now, we must accept His offer on His terms!

**Won't YOU?** \_\_\_\_\_ *—David A. Sargent, Mobile, Alabama*

**SUNDAY AM SPEAKER— Jack Wilhelm**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY PM SPEAKER - Ben Hayes**

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# The Highlighter

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### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

#### SUNDAY:

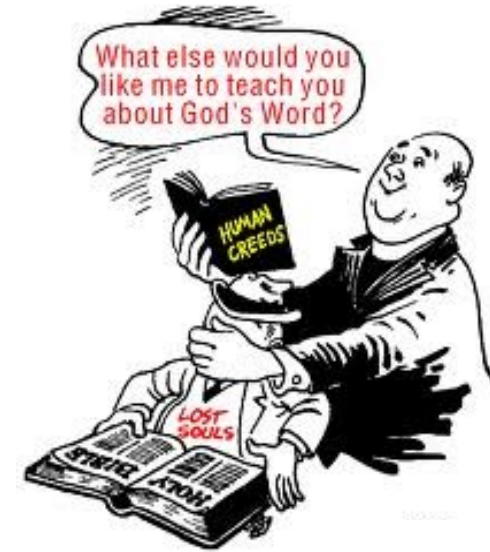
9:00am Bible Class  
10:00am Worship  
5:30pm Prayer Session  
6:00pm Worship

#### WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class  
Wed Devo - Glen Grubbs

### The Record You Help Make

Bible Class ..... 177  
AM Worship ..... 301  
PM Worship ..... 173  
Contribution.....\$9144.85  
Child Care.....\$ 96



## What Is Our Standard Of Authority?

*"...By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" (Matthew 21:23)*

By what authority do you and I practice the things we do in religion? Let us observe the following questions:

### Is the majority the correct standard of authority?

Surely not! Through time the majority has been wrong. Where was the majority in the flood? What about Sodom and Gomorrah? Jesus said many travel the broad way that leads to destruction (Mt. 7:13, 14).

### Are kinsmen the correct standard of authority?

Surely not! If they were, then every religion, even those that deny the divinity of Christ and reject the Bible as the infallible guide in matters of religion, would be all right if such was accepted by kinsmen.

### Are the creeds of men the correct standard of authority?

Surely not! They are contradictory to the inspired and infallible Word of God. They contain the doctrines and commandments of men, concerning which Jesus said, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men" (Mt. 15:9).

### Is "I think" the correct standard of authority?

Surely not! Jeremiah wrote, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (10:23). Also observe: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

### Christ and His testament is the correct standard of authority.

All authority in heaven and in earth has been given unto Christ (Mt. 28:18). His testament is complete, final, and all-sufficient (Jn. 16:13; Jude 3). Religious practices are to be based on His Word. Peter wrote, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). In view of this, can you give book, chapter, and verse for what you practice in religion?

*—Wendell Winkler*

**OUR SICK:** Vertie Eady is home recovering from day surgery on her back. Pat & Heather Quinn are both home recovering from an auto accident. Heather is not able to begin rehab yet. Mike Farris has gone to Ohio for another opinion. Grady Hargett (Dwain's father) is still in ECM not doing well. Sonny Watkins (Jerri's Friend) was released from the hospital. Robert Morris continues to receive out patient care and his foot is slowly showing improvement. Roy Thompson is home recovering from surgery. Bob Green is home. Howard Jeffreys is not doing well. He is suffering severe pain and is going blind. He loves to have his cards read to him if anyone would like to send one.

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A sign-up sheet to take food to Pat & Heather Quinn on the bulletin board. Also there is a sign-up sheet for those willing to sit with them when needed.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Betty Walls. She passed away Thursday. Mike wants to express his deepest appreciation for everything that was done for his parents during their lengthy illnesses. He also wants to express his appreciation to Michael South & Jack Wilhelm for the excellent job they did at the funeral service.

He wants to thank the ladies for all the food provided and to Marie, Marilyn, & Cindy for organizing and serving the family.

## Memorial Gift

Mike Walls has made a generous donation to H.P. in loving memory of his parents, Harold & Betty Walls. The beautiful flowers behind the pulpit were also provided by Mike.

We also extend our sympathy to Ronald Thrasher & Linda Henry in the loss of their sister, Dorothy Sherrill. Her funeral was Friday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Dailey, the mother of Bruce Blankenship and great aunt of Bonita Smelser.

**Dorcas Workers Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00AM. You do not have to sew**



# H.P. Work Day

## Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

### 7:00 A.M.

If you're a late sleeper, come when you can!  
There is work for everyone to do!



## Volunteers Needed to Cut the Grass!

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to join the volunteers. You can sign up to mow just 1 time or for 1 month. See Dewayne for more info.

## Hackleburg Area Wide Worship Service

Tonight at 7:30 PM

Hackleburg High School Football Field

Hosted by Churches of Christ

Hoping for attendance of 2,000! Bring your lawn chairs!

## Children's worship on Sunday nights

For Ages K-5th Grade in Room 402

(except 1st Sunday of each month).

See Amy Morris for info!

# Baptisms!!!

Our H.P. team of missionaries baptized 6 people in Clewiston!

## THOSE TO SERVE

### 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Read Scripture..... Nick Isbell  
Opening Prayer.....Joey Davis  
Closing Prayer..... Russell Smelser

### 6:00 PM SERVICE

Read Scripture..... Gene Lansdell  
Opening Prayer.....Dwain Hargett  
Closing Prayer..... Bobby Hooper, Jr



Building Lockup... Bill Beck

## JULY CONTACT ELDER

### Glen Grubbs

## Prayer Lists:



Austin & Berry Davenport,  
Howard Jeffreys, Mabeth Jones,  
Pauline Jackson, Harvey  
Hasha, Rayburn Moore  
(Melinda Logan's brother-in-law),  
Wylodean Dabbs,  
Vic & Margaret Addington,  
Lois Black, Opal Farris, Guy  
Jeffreys, Jimmy & Olene Hanback, Albert  
Sharp, Kim Hallmark,  
Christine Kirchner, Edmund Cagle  
Reagan McBride

## Please remember our cancer patients:

Robin McCollum, Brenda Pettus,  
Howard Jeffreys  
Adrian West & Peggy McCollum (Robin  
McCollum's mother & sister-in-law),  
Norma Hallmark, Bob Green  
Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's  
brother), David Blazer, Ann Hargett,  
Betty Barnes, Mike Farris  
Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend)  
Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)

## Widows & Singles

Meet tonight after service at  
Quizno's



Pantry item  
Dried beans

## Observations

Greetings from Katmandu, Nepal. I am sitting at the breakfast table with Steve Brooks and Mike Pepper. It is Friday morning as I write this, about 8:00 a.m. local time. We finished our three day seminar with preachers and other Christians yesterday and had a really tremendous session. Over 60 attended each day, of whom about 45 were from outside Katmandu. Some brothers rode by train and bus for more than 24 hours to attend. Others walked from their homes several hours or as much as 2 days to get to the nearest bus stop, then rode 12 hours to Katmandu. They love to study the Bible and have fellowship with other Christians. That kind of attitude makes for a great seminar.

I received word this morning from my daughter in Florida that Brenda has been delayed in Newark, New Jersey. She will not arrive in Dhaka until Sunday, rather than Saturday. That alters our plans for the first part of our work in Bangladesh, but we will still get a lot accomplished. We are grateful that if she had to be delayed it was while she was still in the U.S., not in India or elsewhere on this side of the "pond".

Mike and Steve are both members of the West Hobbs Street Church in Athens. W Hobbs has contributed to our work for at least 4 years now and the elders have encouraged them to come and see the work. Mike Pepper is a veteran of this kind of mission work, having made about a dozen trips to Ghana (West Africa) and several to Guyana (South America). They are great companions and helpers. In our seminar each of them taught one lesson per day and I taught two. We studied "Basic Beliefs" from a book I have recently written to use as a textbook for a course at Khulna Bible College. The material was extremely well received.

We plan to travel fairly widely in Bangladesh, given the tight window of time we have. We will leave Dhaka for North-west Bangladesh and visit there Sunday and Monday, driving back to KBC late Mon night. Tuesday will be spent on campus and in Khulna, then Wednesday we will go about 3 hours east to Jalibari and Rajapur for church visits. Thursday afternoon we drive back to Dhaka to send Mike and Steve home Friday. Then Brenda and I will return to KBC to prepare for the beginning of the fall semester a week later.

Please remember all of us in your prayers this week, and especially Brenda as she completes her journey to join us. We love all of you and continually keep you in our prayers.

M.E.B.

## Thank You Cards

Dear H.P. members,  
Difficult times are always less difficult when Christian friends are supportive and encouraging. Thanks for the cards, visits, phone calls and most of all your prayers as I have battled my health concerns.

Robert Morris

Dear H.P. family,  
There is no way to put into words how much the love you have shown us has touched our hearts. It is amazing how the Lord works in our lives. Thank you all for the love, kindness and generosity you have given us during this difficult time. We love you all.

Bob, Susie & Paul Green