

"For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it " (Exodus 20:11).

Our Bible verse tells us why God made the week seven days long. Let me explain. He made the seven-day week just for us. He created everything in six days and rested on the seventh day, right? Well, God could have made the entire universe in one split second because He is all-powerful and mighty. But He was setting a pattern for us to follow.

If we just kept on working every single day, we would get very tired and probably get sick. God was showing us that we can work six days, but then we need to rest for one day. Remember that He didn't need to take long to create everything (and He didn't need to rest). Six days is actually a very long time for God in that respect. The seven-day week is for us!

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Bible Class

Sundays at 7.30pm

Suitable for Ages 8 to 16

Subject:

Investigating Facts in the book of Acts



Don't allow your life to be so busy that you fail to stop and consider the importance and relevance of God's Word for your life. After all, like the signs on a road, it's with a view to our safety and eternal well-being that God has provided warnings in His Word.

"Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

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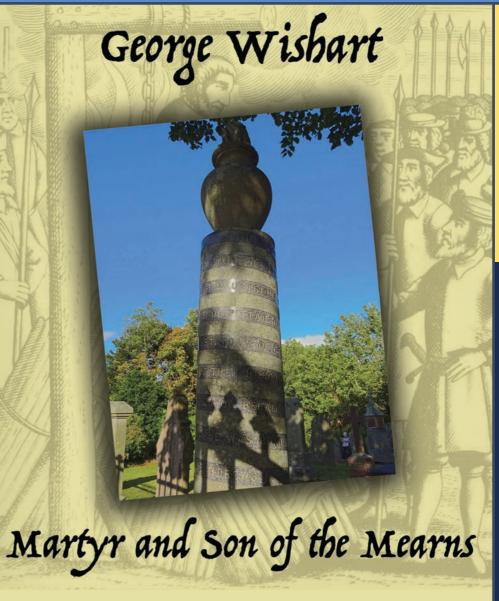
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This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"

1 Timothy 1:15



IN AUCHENBLAE CHURCHYARD there stands a tall monument to the memory of George Wishart, one of the first martyrs of the Scottish Reformation. He was born in 1513 at Pittarow House, about two miles from Fordoun. His father was Sir James Wishart, a lawyer, who rose to be the Lord Justice Clerk. George received his early education in the Mensal Church of Fordoun and then proceeded to King's College, Aberdeen, where he came under the godly influence of its principal, Hector Boyce. As a result, he developed a love for classical studies and liberal theological opinions. He eventually became a school master at

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How to be RIGHT with GOD

ADMIT you are a sinner deserving punishment from God. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God ... The wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23; 6:23)

BELIEVE Jesus died to free you from the penalty of your sin. "For Christ ... hath once suffered, the Just for the unjust, to bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18)

CONFESS your need of Christ and ask His forgiveness. "If we confess our sin He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us" (1 John 1:9)

DETERMINE to make this not merely the decision of a moment but the direction of a life-time. "Jesus said: No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62)

Montrose Grammar school where he taught the boys the Greek language in which the New Testament was first written. They soon grasped the truth of Christianity as he expounded the scriptures.

The apostolic teaching of the Testament had been, for centuries withheld from the people, being replaced by the superstition and false doctrine of the established church. This soon reached the ears of the notorious and cruel Abbot of Arbroath, David Beaton, who later became a Cardinal and chief inquisitor of the early reformers, resulting in their cruel and barbaric Beaton sought to apprehend Wishart but he escaped to Bristol and then on to the continent where he came under the influence of the early reformers, John Calvin and William Farel. Greatly enlightened by the Word of God and established in the truth, he returned eventually to Scotland, where he preached the pure gospel, denouncing the moral and doctrinal corruption of the

When Dundee was hit by a deadly plague in 1545, Wishart visited amongst the sick and dying regardless of his own safety, and ministered to their spiritual and physical needs.

He was apprehended in Perth and eventually brought before Cardinal Beaton. After a mock trial, he was condemned as a heretic and later burned at the stake in St. Andrews on 11th March 1546, aged 33. What was his crime? Simply this, he preached that salvation from sin was through faith in Christ alone and not through the church. He refused to renounce his faith choosing death rather than deny his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dear reader, do you have a faith to live by and one worth dying for...or are you just a Christian by name, with no real personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, His Son? Perhaps you don't profess to believe anything as many do today. Salvation from sin is a universal need and only faith in Jesus Christ can procure it. Wishart knew where he was going after death - do you?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" Acts 16 v31

Measuring TIME

What sort of world would we have if we could not measure time? There could be no races in Olympic Games. The bell would never ring to end a lesson in school, and we couldn't have birthdays because we wouldn't know what age we were!

But what exactly is time? Well, we know the units in which time is measured, but it is very difficult quantity to define. When I was at school my teacher told me, "Time is that which is measured by clocks!" It's hard to argue with that!

We often use expressions like save time, loose time, waste time, borrow time, kill time, buy time... the list is endless, but we cannot stop time. Our lives tick past at an alarming sixty seconds to the minute.

Scientists used to believe that time always existed, but nowadays most believe that there was a moment when time began. Certainly the Bible supports that idea as it opens with the words, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis



1:1. But the Bible also tells us that there will be a moment when time will end! The same is true of our own lives, isn't it? There was a moment when for us, time began; there will come a moment for us when time will end! The problem is, we do not know when that will be.

We live on a little island called Time, which stretches from the cradle to the grave, and on either side lies the measureless ocean of Eternity.

We have been given Time in order to prepare for Eternity.

And the only preparation we can make for Eternity is to put our trust in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as our personal Saviour. Here is a promise God has made, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life" John 3:36.

But remember, the past has gone; the future might never be; the only time we have in which to accept Christ as our Saviour is NOW!

Wilson Said "NO" to Pardon

He died because he refused a pardon offered him by President Andrew Jackson.

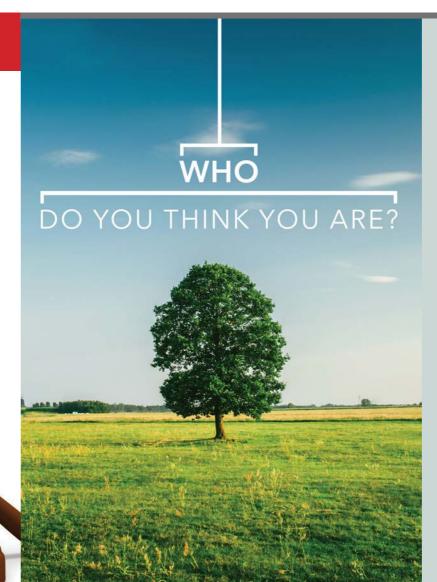
A Philadelphia court had convicted Wilson of robbing a US mail carrier and of putting the life of the carrier in jeopardy. Shortly before his scheduled execution President Jackson granted him a full pardon. When he refused the pardon and requested to be hanged, no one knew what to do.

The warden contacted the president. The president called upon the Supreme Court for a decision. Chief Justice John Marshall declared that a pardon is not a pardon unless it is accepted. George Wilson died on the gallows.

When you and I were rebellious and disgraceful, God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). In infinite love, God

provided a pardon. But you must except that pardon. You need Christ to be your Saviour. Let Him save you now.

"A pardon is not a pardon unless it is accepted"



What shocking discoveries some of the participants in the T.V. programme "Who Do You Think You Are?" have made when they delved into their ancestral past; what "skeletons in the cupboard" were discovered!

The Bible can take you back along the ancestral road further than any genealogist - right back to your most remote ancestor, and he was not a frog or a monkey! His name was Adam, the first man, made in the image and likeness of God; a perfect specimen, as was his wife, Eve. We all come from the same parents - we are all of one blood, as the Bible says, God "has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth" Acts 17 v26; and again "For we are also His offspring" Acts 17 v28. So, that knocks racism on the head!

What or who then is the "skeleton in the cupboard?" Simply, Adam is, for he wilfully rebelled against His Maker - he disobeyed and therefore "sin entered into the world and death by sin." Romans 5v12 Adam's transgression had consequences for us all; for we inherit the same sinful nature which he had. "Who do you think you are?" God says, "a sinner!" "For there is no difference for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Romans 3 v23. The first man, Adam, head of the human race, brought in sin and death, but there is a second Man - a Man of another order - a sinless, perfect Man - the virgin born Son of God, Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection. He has become the Head of a new race, those who are born of God, believers on the Lord Jesus Christ. The word of God says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5 v17.

It does not really matter who you are or what you have done, God, in love, is reaching out to you, ready to forgive and welcome you into His family.

Receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord and you will be forgiven, born of God, a new creation in Christ.