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# Guest Editorial



Lewis Willis

# She Apparently Thinks She Is Smarter Than God!

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A State of California Assemblywoman, Sally Lieber (D), plans to introduce a bill in March to make parental spanking of their own children a crime. She wants the measure to be a misdemeanor crime, punishable by a \$1000 fine, and up to one year in prison.

This proposal is generating much discussion in the media all over the country. However, rather than discussing whether or not her legislation is right or wrong, the "talking heads" are more interested in how the new law would be enforced.

As a believer in God and the inspiration of Scripture, I view the matter entirely differently than those who are discussing it on TV. As I see it, this woman apparently and obviously thinks she's smarter than God! God says for parents to raise their children with proper discipline, while the woman from California would make God's instruction a crime!

So, she must think she is smarter than God. In fact, "snippets" of God's law have been quoted to her, and she thinks God is just wrong about how children ought to be raised and disciplined. Therefore, I thought it might be appropriate to review God's instruction on the matter of child discipline so you can compare it with the Assembly woman's advice. Which do you

believe to be right? Here are some passages of Scripture from the Book of Proverbs dealing specifically with the question under discussion:

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes (13:24).

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying (19:18).

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him (22:15).

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell (23:13-14).

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame . . . Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul (29:15, 17).

The testimony of Almighty God is: use "the rod of correction" to discipline and control your children. The politician from California says if you do that in her state, she wants to throw you in prison for a year! Does she, or does she not, think she is smarter than God about raising children?

For many years I have studied and observed the instruction of God, so I have some acquaintance with his wisdom. I know nothing about this woman politician from California. Does she have children? How did they turn out? Would she recognize a child if she saw one? How can we possibly take her questionable wisdom on this subject, while rejecting the commandments and instructions of the Creator who is responsible for children even being on the earth?

## What Does the New Testament Say?

The Apostle Paul also addressed the matter of child discipline. He wrote, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). The Greek word, paideia, translated "nurture," according to W. E. Vine, "denotes the training of a child, including instruction; hence, discipline, correction" (I, 183). We have already established what God called "correction," as in "the rod of correction," in Proverbs 22:15. So, the same instruction is given to parents today.

#### **A Little History**

In 1970, the country of Sweden banned spanking of children. They also apparently thought they knew more about this subject than God. What was the result of their experiment? Today, the level of teen violence is *six times higher* than it was before this new law was instituted. Authorities have also recorded a much greater level of

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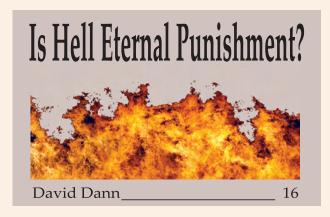




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# Have You Not Read ...?



Connie W. Adams

# "Lest Any Root of Bitterness"

The writer of Hebrews showed the blessing of divine chastisement for the children of God (Heb. 12). Such was calculated to yield "the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." In contrast to that he warned: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (v. 15). This was likely a reference to the warning of Deuteronomy 29:18 when the Lord said "Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood." When Simon tried to buy the gift of the Spirit with money he was told, "thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8:23).

Even as a bitter herb can defile a stream of water so that all who drink of it are contaminated, even so roots of bitterness in the hearts of God's children today not only defile those so afflicted, but many others may be defiled thereby.

#### A Bottle of Quinine

When I was a small boy, my father used to tell the story of a practical joker who was riding a train. He found the man on the seat in front of him soundly asleep with his mouth wide open. The prankster had a small bottle of quinine which he quickly poured into the open mouth of the sleeper. As you might imagine, that created quite a commotion as the man coughed, gagged, spat and finally summoned the conductor. When asked what seemed to be the trouble, the poor man replied, "Well Sir, I don't rightly know, but I think my gall is busted!"

As I read the offerings of some writers today, I am fearful that their "gall is busted." I do not know all the reasons which cause roots of bitterness to spring up within men, but the evidence of their presence is illconcealed. While bitterness manifests itself among politicians, in the business world, and often in the family circle, it is certainly reprehensible when found among brethren in the Lord. Many congregations have been destroyed, or badly weakened, because of old bitternesses which have defiled many. In various parts of the nation there are ruptures between congregations which could be healed were it not for some root of bitterness.

#### **Preachers Vulnerable**

The cause of Christ has been badly damaged at times by those of us who "would be teachers of the law." We are experts at admonishing the rest of the brethren to "let all bitterness be put away from among you" (Eph. 4:31), while we are eaten alive with some root of bitterness. We have seen estrangements between preachers over misunderstandings in business

dealings. Pride gets in the way (and we preachers have more than our share of that), stubbornness becomes an accessory to the fact, and just as soon as a suitable occasion arises, the water is poisoned in an effort to curtail or destroy the influence of the object of our bitterness.

There is too much journalistic bitterness in evidence these days. We do not presume to tell other editors or writers what to write about. They will hear from us if we think they are not teaching the truth. Nor do we intend to be bossed, bullied, or badgered into saying something just because someone else has decided that unless we react as he has, then we have lost all conviction of truth. When we do find it necessary to differ with what some other paper has to say, then all will know just exactly where we stand and what we mean. We pray daily for the wisdom to stand up for the truth of God's word firmly and without apology to anyone, yet with due restraint. Even Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil about the body of Moses "durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said. The Lord rebuke thee" (Jude 9). Because a brother reviews what we have said does not mean that we have to "take his head off" (nor must he decapitate us) in order to respond. There are some attacks which deserve no response. If some wish to dip their pens in

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# What Does the Bible Say About "White Lies"?

#### Heath Rogers

This article is a response to blatant false teaching concerning the subject of white lies that was found in the January 21 issue of the Victoria Advocate. In separate responses, the Rev. Holly McKissick, pastor of St. Andrew Christian Church, and Rabbi Amy Walik Katz, associate rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom, both agreed that it was all right to tell a white lie in order to "serve life" and to keep from hurting someone's feelings. Katz was even so bold as to suggest that God himself told a white lie to Abraham to keep the peace in his and Sarah's home. I deny this blasphemous notion with every ounce of my being! It is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18; Tit. 1:1).

What these ladies don't realize is that they have actually undermined their own effectiveness as religious teachers with their answers. If it is all right for *me* to lie, then it must be all right for them to lie. As such, how can we know when they are telling the truth? Such a careless disregard for the truth on the part of so-called religious leaders is appalling, but it is to be expected. Humanism has infiltrated much of mainstream religion. This explains why both responses placed a greater importance upon maintaining peace among men rather than upon maintaining the truth. Their responses were found in a column that was titled "Voices Of Faith." A more appropriate title would have been "Voices Of Humanism."

What does the Bible say about white lies? First, we need to understand that a "white lie" is a lie. The Bible makes no distinction between kinds of lies. Neither the intent of

the heart, nor the seriousness of the subject matter, can keep a lie from being a lie. This fact can be illustrated with another sin—stealing. Is "petty theft" still theft? Let's ask the storekeeper. Theft is theft, regardless of the motive behind the action or the value of the property that has been stolen. The same is true with telling a lie.

# What Does the Bible Have to Say About Telling Lies?

"These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, *a lying tongue*, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, *a false witness who speaks lies*, and one who sows discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19).

Notice three things about this passage. First, God hates lying. It is an abomination to him. Second, lying is mentioned alongside sins such as murder, devising wicked plans, running to evil, etc. Someone may not place fibbing about how her friend looks in her jeans in the same category as murder, but God does. Third, lying is the only sin in

this passage that is mentioned twice. That ought to get our attention.

"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him" (Col. 3:9-10). Preachers and rabbis may tell us that it is all right to lie to others as long as our motives are good. A religious organization may even instruct its members to lie in order to protect their church. However, the Bible says that we are not to lie to one another. Lying is something that characterizes the old man of sin. This old man of sin was put off when we became Christians. One who encourages lying reveals that he has yet to be "renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created" us. He thinks he has the truth on this subject, but his answer shows that the old man of sin is still alive in his heart.

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). The Bible says that "all liars" will have their part in Hell. This includes every lie, including the little "white lies" that some religious leaders encourage us to tell.

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# Foreign Evangelism



Steve Wallace

# "Ye Have the Poor Always With You" (1)

From our earliest experiences in Lithuania we were confronted with the extreme poverty of many people there. While things slowly improved over the years it is clear that the changes of the early 1990s came too late for many Lithuanians. This is likely also the case in other East European countries. The majority of the people above the ages of 40-45 found it difficult to

adapt to life in a market economy. Pensions and social help pay the barest minimum. Work opportunities were scarce. One saw many beggars on the streets. Also, street work, such as we did there, brought direct contact with all

classes of people, including beggars. If there was ever a visit there where I did not help some poor person(s) financially it escapes me at this time. I always brought some of my own money (as apart from the money I raised from churches to pay my expenses) along with this in mind when I went there.

In more recent years my experiences in the Philippines have brought me into contact with more poverty. Opportunities for employment are limited. Natural disasters are not uncommon. Plus, the usual emergencies related to one's health and wellbeing come upon people there in like manner to people

everywhere and I am unaware of any government sponsored safety for them.

Hopefully, the above lines have turned the reader's mind to a subject that cannot help but trouble those who contemplate it—and that from several aspects. It is our purpose in this article to discuss differ-

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ent Bible texts and some facts relevant to the poor and the Christian's responsibility prosperous countries

to them in the mission field.

#### Our Responsibility to be **Benevolent**

God has always shown a peculiar interest in the needy and helpless (Deut. 10:17-18; Jer. 7:6; Mark 12:40). His people must be like him. Paul commands those in possession of wealth (which certainly speaks to most Americans) to be "rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate" (1 Tim. 6:18). Jesus gave the example of the Good Samaritan as one who behaved as a neighbor toward one in need. This Samaritan acted on behalf of the wounded man, caring for him and seeing to his needs. With regards to this man's example Jesus said that we should "Go, and do . . . likewise" (Luke 10:37). General benevolence

is the responsibility of all Christians (Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 5:10; Jas. 1:27). It is one thing that we can do to lay up treasure in heaven (1 Tim. 6:19). These responsibilities must be weighed against other truths and other responsibilities given to us by

#### Some Helpful Truths to **Remember Concerning** the Poor

1. We will never eradicate poverty. Our title, taken from Jesus' words in Matthew 26:11, states an inescapable truth. Charitable organizations, founded in western countries to relieve the suffering of the poor in third world countries, have been operating for years. When we add to these the various efforts made to raise money for those in poverty—such as telethons, ad campaigns, promises of companies to donate a portion of the prices of their goods to the poor, the U.S. and other governments' sponsored famine relief and welfare programs, etc.—one fact has become very clear: There is not enough wealth in all the world's more prosperous countries combined to even begin to bring those in poorer nations out of poverty. Millions of people in this world will live and die impoverished regardless of all our best intentions and efforts to help. What Jesus said so long ago has been proven to be true (if anyone ever doubted it). This



Dan King

# On the Lighter Side

# Saying Grace

This tale has circulated around the internet for some time now. We do not know the original author of the anecdote. A mother, in her own words, told the following humorous story about her little boy and his experience with "saying grace":

Thank God for children saying grace. Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I

do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer. "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart," the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing),

"Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over

and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

## One Old Tough Marine

A tough old Marine once counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning.

The grandson did this religiously and he lived to the age of 93.

When he died, he left fourteen children, twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren and a fifteen foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

From Luke Bolenbarker, a tough old Marine

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truth must be remembered by the foreign worker when confronted with the many sad scenes and stories of the destitute.

2. The poor find ways to survive. One reason we will always have them with us is that, in spite of their pitiful state, many of the poor live long lives. There are beggars in Lithuania that we saw for many years. Some were obviously

advanced in age. Though they seemed to be in apparent danger when sitting or kneeling on the sidewalk in below-freezing temperatures, their lives went on from year to year. While their state *is* pitiable, many seem to not suffer the ill effects from it that we naturally fear. I gave a good number of them money. However, I will never give them enough money to get them off

the streets. Further, I believe there is a good possibility that many of them actually got used to their life and even *liked* it.

The above are just a couple of truths that will hopefully contribute to sound decision making with regards to poor people we encounter at home and abroad. Next month, the Lord willing, we will look at a few more.

# Faith of Saints, Failure of Satan Steven F. Deaton

The following will exhibit the faith and example of Christians. It concerns the Ing family, members of the Hebron Lane church of Christ in Shepherdsville, KY. Paul is a deacon and song leader who labors diligently and has helped many people—mainly by doing work on their cars. Missy is a loving, supportive, devoted wife and mother. Marissa (8) is a wonderful young girl with a sweet smile. Nathan (5) is a young boy full of life and joy. This could be any one of us and has been sobering.

On Wednesday night December 13 after services, the Ing family was at home getting ready for bed. Nathan was in socked feet play fighting on laminate floors. He slipped and hit the front left side of his face on the floor. He immediately vomited and complained of the back right side of his head hurting. Paul and Missy then took him to the local hospital. When they arrived, they had to wait thirty minutes before Nathan was taken back and given a CT scan. They immediately arranged for him to be life-flighted to Kosair Children Hospital, stating he likely had hemorrhaging of the brain.

Before being transported, Nathan became unresponsive and his breathing became difficult. The doctors at the local hospital had to stabilize him then sent him on the At Kosairs, they did another CT scan and then an MRI (this was around 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Thursday) and informed the family that he had a large brain tumor.
Surgery was to take place within an hour or two. However, the doctors came back and said it was delayed until the next day. The parents, family, and all of us were devastated. It was a time of helplessness. We could only turn to God.

Thursday they ran more tests and decided to operate on Saturday morning at 8:30. The family was told that Nathan was at risk for extensive blood loss during the operation—there were many blood vessels running through the tumor.



The elders called members to a prayer service on Thursday night, less than twenty-four hours from the time we learned of Nathan's condition (cf. Acts 12:4, 5). The congregation turned out en masse. We prayed and read Scripture (1 Pet. 5:7). It was emotional and strengthening. One person noted that Satan would try to use this against the faith of Paul and Missy (1 Pet. 5:8). We recorded the service so Paul and Missy could listen to it later.

Saturday came in what seemed like mere moments. Scores of brethren as well as many from Paul's family (not Christians), gathered for the surgery. Fear and anxiety filled us all, especially Nathan's parents. Thankfully, we had the large waiting room to ourselves and were easily able to pray and read Scripture—as requested by Paul and Missy. It was during this time, a six-hour surgery, that Paul and Missy went off privately to listen to the prayer service. In response, Paul wrote the following that is worthy to be read by one and all.

To our brethren,

I cannot put into words the love that me and Missy have felt in what I can easily say is the most difficult experience of both of our lives. I'm writing this even as the surgeons are removing my son's tumor so I cannot yet say what the outcome may be. But this I do know and want you to know as well, Satan has no victory here. Though we are but flesh and blood we have found such strength that we could not have imagined possible. That strength comes from God and from all of you. That strength has enabled us to focus on the good possibilities and not on the bad that has occurred or may occur. Satan would have us to question our God, to blame Him in anger, to lie stagnant in our self pity. He has failed. Our faith is strong.



Regardless of the outcome, we see that much good can come from this. Yea, much good fruit has already been produced. This has given opportunity for us to show our love to one another. My brother Chico, who has lived his life as a reprobate is looking hard at his own life. Even today he is moving back home to be reconciled to his wife. My brother Shane has been prejudiced against the Lord's true church. The outpouring of love and support you have shown has touched him deeply. It is opening his heart to ask questions in a more honest way than ever before. These are only a few examples.

Missy and I are both convinced that if our son goes to meet our Lord in eternal rest good will yet come.

In Christ in love, Paul and Missy Ing

## What faith! Would You or I do as Well?

It turned out the doctors were unable to remove the entire tumor that day because of bleeding. However, they said, they believed the tumor was benign. The next surgery turned out to be Wednesday, December 20 and lasted about nine hours. The rest of the tumor was removed. The Lord had safely

led Nathan through two very serious operations.

After lab work was done, the doctors came back and said Nathan's brain tumor was malignant, not benign. The official name is Choroid Plexus Carcinoma. It occurs in about 0.3% of childhood brain tumors. There are only about six cases where the children have lived long enough to receive treatment. Nathan is now undergoing heavy chemotherapy. The concern is that the tumor, being aggressive, will return soon.

At the time of this writing, Nathan has healed very well from the surgeries and came through his first chemo treatment without any adverse side effects. His second treatment begins in a couple of weeks and a MRI is scheduled before the third treatment. He has had problems with vision in his left eye, likely due to one of the surgeries, that the doctors are unsure if it will come back.

As a bystander, I must say the outpouring of love by brethren far and wide has been over-

# "I Am Not the Pastor!"

#### Jesse Flowers

I could not begin to recall the number of times someone has referred to me as being "the pastor." This is assumed by many because I am a preacher. The majority of ministers employed by the denominations of this world have been given the title of "pastor" and so no one ever thinks twice about it.

But where, may I ask, in the Book of God is the preacher/evangelist/minister ever referred to as the *pastor*? You will not find it, because it's not there. Not once did the Holy Spirit reveal in the New Testament that a gospel preacher was to "pastor" the flock among him. So what is commonly accepted in the religious world is not of God, but of men (Matt. 15:7-9).

So if preachers (ministers) are not described or identified as *pastors* in the Bible, then who are? **Answer:** elders. There are three Greek words used in the New Testament that refer to this office and work.

- 1. *Episkopos* is translated "bishop" or "overseer." You will find this Greek word in such passages as 1 Timothy 3:1-2; Titus 1:7; Philippians 1:1; and Acts 20:28.
- 2. *Presbuteros* is translated "presbyter" or "elder." This term is used in Acts 14:23; 1 Timothy 4:14; 5:17; and Titus 1:5.
- 3. *Poimen* is translated "pastor" and "shepherd." This particular Greek word can be found in Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:11; and 1 Peter 5:2.

Elders, not preachers, are the men within a local church of God's people who are instructed to "shepherd" (or *pastor*) "the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over

those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-3).

To truly be a "pastor" a man must meet certain qualifications outlined in the New Testament (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9). The fact that my wife and I have no children automatically disqualifies me from serving as a pastor.

Furthermore, we find that the churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16) were always composed of multiple elders (Acts 14:23). You will never find one instance where a local church had only one elder/bishop/pastor shepherding the flock. In God's wisdom, it was always two or more. Yet again, we find another glaring contradiction when compared to the churches of men today.

And so, I am *not* the pastor . . . nor are many other men (and women) who are so called today! jafopie@hotmail.com



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whelming—as it should be. We are here to comfort one another and weep with together (2 Cor. 1:3, 4; Rom. 12:15). Paul and Missy, as you can see from above, have held up well, maintaining their faith in God.

Sunday, the day after Nathan's first surgery, a sermon was preached with his situation in mind. Tears flowed. Two members came forward to confess sin (Jas. 5:16). One

of these then had the privilege of baptizing his daughter into Christ mere moments later (Rom. 6:3, 4).

Times like these remind us in a very real, even harsh, way what life is truly all about—fearing God and keeping his commandments (Eccl. 12:13). We have no promise of tomorrow, neither do our children. We may lose our life at any time. We may lose our loved ones at any time. It is hard to imagine how anyone could face such a time without depending on God. The thing is, do not wait until such tragedy strikes before turning to God. If it is your life that is lost, it

is too late. If it is the life of one you love, you will regret not leaning on God sooner.

Please pray for Nathan, Paul, Missy, and Marissa. If you wish to send a message of encouragement you may do so by emailing Paul at paul.ing@vgreed.com. I will be sure to pass it on to the Ings. If you want to send a card or help them in any way, please send it to:

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(**Editor's Note:** We appreciate brother Himmel's contribution to the study of the subject of divorce. His spirit is good and this promotes open and honest study among people committed to the authority of God's Word. We intend to continue to publish an open paper. From the start of Truth Magazine, we have published articles on both sides of controversial issues to give brethren the benefit of thorough study. Some brethren cannot countenance such open study without drawing lines of fellowship at the drop of a hat. Truth Magazine has never approved such a course. Study in an atmosphere of patience and forbearance is a healthy and necessary process for spiritual growth by all of us. Some of us have disagreements about this subject, which appears to me to be more semantical than substantive [some say "we can separate, but not divorce" whereas others say that under some circumstances one may have no choice but to pursue a legal divorce]. Both groups are agreed that the person in such a situation is still bound by God to her husband, has no right of remarriage, and has only two choices: remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband [1 Cor. 7:10-11]. While we may arrive at this conclusion by different arguments, in this conclusion we are agreed. We encourage you to read brother Himmel's material carefully.)

We need Bible authority for all we say and do (1 Pet. 4:11). That authority can be established in any one of three ways: it may be stated directly, it may be illustrated by the conduct of first-century Christians, or it may be implied by something the text says. As we traditionally have worded it, Bible authority is established by commands, approved examples, and necessary inferences.

Discretion is always in order when determining what God's word does and does not authorize. That is especially true when it comes to the matter of inferences. Some things are unmistakably implied, others are only possibly indicated, and some inferences are wholly unwarranted, contradicting what other passages plainly say. (For example, some attempt to justify infant baptism on the basis of the "household baptism" cases in Acts 16.) We need to remember that only when a thing is *necessarily* implied are we safe in regarding that as the standard. Possible, but not necessary, implications may well be wrong.

In recent discussions about divorce, some are defending the position that divorce for reasons other than fornication may be acceptable, as long as one does not remarry. No passage actually says that, but we are told it is implied in several. Is it—necessarily? Consider three suggested texts.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

Paul says, "But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his

"Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife" (1 Cor. 7:10-11).

wife." Does the parenthetical phrase but if she does grant permission?

If it does, this passage is unique: it is the only one in the New Testament that prohibits an action, but it is all right if we do it anyway!

If it does, this passage is contradictory. Paul affirmed he was citing Jesus' teaching on this point. Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let no man separate" (Matt. 19:6). That makes divorce wrong, regardless of whether one remarries (cf. Matt. 5:32). He added but one exception, divorcing for fornication (v. 9). How could Paul cite Jesus and then give permission Jesus did not?

There is one aspect of the subject Jesus did not specify: what remarriage options exist for one who violates his prohibition of divorce. Since Jesus said remarriage constitutes adultery unless one divorced his mate for fornication (Matt. 19:9), we necessarily infer that one who divorces for any other reason has only two options: remain unmarried or reconcile. Paul confirms that in the parenthetical clause of verse 11. Omit that clause, and these verses exactly parallel Matthew 19:6. Include it, and Paul simply states what is implied about remarriage from Jesus' own words.

The objection is sometimes raised that if the divorce contemplated in this text is sinful, the one guilty of it would need to repent, and repentance would require reconciliation. In other words, the fact that Paul lists remaining unmarried as an option proves that this divorce is not sinful. Does it necessarily? Or does it simply acknowledge the reality that reconciliation is not always possible? Reconciliation requires the other mate's cooperation. He or she may be unwilling or perhaps even unavailable.

If right divorces are under consideration in the first part of verse 11, why did Paul, citing Jesus, ignore the one right basis of divorce that Jesus mentioned (it is for fornication) and the other option available to one who divorced for that reason (remarriage)?

The construction of these verses is the same as in 1 John 1:1-2. "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world."

John's instruction is, you should not sin; if anyone does, use the propitiation of Jesus for forgiveness (cf. 1:9). No one thinks the expression *if anyone sins* gives permission! It simply tells you how to proceed if you have done wrong. That is precisely the purpose of the *but if she does* instruction in 1 Corinthians 7:11.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:12-16

But to the rest I, not the

Lord, say: If any brother

has a wife who does

not believe, and she is

willing to live with him,

let him not divorce her.

husband who does not

believe, if he is willing

to live with her, let her

not divorce him. For the

unbelieving husband is

wife is sanctified by the

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departs, let him depart;

a brother or a sister is

not under bondage in

such cases. But God

has called us to peace.

For how do you know,

save your husband?

Or how do you know,

you will save your wife

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(1 Cor. 7:12-16)?

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Discussing the situation of the marriage of a believer to an unbeliever, Paul writes. "But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe. and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him" (vv. 12-13).

We are told this statement implies an opposite truth: that if the

unbeliever is not willing to live with the believer, the believer may divorce him. Are you sure? Not every conditional statement necessarily implies its opposite. "If that dog isn't angry, don't aggravate it" surely does not imply that you should agitate an angry dog!

In this chapter Paul is responding to some things the Corinthians wrote him (v. 1). They evidently had several questions relating to marriage, among them (1) whether celibacy was better or perhaps even required, and (2) the legitimacy of marriage to unbelievers.

Verses 12 and 13 are part of Paul's answer to the latter question. Religious differences do not make a marriage inherently improper or illegitimate (v. 14). The Christian,

> therefore, is under no obligation to divorce on this basis. In fact, Paul says he must not do that.

> But what about the unbeliever? Paul presents two dispositions he may have. One, he may be content to live with the believer. If so, fine. Two, he may choose to leave. If so, the believer is to let him leave, rather than yield to him as a servant would to a master (v. 15). Paul depicts the unbeliever as either being content or leaving. In neither case is the Christian given permission to initiate a divorce!

What if the unbeliever is in between: he does not leave, but he constantly causes trouble because of the believer's faith? Based on the suggested inference from verses 12-13, some advise that the Christian

may divorce, and it will really be the unbeliever who is severing the marriage by his bad conduct! Which verse says that? By what logic is a Christian prohibited from initiating a divorce to an unbeliever who is at either end of the stay-or-go decision, but permitted to divorce him if he is somewhere in the middle? Does 1 Peter 3:1ff. apply only to disobedient husbands who are cooperative?

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Paul's instruction is this. Marriage to an unbeliever is a legitimate relationship. If he doesn't end it on the basis of your religious differences, don't you end it. If he does, don't abandon your faith just to keep the marriage together.

#### Luke 18:29-30

So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in thispresent time, and in the age to come eternal life (Luke 18:29-30).

Is permission to divorce necessarily implied in these words of Jesus? "And He said to them, 'Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times as much at this time and in the age to come,

eternal life" (Luke 18:29-30; cf. Matt. 19:28-29; Mark 10:29-30). The argument is, "leaving" a wife for the sake of the kingdom implies permission to divorce her. Are you sure? Remember, a thing needs to be *necessarily* implied if we are going to adopt it as authoritative.

In the previous verse, Peter said he and the other apostles had left their homes to follow Jesus. Peter certainly did not divorce his wife! Years later, Paul referred to the fact that she was with him (1 Cor. 9:5). No, Peter left home—in fact, he left everything (Matt. 19:27)—in the sense every disciple must: he placed these things secondary to Christ. To do any less makes us unworthy of Christ (Luke 10:26-34).

Jesus warned that his coming might have the effect of dividing families (Matt. 10:34-38). That occurs when

one family member follows him and another rejects him. In such cases, the disciple's first allegiance must always be to Christ.

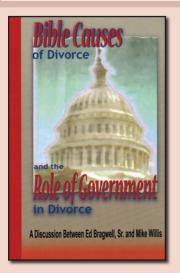
To what extent a family divides depends on the unbeliever. Some are content for family members to be Christians. Others create ongoing problems for the believer. A few go so far as to sever relationships: parents disown children, husbands divorce wives, etc. But these are initiatives unbelievers take because of wrong attitudes. The Christian understands that his responsibilities do not end simply because of another's bad disposition or behavior.

As to practical application, "leaving for the sake of the kingdom" is being translated into divorcing when one cannot live as a Christian in the relationship. What all comes under that umbrella? Proponents begin with illustrations of extreme hardship. Before they are finished, however, more commonplace bad behavior is suggested. Folks, this is scary! Experience says that if this position is widely adopted, brethren married to difficult characters of all sorts will divorce under the banner of "I couldn't be a Christian living with him"! And why could this not apply to divorcing a misbehaving brother as well as an unbeliever?

So far, those who argue that "leaving for the sake of the kingdom" permits divorce say remarriage following such a divorce is not authorized. But I wonder: if leaving implies divorce, could not someone come along and argue that "receiving . . . at this time" implies remarriage?

Brethren, watch those inferences. Permission to divorce is not necessarily suggested by any of these passages. Be certain before you act. My concern is that we stand on solid footing on this vital subject, not on uncertain implications.

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# Bible Causes of Divorce and the Role of Government in Divorce

Edward Bragwell, Sr. & Mike Willis

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# "Today's Youth More Focused on Being

Wealthy, Polls Find"

**David Flatt** 

Several weeks ago, I wrote an article entitled, "Are We Going to Live Forever?" The article focused on the Bible's teaching about the brevity of life. This past week, I read an article in the Akron Beacon Journal. The headline read: Today's youth more focused on being wealthy, polls find (Irvine, Martha, Akron Beacon Journal [23] January 2007]).

A UCLA study found threequarters of their college freshmen surveyed said it was essential or very important to be financially well-off. The article cited another poll conducted by the renowned Pew Research Center. Eighty percent of eighteen to twenty-five year olds in the U.S. view getting rich as a top life goal for their generation.

The following thoughts will expand on the "Are We Going to Live Forever" article and also complement some thoughts mentioned in brother Teagarden's past Wednesday evening Bible classes.

We will begin by mentioning the American Dream. Some have described the American Dream as being people's ability to climb the ladder of success irrespective of their financial backgrounds. Others have described the Dream as being American's hopes for the day they will get rich.

Focusing on gaining success academically, financially, or occupationally is not wrong. However, are any of these areas our primary focus? If so, we have a problem. A great number of young people in our country seem to have this problem. This may even be a problem among members of the church. What may be a problem of youth, if not corrected, will only be continued throughout life.

Jesus addressed this subject in the Sermon on the Mount. We think we lead busy lives full of great responsibility and forget that those in Jesus' day led the same kinds of lives. Think about it: Jesus spoke

What are your life goals?

## Christ's Goal For Uc

But lay up for vourselves treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:20)

80% of 18 to 25 year olds view getting rich as a top life goal for their generation.

The American Dream

about anxiety (Matt. 6)! What is at the center of our lives? What are we pursuing? What kinds of sacrifices are we making in the pursuit of our dreams?

Our focus and goal in life is to be heaven. Our lives are to reflect Christ. We are to serve him with all of our strength. Our lives should be lives of sacrifice and self-denial to his service. Notice several passages which convey these truths:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For

where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt. 6:20-21).

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God (Matt. 19:23-24).

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Rom. 12:1).

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:1-3).

These passages teach us where our concern, attention, and energies should be focused. Christ is to be the center of our lives. Our primary goal in life should be to faithfully serve him. Christ assured those gathered to hear

the Sermon on the Mount that the things of life would take care of themselves if they would put him first in their lives.

What are your life goals? What are you willing to sacrifice to accomplish your goals? If our primary focus is not Christ, we sacrifice a home in Heaven. Sometimes we think we can find a balance between worldly pursuits and godliness. The passages we have noticed speak of no such balance. Christ is to come first and remain first in our lives. Developing this mind set early in life will only benefit our relationship with God.

# Is Hell Eternal Punishment?

David Dann

The New Testament makes frequent reference to a final, future punishment of the wicked beyond the judgment. In English versions of the Bible this future punishment is referred to as "hell."

Many are surprised to learn that Jesus spoke of hell more than anyone else in the New Testament.

Hell . . .

Some Ignore It

Some Reject It

Some Insist It Is Contrary to a Loving God

Some Attempt to Redefine It

some of the statements the Son of God made concerning the final destiny of those who die in their sins:

Notice

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matt 10:28).

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go

to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—where "Their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:43-44).

The subject of eternal punishment is often ignored or rejected altogether by the world in general and religious people in particular. Many insist that a loving God would never send anyone to such a place as an eternally burning hell, in spite of what the Bible may say on the subject. Others, meanwhile, attempt to redefine hell to make it refer to the idea that God will end the existence of the wicked after death. The belief that the final punishment of the wicked will consist of a cessation of their existence is known as "annihilationism" or "conditional immortality." As a compromise some have advanced the notion that the wicked will experience misery in hell for a while before being consumed completely so that they cease to exist altogether. The appeal of the concept of annihilation is that it is viewed by many as a much more rational, humane, and acceptable form of punishment when contrasted with the concept of everlasting conscious torment of the wicked.

It should be noted, however, that what man views as rational or acceptable does not in any way change what God has decreed. As in all matters of spiritual significance, the question of the nature of hell will be settled by an appeal to the Scriptures, rather than an appeal to human emotion and intellect (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 119:160; Prov. 14:12). With that in mind, what does the Bible say about hell? Is the future destiny of the wicked eternal conscious punishment, or is it something else?

#### **Terms Defined**

Certain key terms must be defined in order to clearly understand what the Bible teaches concerning hell. These terms relate to the nature, severity, and duration of the final punishment of the wicked.

1. Gehenna. The Greek word gehenna is the word translated as "hell," which Jesus employed when making reference to the punishment of the wicked beyond this life (Matt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43-47; Luke 12:5). Originally, this word referred to the detestable Valley of Hinnom near

Jerusalem where idolatrous childsacrifice had been practiced (see 2 Chron. 28:3), and which later became a refuse dump where fires burned continually and worms fed upon the dead bodies of animals and criminals. With these images in mind, by the first century A.D., gehenna became a fitting term to describe the place of eternal punishment of the wicked (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, II:1183). According to Bauer, Arndt, and Gingrich, "In the gospels it is the place of punishment in the next life" (Greek-English Lexicon, 152). The Scriptures teach that gehenna is eternal (Matt. 18:8; 25:41), unquenchable fire (Mark 9:43, 48), torment (Matt. 13:42, 50).

2. Eternal/Everlasting. When Jesus spoke of "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46) he used the word aionios, which may refer to that which is: (1) without beginning or end, that which always has been and always will be, (2) without beginning, (3) without end, never to cease, everlasting (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon, 20). It should be obvious that when this word is used in connection with hell it is used in the sense of making reference to that which is without end (Jude 7).

**3. Destruction.** The Bible speaks of "everlasting destruction" in association with the punishment of hell (2 Thess. 1:9). While some would like for destruction to

mean annihilation and cessation of existence, that is not what the word means. Thayer defines the Greek word olethros as "the loss of a life of blessedness after death, future misery" (448). Vine points out that the destruction associated with hell is "not the loss of being, but of well-being" (Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, 300). The Bible never associates destruction with passing out of existence.

#### **Everlasting Existence Is Certain For All**

1. The righteous and the wicked will continue to consciously exist beyond the grave. Far from teaching that the wicked cease to exist at death, the Bible teaches that all men have a future beyond this earthly life. Jesus said that both "those who have done good . . . and those who have done evil" will be resurrected at the last day (John 5:28-29). The apostle Paul affirmed this same truth, saying "there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15).

2. Everlasting existence is common to all men. As far as future existence beyond this life is concerned, it makes no difference whether one is righteous or wicked; every person will continue to exist throughout eternity. However, the condition of existence for the righteous will be very

different ...

from that of the wicked. While the righteous will enjoy perfect wellbeing in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21), the wicked will experience an ongoing state of misery, far removed from the Lord's blessings (2 Thess. 1:9-10). Thus, the question of the final destiny of mankind is not one of future existence versus nonexistence. Rather the question is over the type of existence which one may anticipate in eternity.

#### Hell Is Described As **Eternal Pun**ishment

1. The punishment of hell is of the same duration as the reward of heaven. Speaking of sinners in the final judgment, Jesus said, "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matt. 25:46). It should be noted that the terms which modify "punishment" and "life" are identical. Though

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"eternal," both English words are translated from the Greek word aionios, indicating that both states are without end. The inescapable conclusion is that if one makes the misery of hell temporary, then he must make the glories of heaven temporary as well. The truth, according to Jesus, is that both states are eternal. The point is that the Lord here presents a contrast between the righteous and the wicked with regard to where each will spend eternity and what each will experience hereafter. The righteous will enjoy an ongoing existence of fullness of life in fellowship with God, while the wicked will endure an ongoing existence of suffering miserable punishment without end.

2. The punishment of hell is beyond the grave. Some have pointed to Jesus' use of the word gehenna in order to try to prove that he was only referring to the grave when he spoke of hell. However, if one makes gehenna literal rather than symbolic, then we are reduced to having Jesus threaten to throw the dead bodies of all of the wicked of all time into the literal Valley of Hinnom outside Jerusalem as their final punishment, which would reduce his teaching on hell to utter nonsense. The truth is that when Jesus used the word gehenna to refer to eternal punishment he was using language that was commonly

understood as future punishment beyond the grave by his listeners. According to Dr. Alfred Edersheim, the Jewish Rabbis of Jesus' day routinely taught that sinners would be tormented in gehenna after death (Death and the Afterlife, Appendix I, 267-271). It would be impossible for the punishment of hell to refer to the grave since the wicked will be cast into hell after they have been resurrected from the grave (John 5:28-29; Matt. 10:28). Furthermore, the eternal punishment of hell is far worse

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> than anything one might experience in connection with physical death. Jesus said, "And I say to you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should

fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear him!" (Luke 12:4-5).

3. The punishment of hell is worse than non-existence. The Bible speaks of those who are dead in sin, being separated from fellowship with God, even while continuing their physical existence on this earth (Eph. 2:1; 1 Tim. 5:6). Likewise, those who are condemned to hell will face eternal death, that is, eternal separation from God. Rather than ceasing to exist, the wicked "will have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

Those in hell will continue to exist for eternity, but their existence will be one in which they are permanently separated from God. The case of Judas Iscariot is one that illustrates the ongoing misery of hell. Concerning the one who betrayed him,

Jesus said, "It would have been good for that man if he had not been born" (Matt. 26:24). If the future punishment of the wicked were annihilation, then Judas would end up in a state of nonexistence just as if he had never been born. But the words of Christ indicate that something far worse than non-existence would await the traitorous apostle.

4. The punishment of hell is everlasting. Hell is described as "the fire that shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:43), "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46), "the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41), and "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power" (2 Thess. 1:9). While one may experience periods of misery during his earthly life, those periods cannot compare with the unending misery and torment that awaits the wicked in hell. The book of Revelation portrays the ruined state of those in hell as providing no consolation or rest from the constant, neverending torment associated with ongoing punishment. With reference to those suffering the punishment of hell, John quotes the angel as saying, "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night" (Rev. 14:11). There is no break, no rest, and no end involved in the punishment of hell as it is described in the Bible.

#### Conclusion

The Bible presents the punishment of hell as an utterly hopeless and absolutely miserable state that continues on without end. Unfortunately, the Bible also makes it clear that the majority will spend eternity in such a state. Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). While there will be no possibility of reversing one's fortunes in eternity, the hope and possibility of spending eternity in heaven is available for those who will believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. As the Lord himself said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). Are you ready for eternity?

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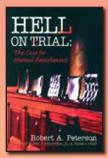
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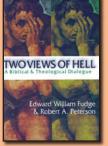
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# Reaching the Unchurched

Mike Willis

There have been numerous studies done on reaching the unchurched, most of which conduct surveys of the people who are not going to church to ask them what they would like to see in a church. The result has been that the unchurched are setting the agenda to control the program of the church in many denominations. These churches have been told that a certain worship style. the "right church name," a music Are ministry, and ministries to studies on various perceived reaching the needs are necessary to unchurched reach the unchurched. wrong? Many have been told that much of the preaching is irrelevant, judgmental,

As Thom S. Rainer addressed the issue of reaching the unchurched, he took a different approach. The Dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville decided to approach the subject by surveying those who had recently started going to church (changing from unchurched to churched). He was surprised by his findings. In Surprising Insights From the Unchurched and Proven Ways to

and drives away visitors. But these

conclusions are now being chal-

*Reach them*, Rainer disposed of some myths about reaching the lost.

Myth 1: The unchurched are turned off by denominational names in the church name. Rainer said, "For the most part, neither the presence nor the absence of a denominational name influenced the formerly unchurched's decision to join a church" (38). He quoted one person as follows:

"The name of the church never really entered my mind," Mark told us.
"I didn't have a clue what a Wesleyan church was, but that's not what got me interested in the church." . . .
"After all," Mark reflected, "I really don't choose a store because of its name.
What does 'Wal-Mart' mean anyway?" (39).

Perhaps some of our brethren need to reconsider their efforts to change the signs on their building from "Church of Christ" to "Christians meet here." As a matter of fact, one effect that the name of a church did have on the unchurched was that established names reassured the person that they were not becoming a part of "some wacko cult" (40).

Myth 2: The unchurched cannot be reached by direct personal evangelism. Many of those who began going to church started because of direct personal contact from someone affiliated with the church. Over 50% said that

they were influenced by someone from the church talking directly to them about their soul (43).

Myth 3: We must be careful in our teaching and preaching so that we do not communicate deep and complex biblical truths that will confuse the unchurched. This area of the study contained some of the most surprising information. The survey found that the two most important factors influencing a person's decision to join a church was the preacher/preaching (90%) and doctrines (88%) (21). "The number one reason given for a choice of a particular church was the theological beliefs and doctrines of that church" (21). One person complained about her visits to area churches:

"You know what frustrated me the most when I started visiting churches?" Susan M. asked us. Susan was a lifelong unchurched person living in the Cleveland area until a life crisis prompted her to seek God. She tried to find him and his truth in the churches she visited. "What really frustrated me was that I had a deep desire to understand the Bible, to hear in-depth preaching and teaching," she continued. "But most of the preaching was so watered-down that it was insulting to my intelligence. I went to one church where the message was on fear. I was eager to hear what the Bible had to say about a subject that described my state of mind."

But Susan was sorely disappointed with what she heard. "It was

lenged.

more of a pop-psychology message. The biblical view was never explained. Bible texts were hardly mentioned, she lamented (45).

#### Another person said,

Shannon quickly added her insights: "We attended a lot of different churches for different reasons before we became Christians. I tell you so many of the preachers spoke with little authority; they hardly ever dealt with tough issues of Scripture, and they soft-sold the other issues. Frank and I know now that we were hungry for the truth. Why can't preachers learn that shallow and superficial preaching doesn't help anybody, including people like us who weren't Christians?" (62).

Rainer quotes another person as saying,

"I visited a few churches before I became a Christian. Man, some of them made me want to vomit! They didn't show any more conviction about their beliefs than I did. And I was lost and going to hell!" (127).

Ninety-one percent of the formerly unchurched indicated that doctrine was an important fact that attracted them to the church (45). Rainer wrote,

Now we are hearing from the formerly unchurched that preaching that truly teaches the Bible in its original context is a major factor in reaching the unchurched. Indeed, this issue was mentioned by 211 of the 353 survey respondents. The formerly unchurched told us that they were attracted to strong biblical teaching and to understanding Christian doctrine (58).

The results of this survey conflict with what our pluralistic culture is teaching. But the fact is that Rainer's study agrees completely with Dean Kelley's book *Why Conservative Churches Are Growing*. The unchurched are looking for answers—answers which moral relativity cannot give. They want certitude. Churches which have no sense of certitude in their preaching are not likely to grow. Wishy-washy preaching is not going to reach the unchurched (132). Another person surveyed said,

"I didn't have a church background," Bill said, "but I sure could tell a lot about churches after a visit or two. There was this one church where the preacher went through all sort of gyrations to say nothing. It was like he was afraid he would offend somebody. Personally, I was offended that he was such a dud. I could've turned on the TV and watched *The Simpsons* and learned as much about the Bible (134).

Rainer said, "We can say with a high degree of certainty that clearly articulated doctrine attracts the unchurched. And we can say, based on the results thus far, that doctrinal convictions assimilates the formerly unchurched as well" (134). "... one of the reasons the formerly unchurched were attracted to the churches they joined was the churches' unambiguous declaration of absolutes. In a world of relativity, many seekers desire to know that a black and white reality does exists. The same clarity of absolutes that attracted the unchurched keeps them in the church" (135).

# Myth 4: The preacher must be a dynamic and charismatic leader for the church to reach the unchurched.

That was not confirmed by research. A preacher who displayed humility, love toward those with whom he was working, passion about what he was preaching, and conviction was just as effective in reaching the unchurched as were dynamic speakers.

Myth 5: The Sunday School and other small groups are ineffective in attracting the unchurched. The survey confirmed that many of the unchurched were attracted to the Bible classes offered by the church. Nearly 70% of the formerly unchurched were active in the Bible classes offered by the church (47).

## **Church Growth and Friendliness**

Rainer calls attention to the effect that friendliness has on reaching the unchurched. He observed that almost all churches "think they are friendly

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churches" (87). He commented. "Most church members believe they are friendly when in reality they are friendly only to others whom they already know" (96). Manufactured friendliness is almost as bad as being unfriendly. When visitors come, sometimes they have to enter

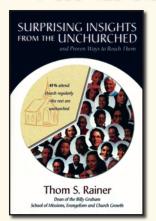
a strange place in which they know no one and negotiate where they should be without help. Churches need to be aware of their visitors. In larger churches, this may mean that ushers are working to take visitors to where they need to go. In smaller churches, every member should be looking at the audience to see if there are visitors present and then make an effort to visit with them. Get to know who they are, where they live, where they work, is there some crisis in their life that has motivated them to come to church. etc. Show yourself friendly and interested in them, not because it is expected of you, but because you are genuinely interested in leading them to salvation.

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# Surprising Insights From the Unchurched and Proven Ways to Reach Them

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#### **Less Important Things**

Rainer quotes from a survey by Barna research group saying,

Note the issues that were not deemed important by Barna's group. Less than 20 percent of the respondents indicated that the following were extremely important in choosing a church home: variety of ministries and programs, convenience of worship times, music/worship style, quality of music, location of church, amount of music in service, comfort of the sanctuary or auditorium, length of sermons, small groups, emphasis on fund-raising and money, friends in the church, easy access to parking, and the type of people who attend (72).

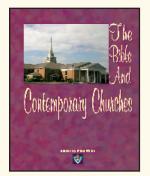
#### Conclusion

There are many other things that are worth noting from this book on reaching the unchurched. The book is available from our bookstore and is well worth the price of the book and the time to read it. There are many positive things that are recommended:

(1) If the preach-

ing is so important in reaching the lost, the preacher must take the time necessary to study; (2) A church without strong conviction that the unchurched are lost will not have a strong evangelistic ministry and will not grow; (3) The manner in which one keeps the building facilities (clean or unkept, if the bathrooms have paper towels and toilet paper, if the classrooms are attractive, etc.) and how worship is conducted (whether it is done with a "throw it together at the last minute" approach or displays the best that one can give to the Lord) leave important first impressions on the visitors, influencing whether or not

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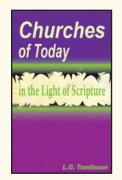


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# Singing With Understanding

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## Verses One, Two, and Four?

How many verses of a hymn should we sing in worship? Which verses should we sing? In this article, and in those that follow, we will investigate some important things to consider when deciding these things.

#### **Song Leaders** as Teachers

We "teach and admonish one another" when we worship in song (Col. 3:16). Whoever decides what we sing determines the content that we use to teach and admonish. which is an important responsibility. In most cases, that person is the song leader. Naturally, we expect meaningful and practical content from our preachers and teachers. We should expect the same from our song leaders. Just as a preacher must chose a topic and decide exactly what Scriptures to read and study, a song leader's responsibility includes selecting the hymns and exactly what part of each hymn to sing.

#### The Length of a Hymn

One factor that affects how many verses we sing is hymn length. For various reasons, we have a relatively short attention span when we sing, so we often leave out verses. Of course, we can always improve our ability to concentrate, and that is helpful at times, but we are affected by what we perceive as normal. Leaders have to keep that in mind regarding time. A tenminute hymn would be like a threehour sermon; neither is wrong, but

our minds would have difficulty staying focused during either because it would not be what we are used to. Five verses of a long hymn may outlast our attention span. If a hymn is repetitive, as many are, it compounds the problem. Therefore, song leaders often abbreviate hymns by leaving out verses.

#### The First, Second, and Last Verses

A common way to shorten hymns is to sing only three verses of a four-or-moreverse hymn, often the first, second, and last ones. While this practice does not determines the content always have bad results, sometimes the consequence is that we omit the most important

verses.

For example, in his fourverse hymn, "At Calvary," William R. Newall described the process of changing one's allegiance from self to God. It pictures one going from "vanity and pride" to complete trust in God. Verse three expresses the greatest step in that process: the point when one wholly surrenders to the Lord.

*Now I've given to Jesus everything;* Now I gladly own Him as my King.

Another example is "Our God, He is Alive" by A. W. Dicus. Again, verse three contains the main point of this hymn: Man cannot create life; God can and God did; there-

fore, he is alive. The other verses state truths that are covered by many other hymns, but verse three makes "Our God, He is Alive" unique. In fact, whenever the late brother Dicus was present when this hymn was sung, he insisted that verse three be included. Certainly, this is a long hymn with all four verses and choruses, but if we insist on leaving one out, verse three is the worst one to pick. Nevertheless,

it is the verse that is

excluded the most. In fact, many of us have sung "Our God, He is Alive" more times without verse three than we have with it.

#### **Preparation**

When

thoughtful preparation is not given to the song selection, when "first, second, and last" is the default for verse selection, the result can be that of eliminating key verses and, thus, watering down the worship. As song leaders, how seriously do we take our responsibility if we do not examine the hymn in its entirety before determining which verses to sing or to omit? Let us be diligent in our preparation so that the hymn worship is meaningful and others' hearts are led to honor God as completely and effectively as possible.

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# Reading, Writing, and Reflecting



Steve Willis

# Top News Stories of 2006

In December, we read of 2006's top religion-related news articles as determined by members of the Religious News Association (RNA). The Amish community was named the newsmaker of the year by the RNA when they were drawn into the public's eye after Charles Roberts IV bound and killed five girls and then himself inside an Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania. The community there buried the slain, razed the schoolhouse, and spoke openly of forgiving Roberts; some attended his funeral.

It seems odd that the "news-maker of the year" only came in seventh in the Top 10 articles for 2006; they are:

- 1. Muslims reacted violently, killing many, after the publication of Muhammad cartoons.
- 2. Roman Catholic Pope Benedict XVI angered Muslims by quoting a source linking Islam and violence.
- 3. The Episcopal Church infuriated conservatives by electing Katharine Jefferts Schori—a supporter of an openly–homosexual bishop—as the first woman to its top post.
- 4. Ted Haggard resigned as president of the National Association of Evangelicals and was dismissed as "pastor" of his Colorado Springs megachurch, being

accused of having "gay sex" and using drugs.

- 5. Many Republican candidates backed by the "religious right" were defeated in the US fall elections.
- 6. Religious voices grew louder for peace between Iraq's Muslim sects; "Christian churches" reconsidered efforts to pressure Israel regarding Palestine.
- 7. The murder of five Amish girls and their community's forgiveness.

8. (tie) "The Da Vinci Code" movie The prompted winner is: more Amish folk who outrage over modeled forgiveness Dan after the schoolhouse Brown's novel. murders.

Same-sex marriage bans passed in seven of eight states voting; Arizona became the first to defeat the ban. New Jersey's Supreme Court ruled "same-sex marriage couples deserve the same rights as heterosexual couples."

8. (tie)

10. President Bush vetoed a bill calling for expanded stem-cell research. —www.charlotte.com

Terry Mattingly (Scripps Howard) suggested another story:

"Imagine . . . President George W. Bush is addressing the United Nations amid global tensions about nuclear weapons. He closes with evangelical language that expresses his yearning for the triumphant second coming of Jesus Christ and prays that this apocalyptic event will unify the world sooner rather than later." Mattingly asked, "Do you think the speech would cause a media storm? . . . Would this be considered one of the year's most controversial religion-news events?" and explained, "Bush, of course, never delivered an address of this kind. However, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad did . . ." Here is what Ahmadinejad said before the United Nations:

I emphatically declare that today's world, more than ever before, longs for just and righteous people with love for all humanity; and above all longs for the perfect righteous human being and the real savior who has been promised to all peoples and who will establish justice, peace and brotherhood on the planet.

O, Almighty God, all men and women are your creatures and you have ordained their guidance and salvation. Bestow upon humanity that thirsts for justice, the perfect human being promised to all by you [the 12th Imam Madhi and a coming "apocalypse," SPW], and make us among his followers and among those who strive for his return and his cause.

You didn't hear about "the perfect righteous human being"?

Mattingly explained, "This section of his address received little media attention. Thus, it isn't surprising that the Iranian leader's end times vision was not selected as one of the top 10 stories in the Religion Newswriters Association's 2006 poll. In fact, it didn't appear in the top 20 events."—http://www.shns.com.

We would add that God has already sent His Perfect Righteous Human Being, Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and God, and that's good news!

## Missing the cut this vear are these stories:

- 11. A group of evangelical leaders calls for a stronger response to environmental concerns, especially global warming. Another group of evangelicals downplays the threat.
- 12. The genocide in Darfur, which is based more on nationality than religion, draws increasing attention from religious groups, but a solution seems unattainable.
- 13. Samuel A. Alito Jr., a Roman Catholic, is confirmed as justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, giving the high court its first Catholic majority in history.
- 14. Hollywood makes major plays for religious audiences, some more successful than others. "The Nativity Story," a major studio release that retells the Christmas story, appears poised to do well as a December release. "One Night with the King" told the biblical story of the Jewish Queen Esther. Earlier in the year "Book of Daniel," a TV show about a dysfunctional clergy household, offended some Christian viewers and was cancelled.
- 15. Roman Catholic dioceses continue to make payouts in the sexual-abuse scandals, capped by Los Angeles' decision to settle 45 lawsuits for \$60 million, the fourth

largest amount in the nation since the scandal erupted in 2002. Earlier, Davenport, Iowa, becomes the fourth U.S. diocese to seek bankruptcy protection.

- 16. Pentecostalism marks its 100th birthday, dating to the Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles in April 1906, and celebrates its distinction as the fastest-growing Christian body.
- 17. Southern Baptists elect their first dark-horse president in decades, Frank Page of South Carolina, in what some see as discontent with the prevailing style of leadership. Earlier, two SBC mission boards work through internal conflict.
- 18. The Food and Drug Administration approves Plan B (the morning-after pill) for non-prescription sales, angering religious conservatives. Earlier, some pharmacists lose their jobs for refusing to fill Plan B prescriptions because of their religious convictions.
- 19. Warren S. Jeffs, leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a polygamist breakaway sect, is arrested in Nevada, after three months on the FBI's Most Wanted List, on sexual-misconduct charges

stemming from allegedly arranging multiple marriages between underage girls and older men.

20. Election of conservative Christian Stephen Harper as prime minister of Canada leads to the expectation of an eventual larger role for faith-based social conservatism there.

## Results: Top newsmaker of the year

The winner is: Amish folk who modeled forgiveness after the schoolhouse murders.

Those who did not win top newsmaker this year are:

- Pope Benedict XVI, who quieted Muslims after unintentionally angering them.
- Dan Brown and Ron Howard, author and director of the controversial "The Da Vinci Code."
- Ted Haggard, Evangelical leader who admitted to sexual immorality.
- Frank Page, surprise winner of the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Katharine Jefferts Schori, first woman presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

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# Available for Meetings

My brother, Lewis Willis, discontinued most of his meeting schedule several years ago because he was tied up with a weekly radio and television program. Since he is now free from those obligations, he is available for several meetings this year. If you would like to have him for a meeting, you may contact him at 1-330-325-7590 (home) or 1-330-962-7621 (cell) or by e-mail at lwillis3@neo.rr.com. (Submitted by Mike Willis).

# Golgotha and the Garden Tomb

#### Mike Hardin

Jesus Christ was arrested in the middle of the night in the Garden of Gethsemane, by the order of the chief priests and elders in Jerusalem (Matt. 26:47). Jesus was led away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled (Matt. 26:57). Christ received a hurried trial before the scribes and elders of the Children of Israel and was charged with the crime of blasphemy (Matt. 26:65-66).

When the morning came all the chief priests and elders of the Israelites took counsel against Jesus and agreed to put him to death (Matt. 27:1-2). In order to wash their hands of the guilt of Christ's death, they delivered Jesus to Pontius Pilate the Roman

governor for execution. The Jewish leadership charged that Jesus was guilty of treason against the State of Rome for claiming to be the "King of the Jews."

Pilate attempted to free Jesus, because he knew he was an innocent man. When Pilate's attempts to free Christ failed and he saw that a tumult was being created by the Jewish multitude he permitted the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (Matt. 27:24-26).

The Scriptures state the Roman soldiers took Jesus outside the city of Jerusalem to a place of execution. "He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha" (John 19:17, NKJV). The Gospel of Luke called the place of execution, Calvary. "When they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left" (Luke 23:33, NKJV).

What do we know concerning the place of Christ's death? From the Scriptures we may gather that Golgotha was outside the city of Jerusalem. No one was to be executed within the walls of Jerusalem. "Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate" (Heb. 13:12, NKJV). Golgotha was close to Jerusalem. "Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin" (John 19:19-20, NKJV). Calvary was apparently near some public thoroughfare.

"And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads" (Matt. 27:39, NKJV). Golgotha was near the route coming from the countryside. "They compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyre-

nian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross" (Mark 15:21, NKJV).

Calvary was a spot visible from some distance away. "All His acquaintances, and the women

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who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things" (Luke 23:49, NKJV).

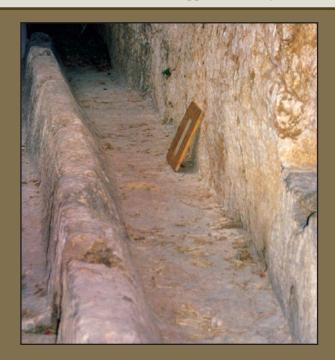
Joseph of Arimathaea requested the body of Christ and laid it in his own new tomb (Matt. 27:57-60). The tomb in which the body of Christ lay until the resurrection was a private garden. "Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid" (John 19:41, NKJV).

Today, a short distance north of the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem is a rocky hill that has been promoted as the site of Golgotha and the garden tomb. In 1883 General Charles Gordon, a leader of the British army, went to a small hill north of the Turkish wall of Jerusalem. Two caves in the sheer face opposite the city look

something like the eye sockets of a skull, so it was called Skull Hill. Quite near the edge of Skull Hill is a pleasant garden. Within this garden is to be found a rock-hewn tomb, which, because of its proximity to a rocky cliff outside the city wall is a site of vital interest to visitors to the City of Jerusalem.

As the area has been excavated during the past 100 years, it has yielded evidence that the ground adjoining the tomb was a fertile garden. Several cisterns were discovered, and one very large one, with a capacity of 200,000 gallons of water. Evidence of the existence of a vineyard came with the discovery in 1924 of a fine winepress. The tomb is rock-hewn and is complete with a hollowed out track for a large stone to cover the entrance to the tomb.

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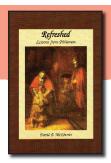




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## a Quick Review of Books



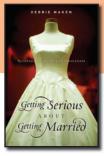
Refreshed: Lessons From Philemon

David B. McElwain Privately Published, 2006. 93 pages, softback.

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Paul's brief epistle to Philemon is filled with important lessons, but this epistle is often overlooked in our Bible study today. David B. McElwain has written a good overview of Philemon hoping to introduce the reader to Philemon, Onesimus, and Paul. Refreshed is not a typical commentary. McElwain writes in a simple, conversational style using practical illustrations from his own life to explain the teaching of Philemon. Refreshed contains ten brief chapters. The "Things to Consider" section at the end of each chapter is helpful in guiding the reader to apply the lessons of Philemon. McElwain's goal is to get the reader to love and encourage the brethren, and become a "refresher of saints" wherever the reader may be. Refreshed is a good aid for personal or small group Bible study.

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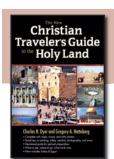


Getting Serious About Getting Married

Debbie Maken Crossway Books, 2006. 207 pages, softback.

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Marriage is honorable (Heb. 13:4)! However, God's plan and ideal for marriage are simply not understood and taken seriously by many today. In this new book, Debbie Maken proposes that marriage is the fundamental design and structure of life that God has chosen for the people he created. She is clear and to the point: "I want women to be married. Marriage is wonderful" (189). Maken argues that the importance of marriage as it stands in the Bible needs to be taught, understood, and applied today. She challenges the reader's present understanding of the single life and marriage. Maken opens her book with chapters on what the Bible says about marriage and being single. Here, she compares and contrasts what the Bible teaches on this subject with traditional thinking, Next, Maken answers the excuses and arguments that many people o er for remaining single today. Maken closes her book with chapters containing practical advice on how one can move forward and meet the right person for marriage. A "Discussion Guide" at the close of Maken's book contains many questions which will help the reader to examine his own view of singleness and marriage.



Chris Reeves

The New Christian Traveler's Guide to the Holy Land

Charles H. Dyer and Gregory A. Hatteberg. Moody Press, 2006. 241 pages, softback.

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With more people traveling to visit Bible lands, it is helpful to have a guide to assist the traveler so he will get the most out of his trip. The New Christian Traveler's Guide is very thorough and helpful to anyone traveling to the Bible lands. The authors are both licensed guides in Israel and have traveled extensively in the Middle East. Their new guide contains two main parts. First, the reader is given several helpful suggestions to prepare for a trip. Travel safety, travel tips, packing lists, passport requirements, "jet lag," and helpful web sites are taken into consideration by these authors. Next, the reader is given a good overview of five Bible lands (Israel, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, and Turkey). Brief history and geography lessons are given for each land and places of interest are suggested. Numerous Scripture references are also cited in the text to remind the traveler of the Bible's reference to each land. This book also includes a nice 16-page color insert of maps and photos, and space to record travel notes. The New Christian Traveler's Guide will help any traveler, experienced or not, who is planning a journey through the Bible lands.

# Children's Activities L SALVIUEL

#### **Memory Verse:**

(The elders of Israel said:) "Make us a king to judge us like all the nations" (1 Sam. 8:4-5).

#### Theme:

In Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, the nation of Israel is ruled by kings. Samuel was the last of the rulers called judges and he was also a prophet of God. Through Samuel God anointed Saul as the first king of Israel. King Saul was jealous of his good soldier, David, because David won many victories for the King. Samuel anointed David as the second king. At a future time, God would anoint Jesus Christ as the king in a new and better kingdom.

#### Match:

- 1. Eli (1 Sam. 1:9, 25; 2:11)
- 2. Hannah (1 Sam. 1:11)
- 3. Samuel (1 Sam. 7:15)
- 4. Saul (1 Sam. 10:17-19, 21-24)
- 5. David (1 Sam. 17:49-50)
- 6. Jonathan (1 Sam. 19:1)
- 7. Goliath (1 Sam. 17:4)
- 8. Jonathan(1 Sam. 18:1-4)
- 9. David (1 Sam. 26:7-9, 12)
- 10. Samuel (1 Sam. 9:26-10:1; 16:13)
- 11. Saul (1 Sam. 18:8-9)

- A. Close friend of David
- B. First king of Israel
- C. Had opportunity to kill King Saul but did not
- D. Was jealous of David
- E. Priest who raised the child Samuel
- F. Giant of the Philistines
- G. Prayed to God for a son
- H. Son of King Saul
- I. "Judge . . . all the days of his life"
- J. Anointed Saul as first king & David as second king
- K. Killed Goliath

#### Review memory verse from Ruth:

"[Boaz married Ruth and] the Lord gave her . . . a son . . . they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David."

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# Teacher Talk



# The Importance of a Complete Curriculum in our Bible Classes

#### Sarah Bragwell

The word "curriculum" is a word frequently used but often misunderstood. Webster's dictionary defines it as "a set of courses constituting an area of specialization." With this in mind, consider the last time you studied the Bible story from Genesis to Revelation. Was it last year or two years ago or can you even remember the whole Bible story being taught in your Bible class? Do you know the "Big Picture" and can you tell someone else-about God's plan of salvation (2 Pet. 3:15)? Are we equipping our young children from the earliest Bible classes through the adult classes with the complete knowledge about the Bible and the scheme of redemption?

Some congregations do not have a "set curriculum" that covers the entire Bible over a period of time. Bible class teachers are given liberty to pick what they want to teach as long as it is biblically sound.

Many places are just glad that someone has agreed to teach a class. Having sat through Bible classes like these, many of us know the stories of Creation, Noah and the flood, Moses and the Red Sea, Joseph and his coat, the birth of Jesus, Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and about the apostles. These "well known" Bible lessons taught in isolation fail to convey to our children the complete Bible story.

Many other stories are not being taught at all, for instance his purpose for us and how we can be more pleasing to him (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

If you do not already have a planned curriculum, pre-made teaching series that begin with Genesis When and works the curriculum through the Old and New being used has all Testaments students studying the are a good place to same subject, it is much start. Be easier for the family to cautious about some of study together these teaching series as they can at home. be filled with activities and ideas that have no spiritual value. They are a good source for a list of topics if you have other resources available to supplement those topics. A biblically accurate children's Bible

When the curriculum being used has all students studying the same subject, it is much easier for the family to study together at home.

story book is also a great place to

get a list of these topics.

On a personal note, once my son started Bible class, I felt it was important to begin at Genesis and study through the Old and New Testaments in approximately two years. This was the current time format of our Bible classes and I was interested in him being taught more Bible stories and facts than the current lessons being used. Topics were selected with the goal of using lots of repetition. I compiled seven binders with each

to be taught twice in a row
... Wednesday night and
Sunday morning).
These topics broadly
cover the whole Bible
which is taught in two
years. This is the
current curriculum (or
plan of lesson topics)
that our 2 and 3 year old
class uses where we
attend. It is not an exhaus-

having seven topics (each topic

tive survey, but carries them through the Bible from beginning to end.

In preparing for your class, first read the story from the Bible. Let's not forget, the Bible is our "area of specialization"! Teaching the class, tell and retell the story at their age appropriate level all the while emphasizing to them God's purpose for us knowing that story. We have an excellent resource room at the congregation where I attend which is very helpful for the classroom teachers. We sing songs about the story and use visual aids or a teacher—made activity poster that

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# She Apparently Thinks She Is Smarter Than God!

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child abuse on the part of parents. So the experiment failed, and both the parents and their children were the victims of this arrogant ignorance bestowed upon them by their government. It now appears that California wants to inflict the same damage on their people. Aren't you glad you live in Ohio? But wait, you can be sure other states will try to do the same with God's will on this subject.

#### **A Final Thought**

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, and I ask that you note what he said. "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ

crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor. 1:20-25). We will be wise if we remember what God has said, and not be lead astray to our own folly by those who think they are smarter than God!

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### "Lest Any Root of Bitterness"

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gall and publish their bitterness for anyone who has the taste to read it, then that is their own business. We think we owe better than that to our readers.

We have seen some preachers grow sour because they thought some congregation mistreated them, or some brother in business did not do to suit them, or their children were not accorded the honors they thought they should have received. This makes them extremely sensi-

tive, often leads to a martyr complex, and creates havoc among brethren who are puzzled as to what in the world is going on.

There is no place for compromise of truth on any front. But there is a place for responsible and honorable controversy. There is likewise a place for the "fruit of the Spirit" to grow in each of us. That fruit is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there

is no law" (Gal. 5:22-23). "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:31-32).

It would be a great day in the kingdom if we could dig up every root of bitterness and patch all the "busted galls."

#### Bible Class Curriculum

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enforces the lesson being taught. This also helps in retelling the story several times. Repetition is the key!

Ladies, we have too many options out there to not be using them in teaching the complete Bible story to our children over and over again: First, we need to be diligent Bible students ourselves before we can teach the Bible effectively to our children. (2 Tim. 2:15) Let's bring the *whole* word of God back into our Bible class and equip our children with the "Big Picture."

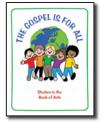
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GOLDEN, CO Westside Church of Christ 13789 West 8th Ave. (½ mi. E. of Indiana St.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (303) 233-5683	CLEARWATER, FL Northeast Church of Christ 2040 N McMullen-Booth Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Dann (ddann1@hothatil.com) (727) 799-0007 or (813) 535-9759	JACKSONVILLE, FL Marietta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10,000 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden (904)693-0432 or 781-5704	OCALA, FL Church of Christ 3900 S. Pine  (441, 301 & 27 S.) Bilble Study 210.00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Hudgins (352) 694-2922	PLANT CITY, FL Plant City Church of Christ 315 N. Wilder Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: Gary M. Ogden (813) 752-2227 or 752-2771	PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist-Tommy W. Thomas (706) 6:28-5117 or 628-5229
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BENTON, IL Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (west of Wal-Mart) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangslist: Greg King (618) 438-2911 or 435-2981	CLARKSVILLE, IN Clarksville Church of Christ 407 Lewis and Clark Pkw. Bible Study Worship 10.30 A.M. Worship 6.00 PM. Wednesday 7.30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (812) 941-0747 or 944-2005 KCampbell@earthlink.net Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917	SOUTH MARION, IN Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Sayre (765) 662-7457 or 674-7015 www.lpeter321.com	GRINNELL, IA Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Al Sandlin (641) 236-6052 (641) 236-1955 or 793-2989	CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) Bible Study 9-45 A.M. Worship 10-45 A.M. Evening 6-30 P.M. Wednesday 7-30 P.M. (270) 789-1651	OWENSBORO, KY Southside Church or Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869
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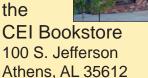
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