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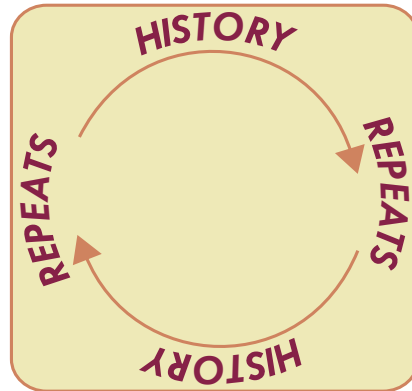


## History Repeats Itself

How often have you heard the statement, “History repeats itself”? What does this mean? Are we to understand that there is some kind of fatalistic, mechanical power operating in the universe that is cyclical in nature? Do we mean that history repeats itself in some kind of discernible cycle? If so, it would appear that economists would have studied history enough to know exactly what cycles are in place at a given time so that they know exactly what is going to happen next and, therefore, know when to buy and sell. If that is possible, my broker hasn’t learned it yet. Perhaps another approach to what the phrase means would be more useful.

Someone has described a fool as someone who does the same thing repeatedly and expects a different result each time. That would be like someone heating water to 212 degrees with the goal of making ice. He tried it 100 times and got boiling water every time. So, he tries it for the 101<sup>st</sup> time with the expectation that he is going to get ice. That is the mark of a foolish person. Scientific investigation changes conditions with the hope of changing the result. The foolish person changes nothing but expects a different result.

What is so obvious from the above example may not be so obvious to us when we hear “history repeats itself.” The idea seems to mean that whenever people do the same thing, they will get the same result. Isn’t that what the book of Judges affirms about the cyclical



nature of Israel’s history between the conquest and the establishment of the monarchy? The author writes,

Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so. And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way (Judg. 2:16-19).

Notice the historical cycles: (1) spiritual apostasy; (2) oppression; (3) repentance; (4) deliverance.

There is a direct correlation between spiritual apostasy and oppression, repentance and deliverance. History repeated itself in that whenever men departed from God their nation fell apart.

Similar statements appear in other books of Scriptures.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people (Prov. 14:34).

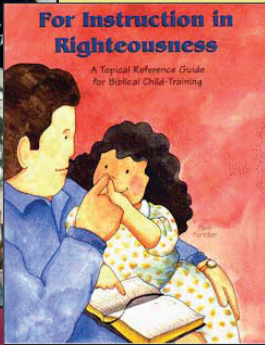
By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked (Prov. 11:11).

What we are witnessing in American society reflects the consequences of a decision to cast God out of our knowledge. During the 1960s, a portion of our society reached the conclusion that America should not be governed by the Christian ethic. It openly rejected Christian morality and sought to establish its own “rules” in the place of the principles of Christianity. The society called for the freedom to cohabit outside the bonds of matrimony, acceptance of homosexuality, no-fault divorce and remarriage, the right to abort unwanted children, the freedom to say anything regardless of how offensive it might be to others, and many other such like sinful activities. The result that has been produced is violence in our cities, broken homes and scarred children, the erosion of moral fibre in the citizenry, lack of respect of human life, etc.

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# Non-institutional Liberal Churches

Greg Litmer

***In city after city, town after town, there are congregations that are conservative as far as the institutional question is concerned, but characterized by a liberal mindset in practically every other way.***

I was not a member of the Body of Christ back in the days when the institutional issue caused such heart-rending division within the Lord's church. But not being there hasn't prevented me from immersing myself in a study of the matter to determine, first of all, what was right and what was wrong; and secondly, to seek to understand what led to the division. I believe that without question the brethren who emerged as non-institutional were correct in the choice that they made. The church is all sufficient to do the work that God has given it. Human institutions only serve to deny the all sufficiency of God's church and the perfection of his pattern. Concerning what led to the division, it is apparent that it came about as the result of the development of two different attitudes toward the Scriptures among the brethren. One, the "conservative" attitude, said that we must have Bible authority, either specific or generic, for everything that we do. The other, the "liberal" attitude, sought a certain amount of freedom from the need for Bible authority in everything we do, arguing "we do many things for which we have no Bible authority." I believe that the only sound attitude to have regarding authority is the "conservative" attitude, demanding book, chapter, and verse for the things we believe and practice. This is in harmony with the requirement that we "make all things according to the pattern" (Heb. 8:5) and with the biblical assertion that

we have been given "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3).

Over the years many have identified churches as being "liberal" or "conservative" on the basis of whether or not they were institutional in their practice. While institutionalism is still wrong and still an issue, calling a church conservative because it does not support human institutions to do the work of the church is like calling a dog a cow because they both have four legs. There is a whole lot more to it than that. In city after city, town after town, there are congregations that are conservative as far as the institutional question is concerned, but characterized by a liberal mindset in practically every other way.

There are congregations that will not exercise the final step in discipline, withdrawal, for any reason and under any circumstances. They will not support human institutions out of the treasury, but they will not follow the New Testament teaching concerning discipline either. In 2 Thessalonians 3:6, Paul wrote, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." This is as much a "command" as is the command to be baptized for the remission of sins, yet congregations refuse to do it. You will get a great big hug when you walk in the door, and love will be freely and continually talked about, but when you stray and your salvation is at stake, such congregations will not take the final step, out of love, that God requires. In what way can such a congregation be truly called "conservative," or even faithful for that matter?

There are congregations that will not have elders because the members do not wish to be under the authority of anyone, even though the New Testament pattern is a plurality of elders (men who meet the qualifications of 1 Tim. 3 and Tit. 1) overseeing each local church. I have personally been aware of people leaving a faithful congregation overseen by good and upright elders, because they chaffed under that authority and were able to convince enough people to join them in their rejection of God's divinely given pattern for the organization of his church. Off they go to start a "new

work.” The existence of that new non-institutional church will be announced and people will rejoice at the growth of the body. Yet all it will be is a non-institutional *liberal* church. They will not give money to human institutions, but how can such a congregation be called “conservative”?

There are congregations now, non-institutional, who are seeking to give a more deeply spiritual flavor to their worship. Frustrated by what they perceive as “Church of Christ traditions” they seek to bring in innovations meant to make the worship more meaningful. Consequently the acts of worship are called into question. Some deny that giving is an act of worship and say that the weekly contribution given into a common treasury is one such “Church of Christ tradition,” in spite of what even the most recent scholarship has to say about 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. “Need-driven” contribution is the byword now, characterized by a failure to recognize that God has given his church a continual threefold work in which to engage and that the need is therefore continual and constant. By the way, I

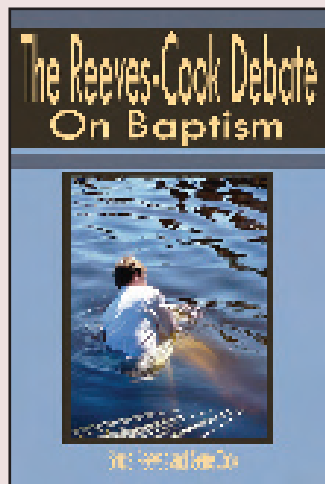
capitalize Church of Christ only to emphasize the entirely denominational concept those who would make such statements have about the Lord’s church.

In some of these churches the Lord’s supper is preceded by “testifying” by both men and women concerning what the Lord has meant to them and done for them over the past week. All of the preaching must be positive, no reproving or rebuking allowed. There is a casual, come-as-you-are attitude displayed. Will they give money to support a human institution? No, but please explain how such churches can be labeled “conservative.”

In reality there are many churches that can be called non-institutional, but in many other ways have strayed from the “doctrine of Christ” and have little resemblance to the church we find in the New Testament. The truth is there are many non-institutional, liberal churches, some of which are characterized by *all* the things mentioned in this article. As a noted brother from years gone by used to say, “Brethren, we are drifting.”

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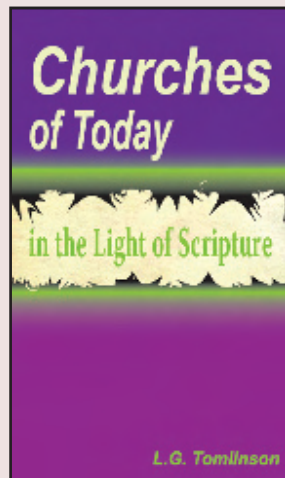
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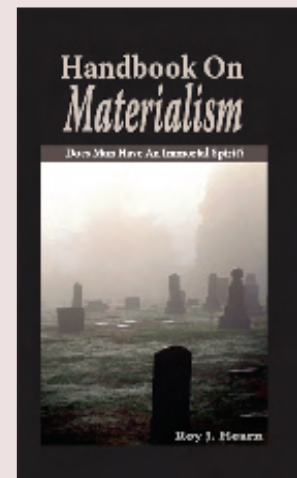
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## Train Up a Child

Brian Price

If we were to quickly recite the most familiar passages of Scripture that deal with parenting, I suppose that all of us would probably include Proverb 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it." That thought is a proverbial truism that every parent needs to take to heart. When children go astray, it certainly brings sobering moments to a parent. They wonder where they went wrong and what they could have done differently. Are they somehow to blame for the sinful conduct in their child's life?

Though these thoughts and questions may need some resolve, I want us to notice for a moment that we miss the thrust of the passage if it is solely used to look back and question one's parental success. *The passage is forward-looking.* It is not a passage intended to solely heap guilt on flawed parents, but a reminder to parents that they will have a vital impact on the direction of their child's future.

Many folks ask me whether I think one or both of my boys will become a preacher. My general

response is usually a casual, "I don't know." Would I like for it to happen some day? Sure! However, I am not raising two would-be preachers and one future elder's wife. *I am training up children.* My focus is to instill in them their own understanding and convictions in Jesus Christ. The Hebrew writer said, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). My goal as a parent is to see that my children build and develop their own foundation for life, based in faith. I have said on many occasions that the saddest part of raising children is the fact that my job is to raise them in such a way that they no longer need me. It is seen in the foundational marriage principle—"leave father and mother and cleave unto his wife . . . and the two shall become one" (Gen. 2:24). When my children leave my home someday, they need to have their own faith in God. If they do, then they will find a function in the body. Whether as elders, preachers, Bible class teachers, song leaders, servants, etc., they will take "their" faith and use it in the kingdom of Christ.

Would it be easier to simply tell my children what they are going to do spiritually? Sure it would. In fact that will work for a while. When they are depending on you for food and shelter, it is easy to force them to do what you want them to do. But what happens when they don't have to listen to you any more?

God obligates them to respect and honor you for life, but they will not always be obligated to listen to you. If all they have ever known is what you have forced them to do, whose faith do they have? I'm not saying that, if your eight-year-old doesn't want to attend services, you should leave him at home so as not to force him to do something. My point is, along the way, we must make a concentrated effort to instill in them the *why* of what we do. Guide them as they build a faith that, "even when they are old, they will not depart from."

Yes, I'm looking forward to hearing my sons lead their first song or give their first lesson. With teary eyes, I'll watch my daughter walk into a Bible class room as a teacher and not a student. But do you want to know what I look forward to the most? It's the day that I see them make a moral choice that I didn't force them to make. It's the day that I see them serve their Lord because they love him. It's the day that I watch them "live by faith and not by sight" because they have their own "substance of things hoped for." It's the day that they are faithful children of God, not because of me, but because of the God they have chosen to serve.

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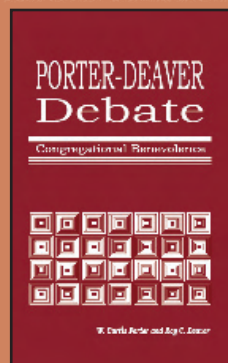
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Steven Deaton

# In The News



## *Copped-out Coptics an Inoffensive Christ*

“CAIRO, Egypt – The head of Egypt’s Coptic Orthodox Church on Saturday became the first top Christian leader to join the Muslim world in denouncing comments made by Pope Benedict XVI about Islam and jihad.

“Coptic Pope Shenouda III said in published remarks that he didn’t hear Benedict’s exact words but that ‘any remarks which offend Islam and Muslims are against the teachings of Christ’” (Christian Leader Joins Muslims in Denouncing Pope’s Remarks, FoxNews.com).

There is an entire story that could be written about the pope’s remarks and Muslim reaction. Muslims are radical and easily excitable—to violence and calls for death—with little criticism from the main stream press or world leaders. If anyone who claimed to be a Christian acted in a similar manner, he would be denounced, investigated, and punished if possible. There would be a call for religious tolerance. However, this article is more about the cop-out of the Coptics.

The Coptics claim to be Christians, like many others, but are not. Their leader in Egypt says that Christ’s teachings do not offend Islam or Muslims. Perhaps he said this because he is in a country filled with committed Muslims. Or he made this remarks because he truly believes Jesus does not teach that which is offensive to Islam. He did not say this by conviction of the truth.

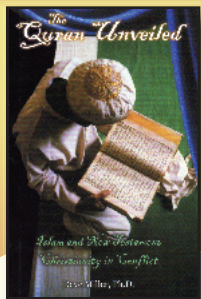
The fact is, much of what Jesus taught is offensive to Islam. Among that which offends Muslims is that Jesus is the Messiah and they will lose their souls for not believing it (John 8:24). They also do not like to hear that Mohammed is a false prophet (1 John 4:1-6). Many other things could be noted, but our focus is on the idea of an inoffensive Jesus.

If you truly believe in Christ, you will offend someone. Jesus said, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you” (John 15:18). He offended the religious leaders of his day (Matt. 15:7-14). Teaching about him angered idolaters (Acts 19:23-41). If we follow Jesus and his apostles, men will be angry with us. By nature, Christians are offensive to the world.

Denominations have long sought to approve one another. They desire to bury their differences over doctrinal matters (baptism, worship, organization, etc.). Their spirit is one of compromise. We cannot help but think it will extend to Muslims—Hindus and Buddhists too.

Those of Christ will not compromise, or apologize for offending Muslims or anyone else. Truth is truth and needs no apology. We may stir up anger and even be persecuted. However, we will not back away from what is right.

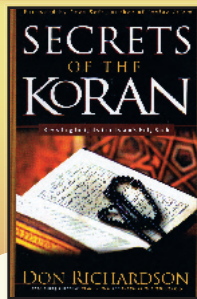
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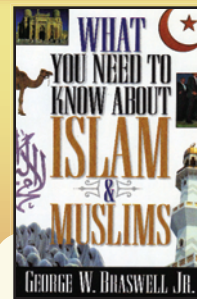
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# How Could David Do Such a Thing?

*It doesn't matter who we are—David of old, an elder in the church, a gospel preacher, a deacon, a strong Christian, a weak Christian, an older saint, or a younger saint—we are all susceptible to sin, even the sin of adultery.*

Occasionally we will hear about the tragic and devastating news of another gospel preacher who has committed the sin of adultery. And for those individuals who knew him best, they are immediately overwhelmed with feelings of utter shock and disbelief. How could one so solid in the faith do such a thing? How could one who seemingly loved his wife and children so much demonstrate such reckless selfishness? How could a man so capable and knowledgeable act in such utter disregard toward the doctrine of Christ? Did he not believe the very things he so ably preached? Did he not consider the rippling effect this would have on so many that he had influence upon in his work as an evangelist? These and other questions flood the mind.

I seriously doubt the answers to these questions would be the same in each case of adultery involving a gospel preacher. There are those who have since departed from the faith who freely admitted they did not truly believe what they were teaching. They were living a lie in more ways than one. Others, however, who have been caught up in the same sin steadfastly believed in the things they taught. Although they were playing the fool and being a hypocrite, they like other saints allowed themselves to yield to their great weakness in the flesh (Heb. 12:1).

Brethren have a tendency to place preachers on a pedestal. Preachers sometimes allow this and even encourage this adoration. Evangelists, because of the work they do, will draw more attention and focus. No doubt a preacher and his family will have the spotlight shining on their lives, whether they like it or not. In fact, God does hold up teachers of his word to a greater degree of accountability (Jas. 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:16). But sometimes I'm afraid that, as Christians, we make the mistake of looking up to gospel

preachers as super-Christians. And so when a preacher falls into sin, that fall reverberates much stronger and louder. When Cornelius bowed down to the apostle Peter to worship him, the preacher lifted him up and said, "Stand up; I myself am also a man" (Acts 10:25-26). And that's what preachers are—mere men. They are human beings with the same frailties, weaknesses, and temptations as others (1 Cor. 10:13). I do not say this to excuse a preacher from his sin. I say this simply as a reminder to all of us.

When David committed adultery with Bathsheba and even went so far as to bring about the death of her righteous husband Uriah, do you think any of David's close friends and family members ever asked the question: How could **David** do such a thing? It's hard to imagine them not asking that question. After all, this was a righteous man, possessing a godly character. He was the tender psalmist who expressed his great love for God's law (Ps. 19:7-14). In that very psalm he requested that the Lord would keep him "from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression" (v. 13). And yet how the mighty have fallen (2 Sam. 11-12)! The lone man in Scripture described as one after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) and yet he blatantly "despised the commandment of the Lord" (2 Sam. 12:9) in his disgraceful act of adultery.

I have no idea how David could do such a thing, except to say that even godly men at times succumb to very ungodly actions. Instead of fleeing from the sin of adultery like Joseph (Gen. 39:7-13), the righteous king strayed. He looked, and his looks soon turned to lust (Jas. 1:12-16; 1 John 2:15-16). And then he yielded quite willingly to what he



assuredly knew was unrighteousness. David messed up big time, and paid for it very dearly (2 Sam. 12:10-15). Great are the consequences of the sin of adultery.

**1. The soul.** The adulterer may very well destroy his marriage and consequently have to remain celibate (Matt. 19:9). He may lose his means of income and his credibility. As great as the heartache he has brought to his own life and the lives of others, there is no compensation for the loss of his soul (Matt. 16:26). Many a former, faithful preacher has sadly forfeited his soul for moments of passing pleasure (Heb. 11:25). Thankfully, after being confronted with his sins of adultery and murder, David in godly sorrow repented (2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51). God in his great mercy forgave the king and removed the stain of sin. However, the consequences of fulfilling the lusts of the flesh plagued David the remainder of his life.

**2. The family.** The innocent spouse is left reeling in anger, embarrassment, and indescribable mental pain and anguish. Even if the marriage is salvaged, it will take great effort and time for the adulterer to gain any trust again. The children, whether at home or grown, will also experience a similar nightmare.

**3. The local church.** What a stain and blemish is placed upon the local church after it is revealed that the preacher has committed adultery. Its effectiveness in the community is greatly hindered. The local work itself will surely take a while to rebound from such a moral setback. And only time will tell if others in the congregation will have their faith damaged or even shipwrecked.

**4. The influence.** More than likely this gospel preacher has had a positive impact on the lives of many

outside of that local congregation. It very well may be that the “righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered” (Ezek. 3:20). Because of yielding to his weakness in the flesh, he will never again have the important influence for good that he once possessed. How sad!

**5. The enemies.** The enemies of the cross score a victory whenever a gospel preacher who was sound in the faith commits adultery (Phil. 2:18). Even though that man may have preached the whole counsel of God in truth, the adversaries will quickly discredit any good that he accomplished by simply pointing to his immorality. They will gladly point out his hypocrisy. “You who say, Do not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?” (Rom. 2:22). The cause of Christ will indeed encounter a major setback. As Nathan said to the adulterer David, “. . . by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme” (2 Sam. 12:14).

Shortly after I made the decision to devote my life to preaching the gospel, I received a letter in the mail from my grandmother. The first advice she gave me as a preacher had to do with avoiding

the sin of adultery. She mentioned with great sadness how it had been revealed that a gospel preacher she knew had been caught in the act of adultery. Her advice and plea was simple, but very wise. “Jesse, never allow yourself to be alone with another woman. Make sure your wife is present if at all possible. If it is not possible, then be sure to have someone else in the room with you.” That is sound advice. That is good advice. May I, along with all evangelists, ever heed it.

What is the main point of what we are saying? Simply this. It doesn’t matter who we are—David of old, an elder in the church, a gospel preacher, a deacon, a strong Christian, a weak Christian, an older saint, or a younger saint—we are all susceptible to sin, even the sin of adultery. May God help us to read 1 Corinthians 10:12 over, and over, and over again and then apply it to every aspect of our lives. “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” Oh how true it is that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matt. 26:41). I leave you with this, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in *all* your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Pet. 1:15-16).

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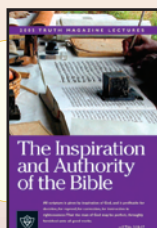
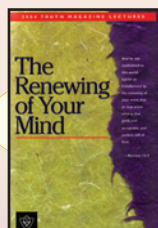
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# A Danger Facing Our Young People

Lewis Willis

This article is written with the safety of our young people in mind. I hope they will consider the warning being issued as an attempt to help them deal with a danger confronting them. Furthermore, if you are a parent or grandparent of teen/preteen young people, it is hoped that this alert will prompt a responsible response from you.

On Monday (8/7/06), news agencies across America issued the results of a recent study of the influence of modern music on the sexuality of teens. The *Akron Beacon Journal* printed an article by Lindsey Tanner of the Associated Press, reporting the findings of a recent poll of teens on the influence modern music was having on them.

Tanner wrote: "Teens whose iPods are full of music with raunchy, sexual lyrics start having sex sooner than those who prefer other songs." Additionally, Tanner noted that "much of popular music aimed at teens contains sexual overtones." The study discovered that "Among heavy listeners, 51 percent started having sex within two years, versus 29 percent of those who said they listened to little or no sexually degrading music." These findings should sound an appropriate warning to both parents and teens!

(Just a thought regarding such reports. Like most of you, I also was raised in an atmosphere where

such matters were not discussed openly. I still tend to recoil at such open discussion. However, the Bible openly speaks of fornication and sex [Lev. 19:29; 1 Cor. 6:9], and it is still proper to "speak where the Bible speaks." We all know that very few young people are unaware of such issues, so I discuss them here with reluctance, while believing there is a need to openly teach truth on this subject.)

## New Technology

Most all of us have experienced the arrival of new technologies into our lives. Not many years ago, the new technology was television, then came computers, cell phones, e-mail, and text messaging. Today it is iPods which enable our young people to download hundreds of their favorite songs. They listen to those songs throughout the day, with the sexual lyrics being impressed upon their thinking over and over again. Research says this is having an unfavorable impact upon their conduct. For years we have warned of the dangers of dirty TV and movies. Now, we must sound the warning about the modern music on iPods. We are acting foolishly to conclude our children cannot be adversely affected by exposure to this filth!

## God's Instruction

God had the apostle Paul give us the following instruction, and significantly, if we will heed it, we

can guard ourselves and our young people from the danger noted in this article. Paul wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Phil. 4:8).

When you purchase an iPod for your children, are you controlling what they download on it? Is the content of the songs they download pure, lovely, and honest, or are they base, sinful, and corrupt? Parents, you do not need me to remind you that your children thinking about evil will only produce evil in their lives. Solomon wrote, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Prov. 23:7).

No one can fill his heart with evil and come forth with a pure heart. Even if the evil produces no action, it does produce evil thought, and that is also sinful. Jesus said, "*For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies*" (Matt. 15:19). Do you not agree, young people, that Jesus knew what he was talking about?

Let's consider more of the wisdom recorded by Solomon. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"

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# 2007 Preacher Training

## Johnie Edwards

Preacher training began with the Ellettsville, Indiana Church of Christ in 1879 with brother W. H. Krutsinger conducting a preacher training school for over 25 years. The little house in which this work took place still stands just a few blocks from the meeting house where the Ellettsville Church of Christ meets. Brother Krutsinger published a religious paper called, *The Ancient Landmark*, of which we have the first copy published in September 1879!

The subscription cost was \$1.00 a year. Some outstanding preachers attended, such as Fred L. Rowe, publisher of *The Christian Leader*; A. G. Freed, later of Freed-Hardeman College and W. M. Davis, long-time front page editor of *The Firm Foundation*, to name a few.

Preacher training continues to be a large part of the work of the Ellettsville Church of Christ. I began working with young men when I began work with the local church in 1960, in encouraging them to preach. Later Johnie Paul Edwards and I began a September

through April preacher training program with about a dozen attending. Then we started a two week preacher training the last two weeks in July with a few men. Later John Isaac Edwards joined us in this work.

The training has grown about every year. 2006 saw twenty-nine men from ten states in the training. The training is conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with emphasis on what does the Bible say. The only cost for the men is getting here, as our members, on an indi-

vidual basis, house and feed the men. Ages have varied from 12 to 75 from about every state. Below is a picture of the men who attended in 2006.

We still have room for men who would like to attend the July 23-August 3, 2007 training as this marks our seventeenth year. Look over the information on the next page and if you wish to attend, clip and send your information to us and we would like to invite you to attend. Some have told us that “this is the best two weeks of their life!”



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(Prov. 4:23). I know that young people, as they get older, do not want their parents, or anyone else, telling them what they can or cannot do. That attitude is totally understandable. They think they are now old and wise enough to make their own choices and decisions. As a matter of fact, as they get older *they will be old enough to make their own choices!* And, God says for them to “*keep your hearts with diligence!*” Young people, such is your job, your responsibility! You must do this yourself. No one can—

no one wants to—follow you around every hour of every day to make certain you do not fill your mind with filth! You are going to have to do that for yourself, if you wish to keep your heart from evil, if you wish to have a mind that can think on wholesome things.

These are days of danger in our country. Most people have moved far away from the standards of conduct which God authored. Men have filled our culture with so much evil that one can hardly find a safe haven to escape it. Even our homes are flooded with sex, violence, and corrupt speech. One can hardly go

to a movie; even cartoon-type fare has its moments of foul language and sexual “overtones.” Somewhere, someone must rise up and take a stand for what is right, if we want to be saved. At the beginning, that role belongs to parents. But, in time, the role is passed on to our young people. Guys and gals, we who are older fear for your safety in our corrupt world. The time has come when many of you are now old enough, and you must choose your course. Our prayer is that you will choose wisely and scripturally!

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## Taking Time to Grow

Like most other important things, spiritual growth takes time. It doesn't happen while we sleep, nor does it occur in the background while we're engaged in other pursuits. To grow spiritually, there are some definite activities that must be engaged in (such as Bible study and prayer), and these activities take time. If we're not willing to set aside the time that these things require, we need not think that spiritual growth is going to happen.

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**Growth is essential.** While we certainly do have the option whether to be a faithful Christian or not, if we've chosen to be a faithful Christian, we don't have the option whether to grow or not. Either we grow—and keep growing throughout our

lives—or we die. There is no safe plateau we can reach where further growth is unnecessary.

Peter urged us to “give all diligence” to add the so-called Christian graces to our faith: virtue, knowledge, self-control, etc. But these traits of spiritual maturity are not options; they are necessary if we are to keep from stumbling and enter the heavenly kingdom. “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these

things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 1:10, 11).

**Growth is intentional.** Many of us seem to think that growth in Christ is something that happens willy nilly, whether we've decided to do that or not. But unlike the process of physical growth, which can occur with little or no conscious thought on our part, spiritual growth is always the result of deliberate decision. There is no such thing as unintentional progress in the life of a disciple.

In Paul's advice to Timothy, it would be hard to miss his emphasis on deliberate decision: “Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you” (1 Tim. 4:15,16).

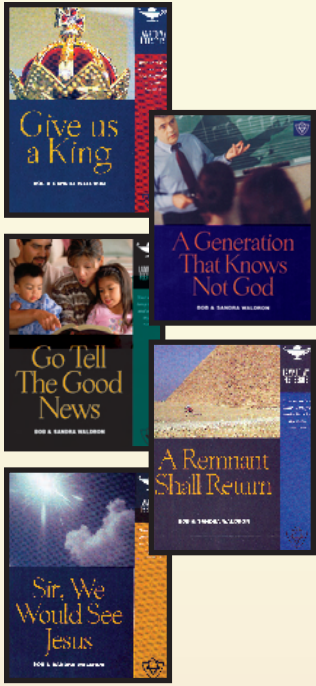
**Growth is costly.** There are only twenty-four hours in the day. Whatever time it takes to do the things that result in spiritual growth, that will be that much less time available to do other things. As one of our “valuables,” spiritual growth is like any other thing of value: its cost is in proportion to its value. In the long run, we will have about as much spiritual growth as we're willing to pay for—by the sacrifice of other time-consuming things. As someone has said, we can have anything in life that we want, but

we can't have everything. Some choices have to be made, and the choice to grow spiritually is a choice not to do some other things.

For example, most people who have taken spiritual growth seriously have found that they have to sacrifice a certain amount of sleep in order to engage in prayer. Concerning Jesus, we are told: “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed” (Mark 1:35). For us, there may very likely be the same kind of decision that Jesus had to make: Do I get up and pray before the day's activities begin or do I lie in bed a little longer? Spiritual growth is costly, and the alarm clock often presents us with the day's first price tag.

Sydney J. Harris said, “Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better.” Living in a culture where people have been led to believe they can “have it all,” we suppose that there must be a way to grow to spiritual maturity without doing anything other than what we've already been doing. But that is folly. If we keep spending our time as we always have, we won't grow any more than we have in the past. If things remain the same, they won't get better. So let's actually change. Let's sacrifice some of our activities and devote that time to growing in Christ.

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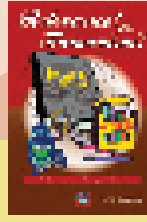
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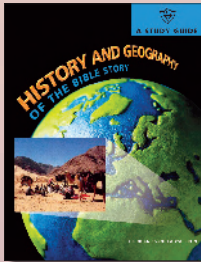


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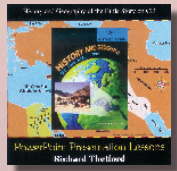


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# Is Mark 16:15-16 Genuine Scripture?



**How can the average person know whether this passage is genuine or fraudulent, original or fabricated, true or false?**

Ron Halbrook

According to Mark 16:15-16, the risen Savior Jesus Christ gave his Apostles the Great Commission including these words: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

This passage is simple in meaning and powerful in giving hope to sinners who seek salvation. All men in every nation must know that the Son of God and Savior of the world has come. He died as the perfect sacrifice for our sins, and arose from the grave to conquer death for us. Any person who believes this good news and submits to Christ by being immersed in water receives the gift of the forgiveness of his sins by the grace of God.

## **But Is It Genuine?**

We are sometimes asked if Mark 16:15-16 is genuine Scripture. There are two prominent reasons. First, footnotes found in some Bibles create doubt. Second, questions arise because of exaggerated claims by false teachers who seek to escape the force of verse 16 requiring baptism as a condition to receive salvation from past sins. How can the average person know whether this passage is genuine or fraudulent, original or fabricated, true or false?

Here are samples of footnotes found in some Bibles which create doubt about the authenticity of Mark 16:15-16. The *New American Standard Bible, Reference Edition* (1971) says in a marginal note, “Some of the oldest mss. omit from verse 9 through 20.” “Mss.” means manuscripts, referring to ancient copies of the New Testament in Greek. The *New International Version, Study Bible, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition* (1995) says in an end note,

Serious doubt exists as to whether these verses belong to the Gospel of Mark. They are absent from important early manuscripts and display certain peculiarities of vocabulary, style and theological content that are unlike the rest of Mark. His Gospel probably ended at 16:8, or its original ending has been lost.

*The Living Scriptures Paraphrased, Messianic Edition of The Living Bible* (1982) says in a footnote, “Vss 9-20 are not found in the most ancient manuscripts, but may be considered an appendix giving additional facts.”

What are we to believe?

## **Ancient Greek Manuscripts and Versions**

The New Testament was originally written in the Greek language. The original manuscripts were hand copied and distributed. As they spread to new peoples, they were also translated into other languages and these translations are called *versions*. As the original copies of the first Greek manuscripts and the first versions were repeatedly used, they were damaged and they wore out. Copies were made from the first copies, then copies from the copies. As the process continued minor mistakes were made on some copies, and leafs or pages were lost later for various reasons. For instance, the last page of a manuscript or of a version might easily be damaged or lost through constant use.

God promised that his word would never pass away (Isa. 40:7-8; 1 Pet. 1:24-25). His providence has protected his word so that it has been accurately preserved. There are about 5,000 known copies of Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, in part or the whole. Likewise, there are multiple copies of the early translations into



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various languages. One Greek manuscript copy or translation copy may be missing certain books, chapters, and verses, and the next one is missing others. When Bible scholars gather all of the manuscripts, they compare one to another to identify anything missing or any miscopied word. What is missing or miscopied in one is accurately preserved in another. By God's providence we have the whole Bible.

Among the most complete copies of Greek manuscripts are Codex Vaticanus (dated A.D. 300-350), Codex Sinaiticus (dated about A.D. 350), and Codex Washington (dated A.D. 300s-400s, very good copies of the books Matthew through John). Mark 16:9-20 is missing from the Greek manuscripts Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, but is included in Washington and in other early manuscripts. Codex Vaticanus is also missing Hebrews 9:14-13:25, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and all of Revelation. Yet, these passages are not put under a cloud of doubt like Mark 16:9-20. There is no footnote in modern translations raising doubt about these other passages.

Do the false teachers who reject these verses from Mark in an effort to escape from Mark 16:16 ever quote from those other "missing" passages as Scripture? Yes, of course, they do! Some of these men teach the premillennial theory that Jesus will return to reign on a literal throne for 1000 years, but the only chapter (Rev. 20) which mentions the 1000 years is missing from Codex Vaticanus, one of the same manuscripts which is missing the

last verses of Mark! That same manuscript is missing many early chapters from Genesis. Do the preachers who reject Mark 16:16 believe Genesis 1:1 is true Scripture? If we do not include all of these passages as true Scripture, we violate Revelation 22:19 which forbids subtracting anything from God's word. Perhaps preachers who reject Mark 16:16 will also reject Revelation 22:19 because it is missing from Codex Vaticanus!

When the New Testament was written in Greek, it was very soon translated into other languages. The complete ending of Mark is found in the earliest translations or versions such as the Peshito Syriac and the Old Latin, which date to the second century, thus 200 years older than Codex Sinaiticus, Vaticanus, and Washington. Other early versions include Curetonian Syriac, Coptic, Sahidic, and Tatian's Diatessaron (the earliest harmony of the four Gospels). All of them include the complete ending of Mark.

Because verses 9-20 were so widely available in early Greek manuscripts and in early versions, verses from this passage are cited and quoted by men who explained and defended Christianity such as Irenaeus (A.D. 115-202), Papias (A.D. 70-153), Justin Martyr (A.D. 100-165), and Tatian (A.D. 110-180). They were freely using these verses long before the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus manuscripts were made which omit them.

### **Nothing New or Doubtful in Mark 16**

Mark 16:9-20 confirms the same truth taught in other passages. For

instance, let us observe the preaching done under the Great Commission to see if it is the same or different from Mark 16. Mark 16 affirms the resurrection of Christ, the gospel must go to all men, faith in Jesus Christ is essential, baptism is essential, salvation is received upon the conditions of faith and baptism, and the truth of the gospel was to be confirmed by miracles.

Let us observe the first preaching under the Great Commission as recorded in Acts 2. Peter affirms the following things to be true. Christ is raised (Acts 2:22-36). The gospel is for all men (vv. 38-39, "every one of you," "unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off"). Faith in Jesus Christ is essential (v. 36). Baptism is essential (v. 38). Salvation or "remission of sins" is received on the conditions of faith and baptism (v. 38). The truth of the gospel preached by Peter was confirmed by miracles (vv. 22, 33, 43). The gospel message and the miracles confirming it to be true are recorded in Scripture. We do not need a new message or a new miracle, but we need to preach the gospel in its original purity, simplicity, and power.

There is nothing new or doubtful in Mark 16.

### **The Risen Savior Proclaimed by Mark!**

If Mark 16:9-20 is rejected as fraudulent, Mark's account of Jesus ends on a note of gloom, doubt, and confusion. In verses 1-8 the women who came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus were startled by the open door, the empty tomb, and the claim of an angel that Jesus was risen. They then fled from the tomb



Steve Wallace



## Logistics: Getting From Here to There

In Acts 9, when communicating with Ananias regarding the work intended for Saul of Tarsus, God said he would “bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel” (v. 15). Saul’s life changed dramatically from that point. The remainder of the book of Acts shows him traveling to both familiar and far-off places, criss-crossing land and sea in doing his part to carry out the great commission. Paul had to get from “here to there” many times.

As we consider the above title it is in order that we explain our terms. For one considering foreign work “here” speaks of where one is at present and “there” what he is hoping to accomplish in spreading the gospel in a given place at a given time. Much of what is involved in getting from here to

there is comprehended in another word in our title, logistics.

Logistics is defined, “1. The branch of military operations that deals with the procurement, distribution, maintenance, and replacement of materiel and personnel. 2. The management of the details of an operation” (*American Heritage Dictionary* [online].) The “details of an operation” are what we want to discuss in this article.

While there are many exceptions, most countries today provide the fundamentals for a visitor from a western nation—an airport, transportation, communication, accommodation, etc. Many, if not most, countries have Bibles in their native tongue available for sale. There are Christians, ready to help with logistics, already living in many

countries. Hence, one interested in mission work can fairly easily work out the above logistics and move on to others.

### Where Can I Preach When I Arrive in the Country I Have Selected?

This is a good question. In answering it let us first notice examples from Paul’s life and works.

And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together (Acts 16:13).

So he reasoned in the synagogue with Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with them that met him (Acts 17:17). *continued on next page*

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bewildered and trembling, “neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid” (v. 8). Those who doubt Mark 16:9-20 leave us with an account of Jesus which ends with an unconfirmed claim he was raised, and the women who followed him bewildered in fear.

The end note in *The New International Version* says of Mark, “His Gospel probably ended at 16:8, or its original ending has been lost.” Neither conclusion is possible. If the original ending is lost, God’s promise to preserve his word has failed (1 Pet. 1:24-25). If Mark’s ac-

count ended at 16:8, he left the issue of the resurrection hanging in doubt.

To the contrary, Mark proclaimed the risen Savior! In Mark 16:9-20, Mark shows that the questions and doubts of the disciples were resolved by overwhelming evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, Mark records our Lord giving these believing disciples the Great Commission:

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be

saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Mark ends by showing the power of the gospel at work in a world darkened by sin, giving the hope of salvation: “And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.”

Under that same Great Commission, we proclaim the same glad message today. The world must know the Savior has come! Yes, Mark 16:15-16 is genuine Scripture, proclaiming the hope of the world!

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But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks (Acts 19:9-10).

Not a lot has changed today. The logistics of preaching in many countries are pretty basic. Lecture halls can be rented, advertisements run in newspapers, and interpreters hired (where necessary) by anyone with the money to do so. As stated in a previous article, in Lithuania we set up a table full of literature on a busy public street to meet people, invite them to study with us, and to attend our Bible lectures. We have also canvassed apartments and neighborhoods with invitations to our Bible lectures. Such efforts need not be limited to places where no churches exist. In many places in the world there are churches just waiting for a sound preacher to come and preach in their assemblies.

### Details Having To Do With Tracts and Booklets

Literature is as helpful in the mission field as it is at home. The first time we made an effort to spread the gospel in Lithuania, brother Harry Osborne had acquired several thousand tracts in Russian. We went in with heavy suitcases packed full of them. Over the years we worked there we had translators translate further tracts for us which we proof read during down time and then

published. In the Philippines we teach preacher training classes which include showing students how to use common reference books. Each student is given a set of these books. The cheapest way we have found to send the reference books is via M-bag (U.S. Postal System). The books have to be sent months in advance as transit is slow. More than once I have sent tracts in Russian to a given East European nation for a brother who had contacted me saying he planned to work there. These tracts could then be reproduced in mass and distributed. My intent in recording these examples here is to both inform and stir the imagination.

### Details as Diverse as the Situations Confronted

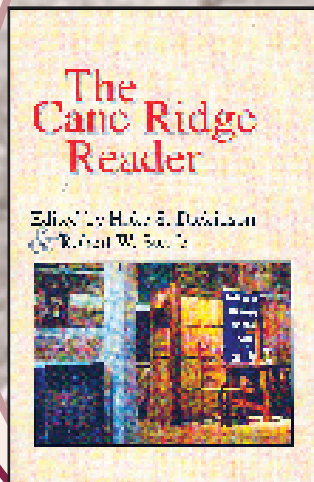
Minds determined to further the gospel find a way to be involved. Countless times U.S. brethren have come through with logistical support to finance printing,

travel expenses, etc. Still others have contributed computers or mailed needed supplies. I remember driving the 1000+ miles to Lithuania from Germany countless times with my car literally packed full of supplies for the work there. When new congregations are formed, meeting places suitable for assemblies have been secured in hotels, lecture halls, apartments, and private homes in cities all over the world.

### Conclusion

There is good reason for the rag-tag nature of this article. It deals with an almost limitless subject. This is due to the fact that no two situations are the same. All involve their own details which must be worked out in their own way. Handling them demands determination, flexibility, and, often enough, ingenuity. Paul handled them countless times and we can, too.

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## JUDGES

### Memory Verse: Judges 2:18

"The Lord raised them up judges...and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies."

### Theme:

After Joshua's death, God's people followed the ways of the nations around them and worshiped idols. Then, the people would ask for God's help when they had trouble with their enemies. God would give them a judge to lead them and defeat their enemies. After the judge died, they would return to their sinful ways, and the same thing happened again and again.

### Fill in the blanks:

- a. "And the people \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord all the days of \_\_\_\_\_, and all the days of the \_\_\_\_\_ that outlived Joshua" (2:7).
- b. "...and there arose another \_\_\_\_\_ after them, which \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_, nor yet the \_\_\_\_\_ which he had done for \_\_\_\_\_" (2:10).
- c. "And they \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_, which brought them out of the land of \_\_\_\_\_, and followed other \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that were round about them...and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to anger" (2:12).

### These are the names of the thirteen judges:

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|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. Othniel  | 2. Ehud      | 3. Shamgar | 4. Deborah |            |
| 5. Gideon   | 6. Abimelech | 7. Tola    | 8. Jair    |            |
| 9. Jephthah | 10. Ibzan    | 11. Elon   | 12. Abdon  | 13. Samson |

### Review memory verse from Joshua:

"Go over this \_\_\_\_\_, unto the \_\_\_\_\_" (Josh. 1:2).



Art Adams



Imagine that you were in a place or situation with no friends, no family, and limited income. Then, the bottom fell out and your income was gone. And, then suppose life just overwhelmed you. What would you do?

## The Homeless

Jesus knew them. They were the lepers, the maimed, the blind, the winebibbers, the harlots and, at times, even the Son of Man “who had not where to lay his head” making him periodically homeless (Matt. 8:20). The prodigal was homeless for a while (Luke 15). Jesus referenced “the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the imprisoned, and those needing clothes (Matt. 25:34-46). Just a casual reading of these verses tells us that Jesus predicated *our* salvation on how we respond to “one of the least of these.” Even more, Jesus took both the “care for” and “lack of care for” one of these “least” personally. A key to our individual Christianity is that we work laboring with our hands so we may have to give to them that have not (Eph. 4:28-32).

Imagine that you were in a place or situation with no friends, no family, and limited income. Then, the bottom fell out and your income was gone. And, then suppose life just overwhelmed you. What would you do? For many they find themselves homeless with the choices of living on the streets, visit place to place to sleep, or going to a homeless shelter. Who are these homeless people that often are passed by—that often people are afraid of—who stop by our church buildings or call asking for help?

Among other things, I work with the homeless as a therapist and case manager and have learned a few lessons from the homeless. In developing this article, I have asked numerous homeless people to help me. Their experiences and the research match and reveal that about 80% are genuine, truly seeking help only as really needed, and want to get back on their feet. “It’s the 20% that use the system that make it bad for the rest of us,” said several. The 20% we can address in other articles along with those who have severe mental health issues. As for the other 80% here are some things to remember:

- 1. Homeless people are people.** They are not nameless. They are people made in the image of God, just like us.
- 2. Homeless people have feelings.** It hurts when people stare at them or walk around them. It hurts when they are treated like trash. God loves them, too (John 3:16).
- 3. Homeless people often have a lot of guilt and shame.** Some from wars and traumas have “survivor’s guilt.” They wonder why they were spared. I often hear “a part of me died that day” as they address their traumas. The ways some have chosen to cope have



them humiliated, ashamed and feeling they are unworthy to be in the human race.

- 4. Homeless people come from every socio-economic level.** They range from those who never have had anything to former executives and persons with incomes as high as \$350,000 annually. Some have lost almost everything like Job (Job 1,

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2). Others have never had anything like the widow who gave two mites.

**5. Homeless people are resilient and resourceful.** Most know the systems and all know where to find food at pantries, government agencies, or other agencies that help with food, clothing, shelter, and transportation.

**6. Homeless people sometimes want a handout, but often want a hand up.** It is not all about “giving them something and sending them down the road.” Stuck people often are seeking help and guidance on how to get “unstuck.”

**7. Homeless people have barriers to success.** These often include: physical problems, major traumas from their past with memories that “won’t go away,” mental health issues, addiction issues, poor work history, past criminal record, bad credit which impedes getting housing and utilities, feelings of hopelessness, stuck in the cycle of poverty, sanctioned from help due to missed appointments/jail/or non-compliance with a program, transportation

issues, little to no family help, and being stereotyped. Sometimes the very systems “trying to help” present roadblocks to them. For instance, one must have a picture identification to get help, it takes an original birth certificate in order to get a picture ID, picture IDs take several weeks to obtain and cost money. When dealing with agencies, one must be able to show a mailing address to get help and to show residency to determine if they are eligible for funds from that district. Many agencies require that the recipient have children in order to receive help, and unfortunately, a few “helpers” exploit and take advantage, especially of the women. And, the policy of most companies is not to hire those with felonies (even though time has been served and even when the felony is for a non-violent offence and old). One man used a public defender when caught driving over 90 miles an hour which is a felony in Indiana. He now cannot find work and is homeless. Most homeless people I work with want to find a job.

**8. Homeless people read the Bible, pray and talk about God**

**often.** It amazed me when I first started working with the homeless and went into their new homes where I helped place them. The homes were orderly and spotless, though sparsely furnished. But, the one thing that I heard and hear so often is, “Can you get me a Bible? I try to read it at least twice a day.” And, in 90% of my communication with them they talk about God.

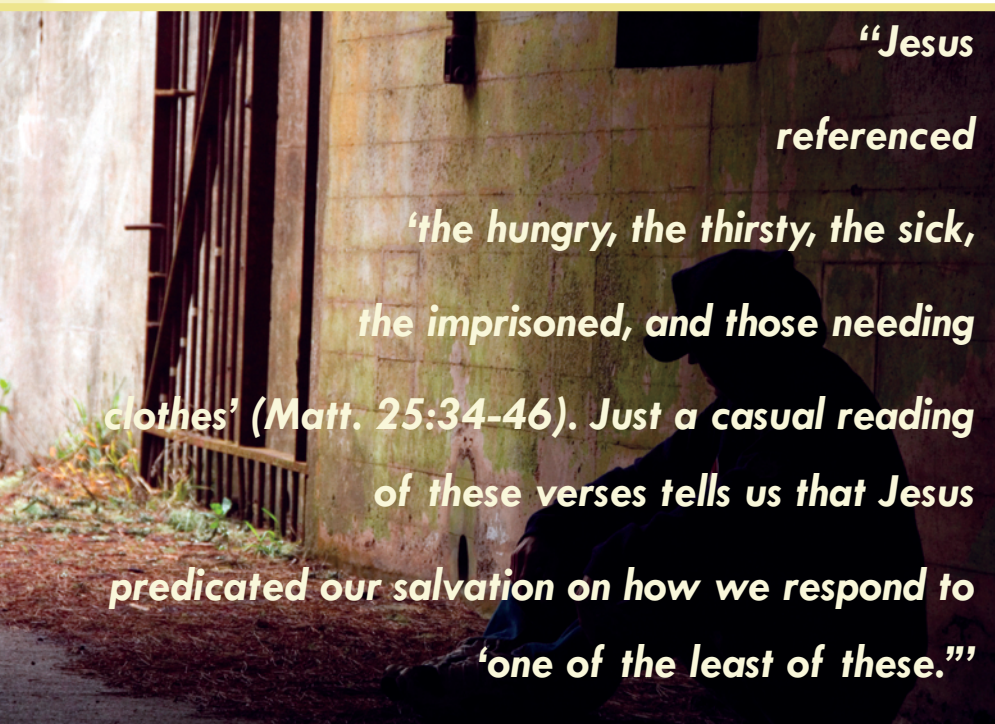
Folks, this is a field that is ripe for harvest!

**9. Homeless people are often exploited.** Some who can help ask for “favors” before they will assist. Homeless men, women and teens are put into positions of degrading themselves further to feed themselves or their children. Others see “beating up” a homeless person “for fun” as a form of entertainment. Advertisers exploit the homeless and poor by disproportionately advertising liquor and tobacco in their neighbors. Just check out the billboards in these communities. Most are liquor or tobacco focused.

**10. Homeless people know how to survive.** Most know the system of welfare, pantries, clothing, food stamps, and shelters. Many know how to ask for things and put others on the spot. Being desperate drives some to take advantage when an opportunity comes to them. The environment lends itself to crime and victimization. But, some are ashamed to ask for help.

**11. Homeless people keep getting “pulled back in” by their peers.** The cycle of poverty and the lifestyle sees people with very few friends. When some homeless people think their friend is leaving, they sabotage their friend just to keep the friend close.

**12. Homeless people have strengths.** 85% of homeless people have a high school degree or a GED. Most have had a successful job(s) in their past. Most are willing



to work and not lazy as often stereotyped. 95% of the homeless with whom I work have clean, orderly, and well-kept apartments and take a personal pride in their appearance when provided with the proper supplies.

**13. Many counted as “homeless” have a place to stay** (family, friends, or a place to flop). Others have limited options like cars, bushes, bridges, sleeping in a hole in the ground, moving house-to-house, calls for charity, shelters, make shift shelters. The fact is, some reading this article by government standards are homeless and just don’t know it.

So, just supposed you had an illness that either crippled you or made it almost impossible to work? Suppose you had allergies so bad you could not go around other people? Suppose you had an addiction that had gotten so bad your family had disowned you? Suppose you had no transportation?

Suppose the transportation you had was unreliable and the job you finally got fired you for multiple tardies (after you had ridden unreliable public transportation for an hour and a half each morning just to get there)? Suppose you had a criminal record for which you had done jail/prison time and now no one will hire you? Suppose most who pass by you talk under their breath, treat you like a non-person, or are afraid of you? Where would your self-image be? How would you even start to get things back together?

I am not saying that every homeless person is worthy of our help. Some are suffering logical and natural consequences to their actions. But, some are not. What I am saying is many want a hand up rather than a hand out. Folks, these are people who have lost their way and need those on track to coach them so they, too, can get back on track. The fruit of the spirit demon-

strated in our attitudes and communication in “humanizing” the homeless should be ever present (Gal. 5:22-26).

Last night I sat around in a community meeting of formerly homeless people who just got new apartments, some furnishings, and a few changes of clothes. As the agency leader started the resident meeting, a young lady with limited ability interrupted with a question, “Before we start can we have a prayer? God has been so good to us and I just wanted to be sure we thank Him *first*.” I continue to conduct my therapy sessions, case manage, and study the Scriptures with these people who are looking for the path they have lost. Homeless people have souls, too. As we carry the gospel into our communities, please, remember the homeless and poor in our efforts. Point them to Jesus. He is the way!

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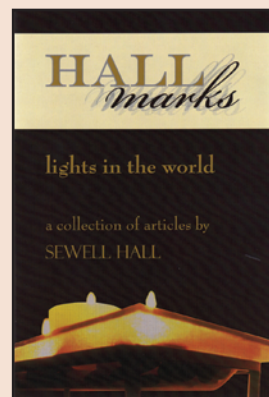


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## Hymn Survey and Missing Verses

### Hymn Survey: Final Call

Sumphonia is currently producing a hymnal that will be published by The Guardian of Truth Foundation. A unique feature of this hymnal is that everyone has an opportunity to give input about which hymns should be included. Since the spring of last year, an Internet survey has been open to anyone who wants to be heard. Because the editors are eager to listen to your opinions, this survey will remain open until March 1. Just log on to <http://www.sumphonia.com> and follow the links to the hymnal and the survey. The survey will ask you to comment on which hymns to include and which to exclude. Note that the survey contains over 1800 hymn titles, many of which you will not know. To prevent yourself from becoming bogged down, please comment only on the hymns you know. The survey automatically saves your progress, so you may take as many sessions as you need to complete it. Since it takes multiple sessions for most people, you will not want to wait until the last minute.

### Missing Verses

The new hymnal will differ in another way—it will include many verses that are missing from hymns. Many people are unaware that a large percentage of the hymns in modern hymnbooks have verses that have been left out, sometimes many verses. For example, “Nearer, My God, to Thee” has six verses, while “How Firm a Foundation” has seven and “Abide with Me” has eight. Other hymns have even more. This practice of dropping verses began long ago and is not unique to hymnals used by churches of Christ. Indeed, generations of worshipers have grown up without ever seeing the complete versions of many famous hymns.

Editors of hymnals decide which verses to use. It is hard to determine why the custom of leaving out verses began, but today it happens for many reasons. Modern editors may not know that additional verses exist since these verses have been absent for many years. Sometimes editors limit the verses to what they think is a reasonable number. Additionally, unscriptural verses are excluded, and some verses are not used because they are not as well written as the other verses in a hymn.

Clearly, some of this reasoning is valid. We certainly would not want to include any unscriptural verses. However, for some reason many good verses, including some of the best ones, have disappeared with the bad ones. Consider, for example, how Henry F. Lyte concluded

his celebrated hymn, “Abide with Me:”

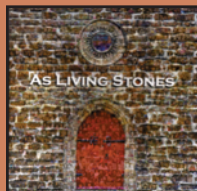
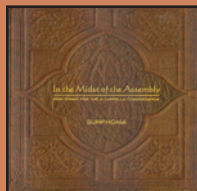
Hold Thou Thy cross before my  
closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point  
me to the skies.  
Heaven’s morning breaks, and  
earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with  
me.

What could be more fitting than to end a hymn about needing God’s presence with a plea for him to remain with us when our eyes close for the final time in death? Yet, this beautiful verse is unfamiliar to many of us.

Every year at a hymn-writing seminar, we sing some missing verses in our devotions. Afterward, people ask us, often in tears, “Where did that verse come from?” When we tell them it was originally part of the hymn, invariably their response is, “Why isn’t it in our books?” It is unfortunate that, whatever the reasons, the best parts of some of our favorite hymns are unknown to us. As editors of the new hymnal, we plan to include as many of the good, scriptural missing verses as possible. The editors and board members are researching to recover these “lost” verses in hopes that many hymns will become more meaningful and useful. Indeed, some hymns will make more sense than ever before to the generations of Christians who have never had the pleasure of singing the complete versions.

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## Innocence Is Priceless

One Sunday morning, the preacher noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church building staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the preacher walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."

"Good morning brother Jones," he replied, still focused intently on the plaque.

"Brother Jones, what is this?" he asked the preacher. Brother Jones responded, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood there quietly together for a few moments, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?"

## The Church Gossip



Myrtle, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new

member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told George (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. In fact, he was a plumber, and had been called there to repair a leaking pipe. But he did not try to explain any of this to her. Instead, he said nothing and silently went on his way.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Myrtle's house—walked home—and left it there all night.

## "Amen, Pharaoh!"

A visiting preacher was very long-winded. Worse, every time he would make a good point during his sermon and a member of the congregation responded with "Amen" or "That's right, preacher" he would get wound up even more and launch into another lengthy discourse.

Finally, the local preacher started responding to every few sentences with "Amen, Pharaoh!" The guest preacher wasn't sure what that meant, but after several more "Amen, Pharaohs" he finally concluded his very lengthy sermon.

After the service concluded and the congregation had left, the visiting minister turned to the local preacher and asked, "What exactly did you mean when you said 'Amen, Pharaoh?'"

He replied, "I was telling you to let my people go!"

## "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out!"

A speeding motorist was caught by radar from a police helicopter in the sky. An officer pulled him over and began to issue a traffic ticket.

"How did you know I was speeding?" the frustrated driver asked. The police officer pointed somberly toward the sky.

"You mean," asked the motorist, "that even He is against me?"



## Young Britons, Sex and the Age of Consent

“A UK Government-backed study of 20,000 young people aged 16 to 24 found alarming results: ‘almost a third losing their virginity before the age of consent. . . .’ Nearly half had at least five sexual partners and ‘one in five admitted having more than ten.’ The common excuse given for their activity was drunkenness. The study also learned that few of them used birth-control protection. The study, ‘the largest of its kind—paints a worrying picture of promiscuity in Britain as levels

of sexually-transmitted infections continue to soar.” [www.dailymail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk)

Not surprisingly, after reading the above, abortions are up in Britain, even after the availability of the so-called morning-after pill. Abortion ‘rates rose to 17.8 per 1,000 women aged 15-44 in 2004 from 11 per 1,000 in 1984.’ They conclude that making ‘emergency contraception’ available has ‘not reduced abortion rates in the country. <http://go.reuters.co.uk>

## Drugs, Smoking & Health News

“The National Survey on Drug Use and Health reported 4.4 percent of those aged 50 to 59 indicated that ‘they had used illicit drugs in the past month.’ This is the third year there has been increased drug use by the baby boomers. During the same period and also for the third consecutive year, teen drug use went down from ‘11.6 percent in 2002 to 9.9 percent in 2005.’ The annual survey on drug use and health was based on almost 67,500 people. ‘It provides an important snapshot of how many Americans drink, smoke and use drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine.’ Advice? Some moms and dads might want to take a lesson from their kids: Just say no.” [www.local6.com](http://www.local6.com)

At a time when many are trying to stop smoking, it appears that some cigarette manufacturers have been quietly raising the amount of ‘addictive nicotine delivered to the average smoker by 10 percent’—according to a Massachusetts

Department of Public Health report. ‘The three most popular brands chosen by young smokers Marlboro, Newport and Camel all delivered significantly more nicotine as the years passed. Virtually all brands were found to deliver a high enough nicotine dose to cause heavy dependence. [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

A study by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco say that to quit smoking ‘menthol cigarettes is more difficult than regular cigarettes’ and that it appears advertising for menthol cigarettes ‘often target blacks.’ Another conclusion is that smoking menthol cigarettes may be more deadly than smoking non-mentholated cigarettes. <http://news.xinhuanet.com>

Reuters news service reported, ‘Smoking, already linked to several illnesses, may also increase the risk of infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. . . .’ although nine of



## Good News for Cell Phone Users

“The South African wing of the International Bible Society says that people with the ‘with the right type of phone could download the whole Bible in either English or Afrikaans using the text messaging function SMS.’ Their chief executive Gerrit Kritzinger said, ‘The Virtual Bible will enable the Bible Society to supply the Bible to every modern cell phone user in a fast and affordable format.’ The price is 40 rand (about \$5.50). [www.biblesociety.co.za](http://www.biblesociety.co.za)

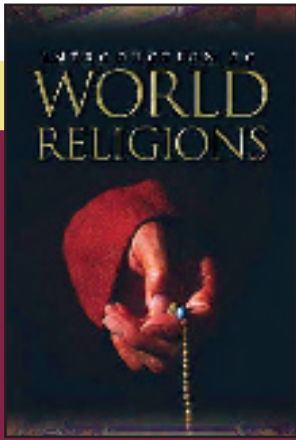
ten other studies had not reached that conclusion. Dr. Andrew Furber and his colleagues, said that ‘tobacco smoke may increase susceptibility to HIV infection by modifying a variety of immune system responses.’ <http://today.reuters.com>



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# Book Marks

A Quick Review Of Books



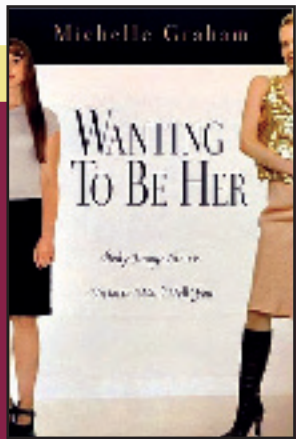
## **Introduction to World Religions**

Christopher Partridge, General Editor.  
Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005. 495 pages, hardback.

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Your neighbor is Jewish. A co-worker of yours is Muslim. Your child's friend at school is Catholic. The convenience store manager near your house is Hindu. Your employer is a Buddhist. What do these people with whom you come in contact believe and practice in religion? How can you talk with them about your faith in Christ? *Introduction to World Religions*, edited by Christopher Partridge (Professor of Contemporary Religion at University College Chester, England), is a valuable and reliable resource for the study of contemporary religions. In this up-to-date volume, the reader will learn vital information about the new religions and alternative spiritualities existing in the twenty-first century. The origin, formation, practices, sacred

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## **Wanting To Be Her: Body Image Secrets Victoria Won't Tell You**

Michelle Graham. Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 2005. 169 pages, softcover.

**0-8308-3266-1..... \$12.00**

Many young women and girls look to Hollywood for their role models in dress and beauty. They look at cover models and wish they looked like them. They believe that physical appearance is the all-important factor in life. When they buy their clothes, they often buy into a lie. In *Wanting to Be Her*, Michelle Graham reveals how many women have fallen into the trap of viewing their bodies through the lens of culture rather than through the word of God. Graham discusses how beauty is defined by culture today ("a Barbie worldview") and the negative consequences that

follow from that approach. Graham sets out to answer these questions for young women today: Who's the fairest of them all? Who are we trying to please? Is there more than meets the eye? Where can I get a supernatural makeover? Graham concludes that inward character is more important to a woman than outward beauty. *Wanting to Be Her* is a good book for any young woman today struggling to maintain the right kind of image in a "Barbie world." Included in the appendix of this book is a helpful note about eating disorders.

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## Raising God's Children

Mary Ann Grant

***"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See? I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me" (Isa. 49:15-16).***

Three years ago, Bill's job moved us to Peoria, IL. We live in the country now. Each morning God grants me the blessing of watching dawn make her appearance over a corn field, a very old barn, and beautiful Black Angus cattle. I have grown to love these cows and began comparing these maternal creatures to my mothering, arriving at least three convicting conclusions! The Black Angus is a wonderful mother—for a cow. However, she reproduces without the proper choice of a mate—any bull will do! Her protection of her baby is limited. Finally, I have yet to see a bovine on bended knee imploring her young calf to prepare himself to be the best little hamburger he can be. For her babies, identity is lacking, protection is limited, and there is no preparation for death.

We have been called to raise God's children, not calves. All of us have a degree of responsibility toward all children in this world, but we are ultimately responsible for the children whom God has placed in our physical family. That responsibility takes on a different slant when we realize that these are *his* children, not ours. This command involves stewardship!

As a mother who is called to parent God's children I must teach them three things:

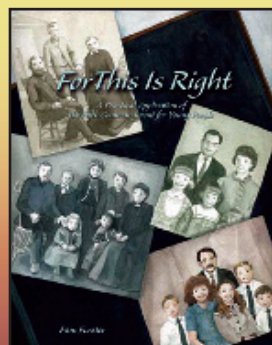
- How to live—an identity (1 Pet. 2:4-5).
- How to protect themselves from the enemy—Satan—and how to teach others to do the same (1 Pet.1:3-5).
- How to die, claiming their

reservation waiting in heaven (1 Pet.1:3-5).

First, our children's identity is that of royalty. God has given us a passport for our journey here on earth but it is stamped with a citizenship in heaven—our homeland. It is disgraceful to the royal family if we allow our princes and princesses to throw off their royal robes and wallow in the mire of the world in dress and demeanor is dishonoring the King. Why do we allow them to snap at the stench of Satan's bait when they have an invitation to feast at the King's table?

Secondly, if they are to survive their spiritual battle among their foe, our children must be given the tools with which to protect themselves. A humanist has acknowl-

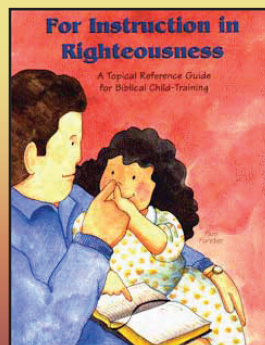
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edged that the human race is no longer protecting its young as effectively as the animal kingdom! While our eyes close and our mouths yawn, our children saunter onto the battlefield with partial or no armor. The Enemy takes their hand masked as a comrade and quietly leads them to his dark side while we are dozing in the trenches. Equip your children with the armor in Ephesians 6. This is "God's Toolbox," simplistically applied.

When you bathe him at two, sing him songs about the God in the Bible. His first tool, the Sword of the Spirit, will keep him safe and happy.

When she tells you a lie at four, teach her that Proverbs teaches us that God hates lies. Buckle the belt of truth around her waist and tell her never to take it off.

At nine, when your son tells his friends that he chooses to skip a movie due to bad language, he has donned the breastplate of righteousness.

At twelve, when you embrace your daughter as she comes up out

of the water after baptism, rejoice that you can look forward to heaven together because she is wearing the helmet of salvation.

At sixteen, when your son prepares for a Bible study with friends, hand him his new shoes—the shoes of the gospel of peace.

At eighteen, when she is packing for college, add one last tool to her toolbox—the shield of faith. Bow your heads together in thanksgiving that she can fight the battle beyond the boundaries of your home.

Thirdly, we must teach our children how to die—how to go *home!* I am still blessed to have my godly parents, Fred and Fran Pollock, as living examples of Christ. I have been blessed to watch godly people die: my grandfather and grandmother, B.G. and Lena Hope, and Bill's parents, Marion and Jo Grant. Their lives taught me so much but their deaths taught me more. However, our ultimate example in life and death is our Lord. He reminds us that we are

traveling on enemy soil—but not alone! Look again at Isaiah 49. Our Father will not forget us. He has engraved us on the palm of his hand!

If we fail to teach our children their true identity, Satan will steal it from them, taking them for his own.

If we fail to teach our children how to protect themselves from the evil one, he will maul them into hell.

If we fail to teach them how to die, they will fear death instead of seeing it as the glorious reward for their hard work.

None of us knows when he will be "discharged" from his earthly service. Until then, we need to teach our children to represent the King in such an honorable and royal manner that he is known and respected - even among the enemy. And when we *are* called to go home, his embrace will remind us that the battle is over. He might even say, "Look over there. Your family is waiting for you and more are coming. Well done!"

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# "Love-Feasts"

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There has been a lot of “dust” raised in some quarters about the so-called “feasts of charity” (KJV), “love-feasts” (ASV, NKJV, NASV) of Jude 12. We propose to set forth the truth and *expose the speculation*. All of this is necessary *only* because some brethren seem bent upon finding a way to justify the church in arranging and providing the place for eating common meals, pot-luck dinners, refreshments, parties, receptions, and social “get-togethers.”

## Examining the Scripture

“These are they who are hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you. . .” (Jude 12, ASV).

The Greek word translated “love-feasts” is *agapais*, a plural form of *agape* which is translated “love.” For centuries the *speculation* has been that these were feasts provided by the more wealthy Christians for the benefit of the poor among them. There is *no New Testament evidence* that this ever occurred. The “authority” cited for this position can be traced no further back than the second century. Many defenders of social “love-feasts” cite 1 Corinthians 11:20, 21 as an illustration of a love-feast. But what proves too much proves nothing at all.

If 1 Corinthians 11:20, 21 was a “love-feast,” it was taking place in conjunction with the Lord’s supper. Will our

social “love-feast” brethren be consistent and advocate it as a part of the Lord’s supper and worship?

They cannot do that because Paul soundly condemned and rebuked what they were doing in Corinth and said, “What, have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? . . . If any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together be not unto judgment” (1 Cor. 11:22, 34). Will our social “love-feast” brethren say Paul did not know the truth about *where* common meals were to be eaten and *who* was to provide them?

Some cite 2 Peter 2:13, “. . . men . . . revelling in their deceivings while they feast with you,” as another instance of a “love-feast.” They *assume* it is a “love-feast” on the basis of the phrase “they feast with you.” The plain fact is that no form of the word “love” (*agape*) is found in this verse or its context.

## So, What Was the “Love-Feast”?

1. It could not be a common meal eaten in conjunction with the Lord’s supper, since the apostle Paul condemned such as making it *impossible* to properly eat the Lord’s supper.

2. It could not be a common meal with the church providing either the food or the place for such a common meal, since the apostle Paul told them to eat such meals at home and in their own houses. Compare Acts 2:46: “And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread *at home*, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart.”

In Jude 12 (as well as 2 Pet. 2:13) the subject is the brazen conduct of false teachers among the saints—“when they feast with you . . . while they feast with you.” Thus, either it refers to while they are feasting in common meals in the homes of brethren *or* it refers to “feasting” with the brethren in something spiritual. And that, brethren, *sounds like* the Lord’s supper—what better describes the Lord’s supper than a “feast of love” or “love-feast”? At the very least this is reasonable and logical.

Brethren who are looking to *agape* and “the love-feast” for justification for the church to provide the means and/or the place for social gatherings and common meals are simply drowning men “grasping for straws.” The New Testament text does not authorize or support such. *Give such social practices back to the*

denominations from whence they came, and do not call them “love-feasts.”

If brethren want to gather for social activities and eating together and want to also have some spiritual things (singing hymns, etc.) along with those activities, they will have to do that as individuals in their own homes or in facilities borrowed or rented by individuals. The church (the assembly of Christians—the collective body) and its treasury *cannot be involved unless there is scriptural authority*. Keep in mind that a meeting place, provided by the church, is simply the church treasury (the Lord’s money) at work. The work of the church falls into one of only three categories:

**Edification** (building up) of the body of Christ—this is spiritual activity.

**Evangelism** (preaching the gospel to the lost)—this is spiritual activity.

**Benevolence** to needy saints (relieving poor saints)—this is spiritual activity.

Anything that does not fit into one of these categories is not *and cannot be* the work of the church. Eating common meals together and engaging in social and recreational activities and providing the place for such (including weddings and receptions) is not the work of the church.

Some brethren just need to be honest and admit that *they want* social functions as part of church *activity and they are going to have them whether there is Scripture for them or not*.

If you have read Jude 12 in its context, you know as much about the “love-feast” as anyone else anywhere. Be sure you *do not* base your practice on the *assumptions* of others, or on you own *assumptions!*

If there is biblical evidence for social “love-feasts” I would be more than happy to see it, but it must come from the Bible! I only want the truth and to practice the truth and to do no harm at all.

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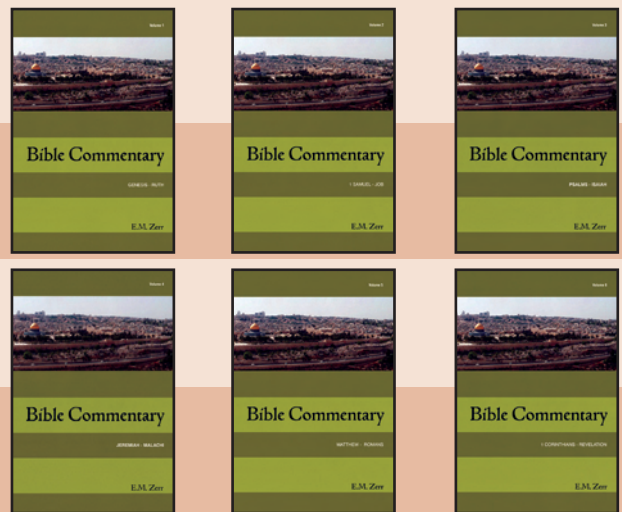
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# History Repeats Itself

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The result is exactly that which is described by Paul in Romans 1:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, mali-

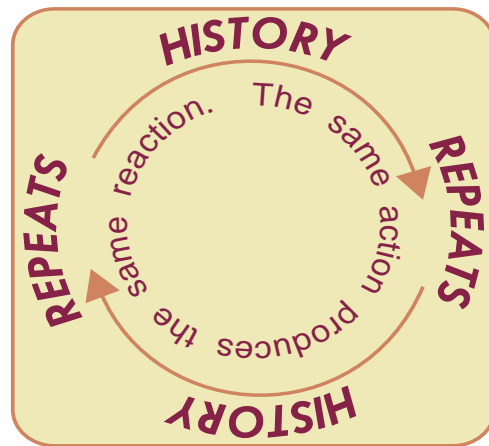
iciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them (Rom. 1:18-32).

Sure, history repeats itself. It repeats itself in the same manner as heating water to 212 degrees Fahrenheit produces boiling. Water boils, not because of an inexorable cyclical historical process that is beyond human control or influence, but because the same action produces the same reaction. Only a fool would think differently.

History repeats itself in the breakdown and destruction of a society when God's word is cast aside as the standard of moral conduct and each man does what is right in his own eyes. It will always occur that way for the same reason that water boils when it is heated to 212 degrees. The same action produces the same reaction.

## Church History

Surely there are cycles in church history just as there are in national history. One of the cycles which seems so obvious to me at the present is the correlation between non-distinctive preaching and apostasy. Many of our institutional brethren have been preaching non-distinctive preaching for well over fifty years. When I started preaching, one could take the bulletins of an institutional church and a non-institutional church and lay them side by side week after week. Where those bulletins published by non-institutional churches were full of basic, first principle instruction to teach brethren the difference



between the religion that God reveals and that which man invents, the bulletins published by institutional churches were used for promoting their various activities, wishing birthday and wedding greetings, and publishing inspirational stories that could appear in any denominational church bulletin. Fifty years of this kind of preaching has produced a church that does not believe that instrumental music in worship is sinful and should divide brethren, brethren who are questioning whether or not one must be baptized in order to be saved, and brethren who are calling for more active participation by their women. Can you see the connection between the preaching and the result?

Now we are seeing among our own number a significant change in the content of preaching. Read the bulletins being circulated among us, watch the sermons being preached in gospel meetings, and listen to the invitations being offered. Are you hearing anything distinctive—distinctive enough that one can tell the difference between the church purchased by the blood of Christ and those founded and governed by men? What do you think will be result of this kind of teaching program?

Remember: A fool is someone who repeats the same activity over and over again and expects a different result every time.

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<p><b>MANY, LA</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>	<p><b>DULUTH, MN</b> Church of Christ 318 N. 18th Ave. E. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Nick Krumrei (218) 728-3233</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Danny Gardner (601) 681-4505 or 482-9543 dg1969@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Nashua Church of Christ 11425 N. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142</p>	<p><b>ST. ROBERT, MO</b> Church of Christ in St. Robert 22715 Hwy Y Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randall Duvall (573) 336-7176 or 336-5896 www.srcc.org</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (call to confirm time) 764-9277</p>
<p><b>STONEWALL, LA</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>	<p><b>ROCHESTER, MN</b> N. Broadway Church of Christ 2002 Second St., SW Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Luvinimo D. Samaniego (501) 289-8906</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> 7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 483-3101</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Vivion Road Church of Christ 2026 N.E. Vivion Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Kinzel (816) 453-6157</p>	<p><b>BEATRICE, NE</b> Church of Christ 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3827 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Heights Church of Christ 7801 Zuni Road, S.E. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dee Lancaster (505) 266-7577 www.heightschurchofchrist.com</p>
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<p><b>ARBUTUS, MD</b> Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, 590-2852 or 551-8274</p>	<p><b>Subscribe Today! Truth Magazine 1-800-428-0121</b></p>	<p><b>BLUE SPRINGS, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ 4000 SW Christiansen Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Bailey (816) 228-9262</p>	<p><b>LILBOURN, MO</b> P.O. Box 270 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-520</p>	<p><b>RENO, NV</b> Central Church of Christ 2450 Wrondel Way, Ste. A 3578 Walden Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Monday 7:00 P.M. (775) 786-2888</p>	<p><b>BUFFALO, NY</b> Greater Buffalo Church of Christ 3578 Walden Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Bailey (716) 691-7649</p>
<p><b>SEVERN, MD</b> Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (410) 551-6549 or 969-1420</p>	<p><b>BOONEVILLE, MS</b> Oakleigh Dr. Church of Christ 101 Oakleigh Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Building: (662) 728-1942</p>	<p><b>CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO</b> Church of Christ 121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573)334-9673</p>	<p><b>RAYMORE, MO</b> Raymore Church of Christ 107 N. Woodson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Johnston (816) 322-0042 or 318-3642</p>	<p><b>SPARKS, NV</b> Sierra Nevada Church of Christ 2425 Pyramid Way Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Monday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Triplett, Sr. (775) 972-4911 retriplett@triplettweb.com</p>	<p><b>CARY, NC</b> Walnut St. Church of Christ (Raleigh) 217 Walnut St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: (919) 467-0012 Jeff Archer: 919-1757</p>
<p><b>RIVERDALE, MD</b> (Washington, D.C. area) Wilderoft Church of Christ 6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomley (301) 474-7460 or 446-1912</p>	<p><b>CLINTON, MS</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (120, exit 36) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>	<p><b>COLUMBIA, MO</b> Eastside Church of Christ 5051 Ponderosa Columbia, MO 65201 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 792-2040 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>RAYTOWN, MO</b> Sterling Ave. Church of Christ 5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 792-2040 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>MOORESTOWN, NJ</b> Moorestown Church of Christ in the Cherry Hill, N.J. Area Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. (856) 665-2496</p>	<p><b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b> Harris Blvd. Church of Christ 5424 E.W.T. Harris Blvd. Worship 8:30 A.M. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Various members of local congregations Don Moeller (704) 532-9242</p>
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<p><b>DAYTON, MN</b> Riverside Church of Christ Raintree Plaza 11311 Dayton River Road Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. (763) 742-9683</p>	<p><b>HORN LAKE, MS</b> Church of Christ Corner of Meadowbrook and Foxbriar Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joe Nelson (662) 393-5617 or 342-1941</p>	<p><b>To Place An Ad Or To Make Ad Changes Contact andyalex@bellsouth.net</b></p>		<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> Prairie Hills Church of Christ 14273 County Rd. 307 (.7 mi. E of Intersection I-29 &amp; Hwy. 169) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 233-6485 Evangelist: Erik Smith</p>	<p><b>ALAMOGORDO, NM</b> 25th &amp; Hawaii Church of Christ P.O. Box 2065 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (505) 585-2497</p>



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<p><b>SALISBURY, NC</b> Church of Christ 1037 Faith Road at the Corner of of Morlan Park I-85 East to Jake Alexander East to Faith Road</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>Minister: Nathan Gochee (704) 645-7291 or (704) 202-2447 www.salisburychurch.org</p>	<p><b>HAMILTON, OH</b> Westview Church of Christ 1040 Azel Ave.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: David A. Stansberry (513) 868-9988</p>	<p><b>NORTHWOOD, OH</b> (Toledo Area) Church of Christ 4110 Frey Rd.</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Donald Jarabek 893-3566 or 691-0688</p>	<p><b>Wilsonville, OR</b> Church of Christ 10665 SW Wilsonville Rd. 10 Blks. West of I-5</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Kevin Fermeick (503) 678-5333 (503) 246-2430</p>	<p><b>NORTH CHARLESTON, SC</b> Ashley Heights Church of Christ 2605 S. Oakridge Cir.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>(843) 553-4970 www.findthechurch.com</p>	<p><b>COLUMBIA, TN</b> Jackson Hts. Church of Christ 1200 Nashville Hwy., Hwy. 31N</p> <p>Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Mid-week 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Andrew Roberts 388-6811 or 381-7401</p>
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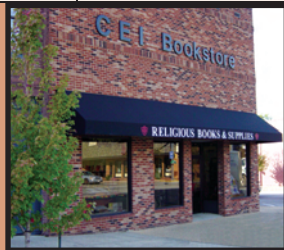
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<p><b>MEMPHIS, TN</b> Rocky Pt. Road Church of Christ 516 E. Rocky Point Rd., Cordova</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Contact: Mitch Stevens (901) 372-5580 or 758-4006</p>	<p><b>ROCKWOOD, TN</b> Church of Christ Highway 70 East 5080 Roane State Hwy</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Cecil Belcher (865) 717-3654</p>	<p><b>ANGELTON, TX</b> Kiber St. Church of Christ P.O. Box 1162</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Zeke Flores (979) 849-8376</p>	<p><b>DICKINSON, TX</b> Church of Christ 2919 FM 517 Rd. E.</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 9:45 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Jay Horsley (281) 534-4870</p>	<p><b>HOUSTON, TX</b> Oak Forest Church of Christ 1333 Judway</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Mid-week 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Evangelist: Jay Taylor (281) 970-2976 clysian39@juno.com</p>	<p><b>MANSFIELD, TX</b> Northside Church of Christ 1820 Mansfield-Webb Road</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>Evanglists: Tom Roberts (817) 466-3160</p>
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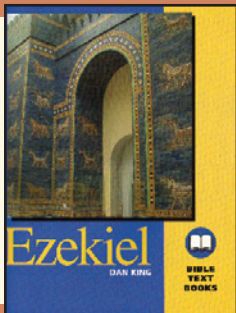
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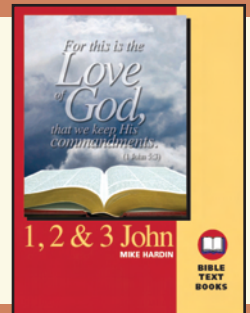
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