

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

The Only Way

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Last week a 16-year-old boy jumped over a fence at San Jose International Airport and climbed into the wheel well of a Boeing 767, and he sat there for nearly seven hours before the plane took off. The teenager then rode inside the wheel well from San Jose to Maui, a 5-hour trip. Doctors and scientists were amazed that the boy survived. The plane reached an altitude of 38,000 feet, where temperatures may have reached -80 degrees. Between 1996 and 2012, 95 stowaways flew on 84 flights. Seventy-five percent of those stowaways died en route to their destinations.

There was a safe, legal way for that boy to go to Maui.

He could have bought a ticket and ridden inside the plane like the other passengers. But he decided to use his own method, which nearly cost him his life.

It is a shame that so many people today try to find their own way to heaven, even though the Bible gives them clear instructions on how to get there. Here are the most common human methods:

(1) *Morality.* Man often thinks that he can be morally good enough to go to heaven. But he can't. And if he could, there would be no need for Jesus.

(2) *Worship attendance.* Some believe that attending most of the worship ser-

vices of their local church earns them the right to be saved.

(3) *Faith only.* Others believe that simply saying, "I believe in God and Jesus" saves them. But Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Bible says we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). Access to God's grace comes through our obedience to His gospel. We must believe (have faith) (Heb. 11:6), confess (Acts 8:37), repent (Luke 3:21, Acts 2:38), and live faithfully until death (Rev. 2:10).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Thank you to all of you who made our singing a great success! We are blessed with many fine song leaders at Pleasant View.
- Paula Lee was discharged from the hospital, but she will be in isolation at home before receiving more treatment.
- Jearmie Gupton's grandmother, Elizabeth Grisham, passed away last week. Services were Friday.

Vacation Bible School June 8-12 A.M. Sermon: "What Is The Gospel?"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Buchanan

Pray: M. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: Reed, L. Newell, Trent Walker

Pray: J.L. Shelton

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Romans 1:18

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

“You know you’re in love when you can’t fall asleep because you know that reality is finally better than your dreams.”

Dr. Suess

“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.”

Elbert Hubbard

“Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.”

Robert Heinlein

Love Itself

Shanghai, China is the largest city in the world, with a population of over 24 million, so we know that love is not in short supply there. If you get engaged in Shanghai, you can visit the Princess Studio for all of your engagement picture needs. The studio is more or less a cavernous, dilapidated old warehouse with several facades positioned in each corner. One scene is a snowy mountainside. Another is a gothic castle. There is one that gives the impression of a field of glowing sunflowers. The couple decides which scene suits their tastes, and then they are given the proper clothing and makeup that is appropriate for each setting. Guillaume Herbaut, a correspon-

dent for *National Geographic* magazine, made this critique of the Princess Studio: “It is artificial. It’s a complete construct, like a fantasy world. I think it is more like a dream of love than love itself.”

Most photography studios have various settings for the customer to choose, but what makes the Princess Studios so different is the contrast between the pictures and the disgusting warehouse the picture were shot in.

Love is not a façade. It is not something that is skin deep. Love is not a dream. It is not a fantasy. It is not a movie. It is not goose bumps and a dozen roses. Love has to exist even when the roses die and the cake has

been eaten. It has to thrive even when the bank account dries up and the kids don’t call anymore. Paul wasn’t lying when he wrote, “Love never fails” (I Cor. 13:8). There is place for love in every situation in life, and when it is properly executed, it is the hand of God in the lives of men.

Who do you love? Do they know it? What have you done to show them that you love them? As the saying goes, don’t wait till someone dies to send them flowers. Express your love in days of rejoicing and in days of sorrow.

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