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# Dumbing Down The Church

Several years ago, I started research on a commentary on Genesis. As I was talking to a brother about how much of contemporary criticism on the book of Genesis should be included, he and I talked about the study level of the book. Just as there are math books geared to every person's study level, from first grade through graduate school, so are there biblical commentaries written on different study levels, ranging from one-volume

commentaries to multi-volume sets on individual books of the Bible. As we talked about the danger of allowing a commentary to become too technical, the gentleman with whom I was talking warned me also of the danger of it not containing any challenging study material. He said, "We don't need to dumb down the church."

who have not learned the basics of biblical information are not qualifed to be saying much about contemporary moral issues . . .

I suppose that the comment stemmed from what appears to be happening in secular education. So many schools are having trouble keeping up their test scores. The result of dumbing down secular education shows itself when brethren are called upon in class to read several verses of Scripture and they stumble over words, barely being able to read. The drop out rate of some Indianapolis schools is deplor-

able. To keep as many graduating as possible, the schools sometimes lower graduation requirements and the result is that we "dumb down" the students. High school graduates enter college, but they are not prepared to study at that level and they flunk out.

# The Challenge For The Church: To Pass Down the Word To Another Generation

The work of preaching is to teach sound doctrine. Consider these instructions that are given to evangelists:

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions,

rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do (1 Tim. 1:3-4).

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme (1 Tim. 1:18-20).

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall

depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth (1 Tim. 4:1-3).

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness (1 Tim. 4:6-7).

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Tim. 2:2).

The challenge and work of any church is to pass down the faith from one generation to another without allowing it to be corrupted. Our teaching program within the local church is the best means we have of accomplishing this goal.

### **Dumbing Down the Bible Class Literature**

The danger of dumbing down the students is not limited to public schools. There is a danger of the same thing happening in Bible classes. When I visit our book stores, either in Bowling Green or Athens, I always walk through the store to see what is new, what brethren are buying. Sometimes I thumb through books and am appalled at what is selling. Some of the popular workbooks have very little material for instruction.

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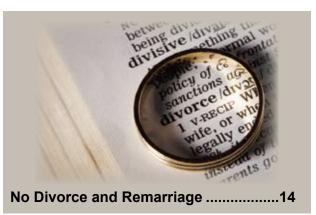


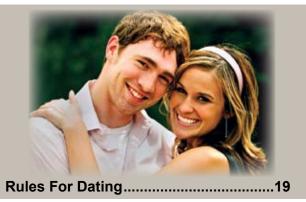


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#### **Role Models**

Who are your children's role models? What about your grand-children's? What about yours?

There seems to be a ceaseless stream of news about one famous person after another getting into real trouble. Paris Hilton, Lindsey Lohan, Michael Vick, and others are well known for less-than-honorable reasons. The question is, are these the people our children look up to? If so, why?

As Christians, it is our duty to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). The principle in Deuteronomy 6:6-9 is to teach them constantly, including having the Word of God before them. Do your children have posters of their role models on their wall,

but rarely have the Book of God before their eyes?

Fathers and mothers, be diligent to instruct your children and point them to healthy examples. Tell them about the faithful men and women of the Bible (Heb. 11). Read them the stories about their trials and triumphs. Show them Christians that can be looked up to. And definitely set the proper example yourself.

# 100,000 Visit Creation Museum

The *Baptist Press* reported that on July 21, 2007 the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY, had its 100,000<sup>th</sup> visitor (http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asap?id=2635). The museum has only been open a couple of months and has been severely criticized. Still, people go.

In a time when every effort is being made in public and private to rid our nation of God, it is heartwarming to know there are a number of people who still hold convictions about the Bible account of creation. Not all men are completely hardened against the truth. Some people still respond to Bible teaching. It is our hope they will not stop at Genesis, but go on through Revelation—and accept all truth.

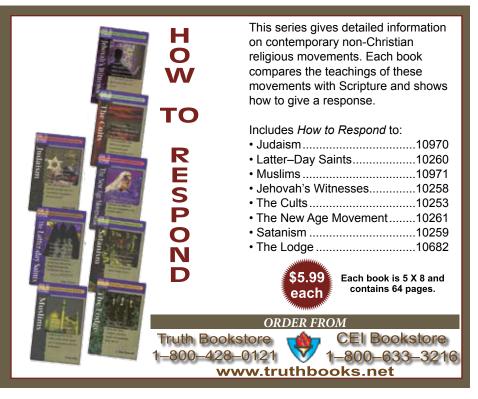
#### **Too Busy For God?**

The Christian Post reports that "Christians" are too busy for God (thechristianpost.com, July 30, 2007). These are people who claim to believe in God, but will not take time to serve him. The article said, "About 6 in 10 Christians say that it's 'often' or 'always' true that 'the busyness of life gets in the way of developing my relationship with God.' Christians most likely to agree were from North America...."

Sin is not the only thing that drags us down. The cares of this world can choke out spiritual life (Matt. 13:22). We need to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

Just think about this: when we are too busy for God, we are saying, "God, I know you gave my life and every material blessing that I enjoy. You gave your Son to redeem me from sin and eternity in hell. However, I am too busy doing other things, so you will have to wait or do without my service." Will such a person make it to heaven?

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# "I Drench My Couch With Tears"

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# Are there times in which we weep? Are there times in which we should weep, but don't? Do you shed tears? When? Over what?

Psalms 6:6, "I am weary with my groaning; all night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears" (KJV), "I dissolve my couch with my tears" (NAS), "I drench my couch with my weeping" (RSV), "I drench my couch with tears" (NIV). Take any of these translations which you like and David was still a man of sorrow. He shed tears, many tears. No doubt there were many circumstances and occasions when David wept. Other passages tell us about his joy, his happiness, and his awe; yet, these and other passages tell us of his deep hurtful grief. Are there times in which we weep? Are there times in which we should weep, but don't? Do you shed tears? When? Over what?

Most of us are familiar with Scriptures that speak of shedding tears or weeping. As Jesus carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem, some women followed him weeping. Jesus told them, "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children" (Luke 23:27-28). Some of the Jews and Mary were weeping at the grave of Lazarus. There, Jesus also wept (John 11:31, 33, 35). Mary Magdalene stood by the sepulcher of Jesus and wept (John 20:13, 15).

Fellow-Christians were breaking Paul's heart with their weeping (Acts 21:13). Paul served the Lord with many tears (Acts 20:19), and with tears in his eyes, he taught the people, night and day (Acts 20:31). When he wrote the first Corinthian epistle, Paul said he did it with "many tears" (2 Cor. 2:4). When Peter approached the house

of Dorcas he found the widows weeping as they showed the garments made by this good woman (Acts 9:39). All of these suggest some good thoughts and lessons for us today. Yet, there is more.

In Romans 12:15, we are told, "Weep with them that weep." Some amount of weeping then is commanded. But, there are reasons behind our weeping. "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ" (Phil. 3:18). While we speak of all the joy and happiness that is to be found (and should be) in serving the Lord, let us not forget that there are some things about which we should weep.

There remains one other thing, about weeping, that needs to be mentioned in this short lesson. "Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness" (Jas. 4:9). Study the context of this verse and you shall appreciate it more. They were in sin and that because of their sins. I suspect that such as this is in the picture in Matthew 5:4 and Luke 6:21 when they quote Jesus as saying, "Blessed are they that mourn" and "Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh." How can we, upon realizing that we are guilty of sin, laugh and joke about it? How can we shrug our shoulders as if it makes little difference? Perhaps, if we wept more in this life, we might avoid the weeping that is ahead. "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Luke 13:28).

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# Dating the Life of Jesus

The New Testament, while providing excellent accounts of events that occurred in the first century, notoriously does not provide many dates relative to the rest of history. Such an understanding is not strictly necessary; nevertheless, much can be gained, especially in terms of the history of the early church, if we consider what can be known regarding the chronology of the New Testament. Let us begin with the life of Jesus, upon which the rest of the chronology must be based.

We do have certain historical markers that can help us in our chronology. We know that Herod the Great died in the year 4 BCE (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews* 17.8.1, *Wars of the Jews* 1.33.8); therefore, Jesus' birth, the visit of the Magi, the flight to Egypt, and the slaughter of infants in Bethlehem all date to the year 4 BCE or immediately earlier (cf. Matt. 1:18-2:23). Likewise, Luke tells us the following in Luke 3:1-2 and Luke 3:23:

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

And Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli.

These pieces of information will be the most critical in determining our chronology, and we will return to them shortly.

As to the duration of Jesus' ministry, it would seem from the Gospel of John that Jesus' ministry encompassed three Passover festivals. These are recorded in John 2:13, 6:4, and 11:55.

And the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Now the passover of the Jews was at hand: and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the passover, to purify themselves.

As to this first Passover, we gain an idea of when it occurred by the comment made by the Jews against what Jesus had taught them:

The Jews therefore said, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? (John 2:20).

Let us now consider all of this evidence to see if we can gain a picture of the chronology of the events at hand.

It seems clear enough that the Magi visited Jesus at some point well after his birth—Mary is now in a house, and the star may have risen after his birth (cf. Matt. 2:2, 11). The death of Herod, moreover, occurs soon after he orders the death of the infants of Bethlehem (Matt. 2:13-15, 19). We can reasonably establish, then, that the visit of the Magi and the massacre in Bethlehem occurred in 4 BCE proper, and posit Jesus' birth as in 5 BCE. If this is the case, Jesus' visit to the Temple at age twelve in Luke 2:42-51 most likely occurred in 8 CE

The next date we are given is in regards to the beginning of John's ministry, and Luke mentions many individuals. Pontius Pilate is governor of Judea at the time; he was appointed to that position in 26 CE and was removed ten years later. Both Herod and Philip reigned from the death of their father in 4 BCE until after the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Annas and Caiaphas represented the high priesthood from 6-36 CE. Lysanias is known from inscriptional evidence from one of his freedman: "for the salvation of the Lord's Imperial by a freedman of Lysanias the tetrarch" (Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum, 4521, quoted in Merill Tenney, Exploring New Testament Culture, 158). The "Lord's Imperial" is a technical title referring jointly to Tiberius and his mother Livia. Since Livia died in 29 CE, we know that this inscription must date between 14-29 CE, which corresponds to the time frame at hand.

The main piece of chronological evidence in Luke 3:1 is that John's ministry begins in the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar. Tiberius began to reign jointly with Augustus in 13 CE and independently beginning in August 14; that would make his fifteenth year either 27 or 28 CE. There is also a tradition in the eastern Mediterranean of fixing the reigns of monarchs by the "royal year" that began in September or October: in this reckoning, year one of Tiberius would have been August-September 14, and therefore the fifteenth year of Tiberius would have begun in September 27

(Tenney, 159). Twenty-seven represents a good correlation with Luke's statement that Jesus began when he was "about thirty years of age." In 27 he would have been about thirty-two; any later and Luke's statement begins to strain credibility. Likewise, during the first Passover of Jesus' ministry, the Jews assert that the Temple has been being built for forty-six years (John 2:20). Since it is recorded that Herod began the temple in the eighteenth year of his reign (Josephus, Antiquities 15.11.1-3); forty-six years from this is about 26 or 27 CE.

We can make the following reconstructed chronology, then, from the above evidence:

5 BCE: Birth of Jesus

4 BCE: Magi, Bethlehem massacre, death of Herod the Great

8 CE: Jesus at twelve in the Temple

27 CE: Beginning of John's ministry, early events in Jesus' ministry

28 CE: First Passover (John 2:26), imprisonment of John, beginning of Jesus' independent ministry

29 CE: Second Passover, feeding of 5,000 (John 6:4)

30 CE: Third Passover: crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus

Jesus, then, before the resurrection, lived for about thirty-five years, and the concluding events of his ministry on earth were most likely in the year 30 CE. This corresponds well with the evidence from the development of the early church.

We must stress again that this chronology is based upon all available evidence and is historically likely, but not historically or biblically certain. Nevertheless, we can take this information and use it

#### **Key Dates & Events**

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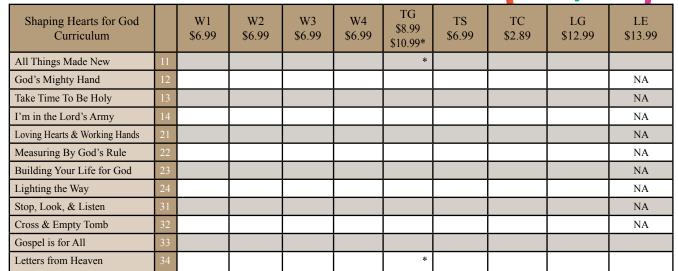
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# Singing With Understanding

#### David Maravilla

# Singing With Whose Understanding?

#### The Text

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding (1 Cor. 14:15).

Everyone should understand what we sing in our assemblies. However, we want to notice on whom this passage focuses regarding "understanding."

#### The Context

Assemblies should result in edification, or building up. 1 Corinthians 14 weighs the benefits of speaking in tongues versus prophesying in public worship. Paul wrote that prophesying was more desirable because it "edifies the church" (vv. 4-5). He instructed them to favor gifts that were "for the edification of the church" (v. 12). He concluded, "Let all things be done for edification" (v. 26). While the gifts of tongues and prophecy no longer exist, what they were supposed to have accomplished remains the same. If we meet together but are not edified, we have not fulfilled God's purpose for our assemblies

Paul also pointed out that understanding is essential for edification. Edification is the goal while understanding is necessary to achieve that goal. Notice, however, exactly to whom this "understanding" applied. Paul wrote, "I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than

ten thousand words in a tongue" (v. 19). Paul was not referring to his ability to understand, but rather to the understandability of what he spoke. The NIV puts it this way: "I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue." In other words, anyone who addressed the assembly had to speak intelligibly in order to edify others. Earlier Paul wrote, "Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle? So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air" (vv. 7-9).

Therefore, when Paul said that he would sing and pray "with the understanding," he was not referring to his ability to understand, though his understanding was obvious and necessary. He meant that he would sing and pray in a way that others could understand him.

#### The Application

One way this applies to us is obvious: if we are to sing so that others understand, we have to sing. It is not okay just to listen, even if we read along silently in the hymnal and understand the meaning of the hymns. To "sing with understand-

ing" means to sing so that others understand us. If we do not sing, what is there for others to understand? Elsewhere Paul wrote that we should be "teaching and admonishing one another" (Col. 3:16) and "speaking to one another" (Eph. 5:19) by singing. Those who conclude, "I can't sing, so I just worship while others sing" are not fulfilling their responsibility.

Furthermore, realizing that singing with understanding means that others must be able to understand what we sing should remind song leaders how important hymn selection is. Leaders who pick songs based on music, with little or no thought given to meaning and understandability, ignore 1 Corinthians 14 and every other New Testament passage related to song worship. As stated in previous articles, the song leader should read and understand every word of each hymn he chooses to use in worship. If the leader does not understand the meaning of a hymn, how can he expect others to understand?

Unlike in Paul's day, when we assemble no one will have a psalm, a teaching, a tongue, a revelation, or an interpretation (v. 26) to share intelligibly with others. Nevertheless, as worshippers, we must participate in singing and as song leaders we must ensure that they hymns we choose are understandable.

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Several years ago, when our family lived in Florida and we were visiting Walt Disney World, our then-little son Daniel excitedly came up to me saying, "Daddy, I found a receipt for you." I guess I had trained him too well that we needed to keep all those little handy scraps of papers for April 15. However, I didn't need all the receipts at Walt Disney World!

Recently someone else came up with a receipt, howbeit, one that was about 2,600 years old! It was originally found about a mile from present-day Baghdad in an excavation in the 1870s. It was found at ancient Sippur and acknowledged a gift of gold to the Temple of Esangila in Babylon. One account said that the amount of gold given would equal the value of a modern town house. The excavation was for the British Museum, however the museum did not acquire the receipt until 1920, where it has been in storage and was only read just recently.

The receipt was on a tablet of stone 2.13 inches (5.5 cm) wide and in the wedge-shaped writing called cuneiform which was used in the Babylonian, Assyrian, Hittite, and Urartian languages. It was discovered among the 100,000 inscribed tablets by Michael Jursa, an associate professor at the University of Vienna, during what was called "a routine research trip to the museum." The document included a date which converts to 595 B.C.. which is the time of Nebuchadnezzer, as well as the biblical prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

What makes this receipt of special note to Bible readers is that the person named on the receipt is also named in the book of Jeremiah. On the receipt he is named Nebo-Sarsekim. Jursa said, "Finding something like this tablet, where we see a person mentioned in the Bible making an everyday payment to the temple in Babylon and quoting the exact date, is quite extraordinary." It also adds to the study of biblical evidences. proofs from archaeology and other sources that the Bible is true

In the NASB we read the man's name as "Sar-sekim the Rab-saris" ("Sarchim" in the KJV; Jer. 39:3). Scholars now identify "Rab-saris" as a office title (cf. 2 Kings 18:17, in Hezekiah's day). "Rab-saris" occurs here and in Jeremiah 39:13, where a "Rab-saris" is among other Babylonian officers who take Jeremiah to prison (39:14).

This person is not the only one named in the Bible and historical sources. There are even other historical names also found in Jeremiah. Bullae (pl. of bulla, a clay print out of a circular seal) have been found which can be identified with reasonable certainty as belonging to men named in Jeremiah. One has been found naming Jeremiah's scribe Baruch: belonging to Berekhvahu son of Nerihayu the scribe (cf. Jer. 36:4); another named Jerameel: belonging to *Jerahme'el* son of the king (cf. Jer. 36:26); additionally a bulla was found naming Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe: belonging to Gemaryahu son of Shaphan (see Jer. 36:10).

Isn't it neat when they find things like this?

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In the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, John M. Barridge wrote of an tantalizing find: "A bulla which dates from the early 6th century and which has been inscribed lyrmyhw ben spnyhw bn nby['] ["Belonging to Jeremiah son of Zephaniah son of the prophet/ prophets" – SPW] has been found at Lachish" (VI.1075). While I'm not sure we can identify this bulla as coming directly from a son of the prophet Zephaniah, we would note that he was from the same time as Jeremiah (cf. Zeph. 1:1; Jer. 1:1-2).

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# The Creation Museum

Ray Warfel

This is the museum's greatest feature: an unabashed belief that the Genesis narratives are literally true.

Petersburg, Kentucky is a long way from the old headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates, but in northern Kentucky, just west of the Cincinnati Airport there is a Garden of Eden. The new \$27 million Creation Museum opened on Memorial Day 2007. In its 60,000 square feet an assortment of biblical dioramas, animatronics, and video displays defend the literal truth of the Genesis narrative.

#### **Ken Ham**

Creator of the Creation Museum, Ken Ham, calls himself a "missionary from Australia to America."<sup>1</sup> Once a science teacher in Queensland, Ken now lectures worldwide. He is also the president and founder of, Answers in Genesis—United States.

Ken started his creation science work in the seventies. With the help of his wife Mally, he operated a book supply and teaching service

out of his home. In the mid-eighties Ken and his family moved to the United States and began working with Dr. Henry Morris'2 Institute for Creation Research. After a few years, Ken and a few others began Creation Science Ministries, or as it is now known. Answers in Genesis-United States. This work has blossomed into fields of

journalism, radio, the Internet, and lastly the Creation Museum.

While Ken works with many Phd's of various scientific fields he has an undergraduate in applied science.<sup>3</sup> This does not appear to be a hindrance for two reasons. First. his lectures and books are not highly technical. He employs the language of the masses, a skill too often unlearned through much education. Secondly, and perhaps the reason for the lack of technical iargon. Ken and his co-workers are obviously preaching. Their materials and the museum particularly aim, not for the professor convinced of atheism, but for the student still pondering.

#### **The Creation Museum**

The evidence for this suspected target audience is the location it self: a small town in Kentucky—not Chicago, Washington, or New York—not the center of worldly

culture and sophistication. The Cincinnati area was chosen because it was central to people. Almost two out of three Americans live within 650 miles of the Creation Museum.

The short videos also show an interest in reaching ordinary people, specifically youth. Sometimes this effort over reaches like in Men In White. Mike and Gabe, angels in white overalls, try to reassure a confused teen that God does exist and that evolution is not the only way of interpreting the evidences. They sound though, more like the, "Dude you're gettin' a dell" guy, than holy heavenly beings. Still I appreciate the message, "AiG teaches that 'facts' don't speak for themselves, but must be interpreted. That is, there aren't separate sets of 'evidences' for evolution and creation—we all deal with the same evidence (we all live on the same earth, have the same fossils, ob-

> serve the same animals, etc.). The difference lies in how we interpret what we study."<sup>4</sup>

Like most good sermons the museum's exhibits follow a parallel outline. The points are arranged in seven C's: creation, corruption, catastrophe, confusion, Christ, cross, and consummation. This walk—though sermon begins





with dioramas of Adam and Eve in the pristine Garden of Eden. A little beyond this stands an enormous tree that branches over the walkway and across the ceiling. It bears an unknown fruit that is more pear shaped than apple. A large serpent also coils in the limbs, looking down on the man and woman. Upon turning the corner Adam is no longer in the lush garden, but in a dry field. He is shown hoeing weeds from the few vegetables growing. In the final scene of the set, hidden behind a rock face. Abel lies on the same dry earth at the feet of his fist-clinched brother with a bloody rock near his head.

The consequences of rejecting God's word are further illustrated

throughout the self–
paced tour. A relief of the
famed Scopes Trial<sup>5</sup>
stands like a gatekeeper
to the alley of sin where
graffiti covers the walls,
and the scant light
flashes neon red and is
shaped in triple X's. The
alley opens into a large
room. It is clean and

bright, but photos of diseased children, genocide, and all kinds of other evils hang from the walls.

The experience concludes with another film. Mary, the mother of Jesus, recounts how her parents forced her to watch the priest sacrifice her family's single best lamb so she would know how much sin costs. The wages of sin are made pungently clear when the perfect Lamb of God walks the road to Calvary bearing his own cross.

# The Defense of Biblical Authority

There are artistic liberties taken throughout. Some I am not fond of like Mike and Gabe. Others seem obvious like Satan wearing red. In reality Satan may have colored himself in an unassuming Smerf blue, but whatever color he was, the museum shows him as a real snake.

This is the museum's greatest feature: an unabashed belief that the Genesis narratives are literally true. The days of creation are presented as six, twenty-four hour periods. This belief is defended by an appeal to the biblical text, "there was evening and there was morning, one day" (Gen. 1:5), and God's spoken commentary, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God. . . . For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day"

(Exod. 20:9-11).

Their treatment of Noah also displays this firm conviction. The ark models displayed are not squat houseboats with lions, giraffes, and zebras poking their heads out of a dozen



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windows. A single window or opening rather runs the length of the entire vessel.

In the *The New Answers Book*. Ken and fellow author Tim Lovett give suggestions on specific ark features. Noah's ability to construct the ark without our modern technology is demonstrated from pyramid construction. If the Egyptians could cut stone, Noah could easily build with wood. The ark too could have held all the animals needed to replenish the earth because every species (whatever they were at Noah's time) would not have been called, but only every parent kind. A pair of dogs would have been on the ark from which wolves. Mastiffs. and Tea Cup Yorkies have all come. They also have some interesting thoughts on hull design. Rather than conceiving the ark as a box ended tub their design is ship like. A fin is also added to stabilize the ark by facing it into the waves.

#### **Planetarium**

The Planetarium is not included in the admission, but is quite fascinating and worth the extra. The circular overhead display is easily seen from the comfort of high back reclining chairs. Beginning in our own solar system the vast expanse of space is explored, in what seems a three-dimensional view. The scale is incalculable. The enormity of

stars, and the multitude of such are beyond tally. It is humbling to know that God stretched them out, as easily as a man opens the daily paper.

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#### Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> The History of AiG—U.S. to the Summer of 2007, www.answersingenesis. org/home/area/about/history.asp
- <sup>2</sup> Morris authored *The Genesis Record*, Baker Books.
- <sup>3</sup> Ken has a BS in applied science (with an emphasis in environmental biology) from Queensland Institute of Technology in Australia. He also holds a diploma of education from the University of Oueensland (a graduate qualification for science teachers in the public schools in Australia). Ken has been awarded two honorary doctorates: a Doctor of Divinity (1997) from Temple Baptist College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Doctor of Literature (2004) from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- 4 www.ansersingenesis.org/home/area/ about.asp
- <sup>5</sup> John Scopes was prosecuted for violating the recent state law making it "unlawful for any teacher . . . to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible . . . . " Held in Dayton, Tennessee in the summer of 1925 Willian Jennings Bryan represented the prosecution and Clarence Darrow represented John Scopes.



#### **Historic Planetarium Projector**

This Spitz A3P Star and Planet planetarium projector, built in 1956, was used to train NASA's Mercury astronauts.



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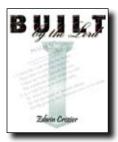
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#### Built By the Lord

Edwin Crozier. Streamside Supplies, 2006. 220 pages, softback.

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How important is your family to you? Your family is important to God, but is it important to you? Do you want your family to be established upon the solid truths set forth in God's word, or the shifting sands of human wisdom? The Psalmist wrote, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Ps. 127:1). Using this psalm as a starting point, Edwin Crozier discusses the importance of the family in his new book . Crozier divides his material into a five week study course with five chapters in each section: First Things (week one), Family Goals (week two), Family Roles (week three), Habits of a God-Built Home (week four), and Our Family and God's Family (week five). Each chapter closes with suggestions on how family members can be more committed to following God's word. In a culture of tremendous family break-down, is a refreshing source of Bible-based lessons for the whole family. This book is recommended for individual study. family devotionals, and small group studies.

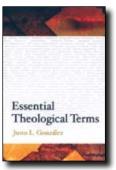


Redeeming the Times: Addressing Issues of the Church in the Present Age Russell L. Dyer, Tommy F. Haynes, and

Jeff A. Jenkins,

Editors. Clarity Publications, 2004. 191 pages, softback. 18713 \$12.95

Which is better, contemporary or traditional worship? Should we have male leadership only or women preachers also? Are we to sing acappella or can we use instrumental music as well? These questions and others like them have arisen among God's people in recent years as Christians make the decision to change the church or remain true to the Bible. Redeeming the Times, written and edited by members of institutional churches of Christ, addresses several current, common, and important issues circulating among brethren today. Each issue is clearly stated and fairly examined. Some of the issues covered in this book deal with Bible inspiration, God's silence, authority, culture, change, worship styles, instrumental music, the role of women, entertainment, and evangelism. The authors of this book encourage the reader to turn to the Bible, not to culture, for answers to these current questions and issues among us. Redeeming the Times will help anyone to understand and answer some of the key issues among churches of Christ today.



Justo L. Gonzáles Westminster John Knox Press, 2005. 187 pages, softback.

18760 \$24.95

Don't let the word "theological" in the title of this new book scare you away. "Theological" or "theology" simply means a study (logy) of God (theos). Justo L. Gonzáles, known for his studies in Church History and Christianity, has put together a helpful dictionary of theological terms that one might encounter when reading materials related to the study of God. Over 300 words and phrases both past and present are defined in a simple and concise way, from "absolution" to "worship." A few Latin terms like ex nihilo (out of nothing) and Greek terms like homoousion (the same substance) are also included in the list of words. Gonzáles does a good job of taking technical terms and explaining them in a nontechnical way. Gonzáles also takes care not to interject his own theological bias into his word definitions. He simply defines the word without telling you what to believe about it. Essential Theological Terms is not just for preachers. This book will be very helpful to any Bible student who may run across puzzling theological terms in Bible dictionaries, commentaries, religious articles, and discussions.

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# No Divorce and Remarriage "Except it Be for Fornication"

Ron Halbrook

#### We today should emphasize again and again the permanent nature of marriage.

Underscoring the permanent nature of marriage, Jesus forbad divorce and remarriage as the way to solve marriage problems or to satisfy selfish, whimsical desires (Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18). We today should emphasize again and again the permanent nature of marriage. Christ is clear that God's law on marriage, divorce, and remarriage includes one exception, but it merely grants permission and does not demand divorce and remarriage.

#### Marriage in the Sermon on the Mount

In one part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke by divine authority in contrasting the Law of Moses on marriage, divorce, and remarriage with the New Law of the coming kingdom of God. First, the Law of Moses legislated the death penalty for adultery (Deut.

22:22). Second, the Law of Moses allowed a divorce on the ground of a woman's unclean, shameful, or indecent conduct, such conduct as might lead to adultery though not constituting adultery (Deut. 24:1-4). Both parties could marry new mates but were prohibited from reconciling after the woman had remarried.

Jesus spoke as a prophet greater than Moses, superceding Moses.

Jesus did not re-enact the death penalty for adultery because the new kingdom of God was a spiritual kingdom and not a civil state. In the earlier context Jesus warned of a greater penalty for sin: the eternal torment of hell (vv. 22, 29-30).

The new kingdom would bring a new law on marriage:

It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause

of fornication. causeth her to commit adultery: and whoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery (Matt. 5:31-32).

The text legislates a law which includes a fundamental rule with but one exception, the result of which is to further

strengthen the permanent nature of marriage. The rule is this: A man who divorces his wife puts her in jeopardy of the temptation to marry another man. Should she marry a new man, God will not join them in holy matrimony. The new couple merely go to the bed of adultery in violation of the marriage vows the

woman made with her original mate and in violation of God's law of marriage. The original husband is complicit in this sin, is a primary cause of this sin, and is accountable to God for his part in this sin. The effect is to convince couples who have problems in their marriage to seek reconciliation rather than giving up, leaving each other, and seeking new mates.

Jesus gave one exception: "saving for the cause of fornication." If a man puts away his wife because of her fornication, should she marry a new mate the original husband is not the cause of her adulterous conduct. Rather than his being complicit in the sin, she alone is guilty and accountable to God for her adulterous life. The exception clause does not require divorce but allows it.

#### **Debating Marriage:** The Pharisees Vs. Jesus

In Matthew 19:3-9 the Pharisees challenged Jesus with a question hotly disputed among the Jews as to the meaning of "uncleanness" as a ground for divorce in Deuteronomy 24. Followers of the school of Rabbi Shammai said it meant adultery, which is not true because the Law required death not divorce for adultery. Followers of the school of Rabbi Hillel said uncleanness means anything the man finds unfavorable about his wife even including how she prepared some dish of food. Deuteronomy 24 was written to forbid and preclude divorce for any frivolous matter

about which a man might complain, but liberal-minded Jews had turned the passage on its head.

Jesus shocked both groups by directing their attention to Genesis 2 where God made one man for one woman, revealed the terms of marriage, and joined them in marriage. Affirming God's intention that marriage be a permanent relationship, not a flimsy experiment, Jesus pointedly concluded and commanded, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:4-6). Their shock was evident when they protested that the Law of Moses allowed divorce, but Jesus said Deuteronomy 24 was written because of their abuses of marriage and women, written to curb and restrain their stubbornness.

Whereas they had appealed to Moses, Jesus appealed to his own divine authority as a prophet greater than Moses in showing that his New Law for the new kingdom would transcend and replace the Law of Moses. The words spoken by Jesus were devastating and deadly to their theories and traditions allowing divorce and remarriage for any and every cause:

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and who marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery (Matt. 19:9).

Once again Jesus revealed the legislation of the New Covenant on marriage, divorce, and remarriage as a fundamental rule with only one exception. The rule is this: If a man puts away his wife, and marries another woman, he goes to the bed of adultery with her. Or, if he puts away his wife, and she marries another man, she goes to the bed of adultery with him.

In short, when people divorce for any and every reason, and marry

being ve diving new mates. they do so in violation of their marriage vows. In such cases, God does not release them from their marriage vows or marriage union, and God does not join them to their new mates. Even if they are armed with legal documents and social approval, God emphatically does not accept them as scripturally married under his law. Jesus could not have been clearer or more forceful in declaring that God regards them as vile and immoral people, adulterers and adulteresses.

There is an exception: "except it be for fornication." If a man puts away and repudiates his wife because she commits fornication, and he marries a new mate, he does not go to the bed of adultery. God frees him from his original marriage vow and union, and God joins him to the new mate in holy matrimony. This exception clause does not require divorce but permits it.

The one exception is not clearly understood by some people. A few doubt its validity but do not make it an issue, and others openly deny its validity and accuse those who defend it as promoting adultery. This question is often raised in the Philippines and is the occasion of discussion and even controversy among brethren at times here in the U.S. Let us take a closer look at the effect of a statement which contains an exception. What did Jesus mean by the clause, "except it be for fornication"?



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When Jacob wrestled with an angel, the angel finally said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me" (Gen. 32:26). How will we apply the meaning of "except"? We must reverse the stated result, "I will not let you go." If you bless me, I will let you go. "Will not" becomes "will."

The Psalmist declared, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that built it" (Ps. 127:1). How will we apply the meaning of "except"? We must reverse the stated result, "They labor in vain that build it." If the Lord build the house, they labor *not* in vain that built it. "Labor in vain" becomes "labor not in vain."

When the Jews told Jesus about the terrible death suffered by certain Gallileans, he warned, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." How will we apply the meaning of "except"? We must reverse the stated result, "You shall perish." If you repent, you will not perish. "Shall perish" becomes "shall not perish."

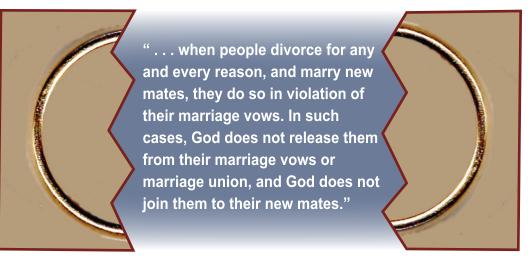
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Nicodemus thought the Jews would enter God's kingdom on the basis of their Jewish heritage. When Jesus insisted he must be born again, he

asked how such a thing is possible. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:1-5). How will we apply the meaning of "except"? We must reverse the stated result, "He cannot enter into the kingdom of God." If a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he *can* enter into the kingdom. "Cannot enter" becomes "can enter."

The law of Christ on marriage is given in Matthew 19:9. "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." How shall we apply the meaning of "except"? We must reverse the stated result, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and shall marry another, committeth adultery." Whosoever shall put away his wife for fornication, and shall marry another, does not commit adultery. "Committeth adultery" becomes "does not commit adultery."

Jesus is teaching us that when a man divorces his wife for some baseless and selfish cause, and marries another woman, God does not join them together in holy matrimony. Even though they might



follow what civil law allows and what custom dictates regarding divorce and remarriage, God does not authorize or sanction such cases of divorce and remarriage. God had previously joined this man to his original mate and no civil law or human custom can nullify their vows or dissolve that divine marriage union. Therefore, when the new couple profess and pretend to live together as man and wife, it is only adultery in God's eyes. God still holds them accountable to their original vows of marriage.

According to the law of Christ, there is one exception. If a mate commits fornication (sexual intercourse with another person), the innocent mate is permitted to divorce the fornicator, and marry a new mate. Since the fornicator violated the marriage vow, God allows the innocent person to repudiate that vile person and take a new mate in marriage. The text grants that right only to the innocent partner, not to the vile fornicator.

We should emphasize that this exception gives permission but does not demand that the innocent mate must divorce his mate who commits fornication. If the fornicator will repent and make full and true correction in her life, the best result is for the innocent partner to forgive

and effect a reconciliation. The law of God allows the innocent person these options: **(1)** Forgive the fornicator,

reconcile, and continue the marriage (because divorce is only permitted not required; Matt. 5:32; 19:9). (2) Divorce the fornicator and remarry (Matt. 19:9). (3) Divorce the fornicator and remain unmarried until that vile person dies, then remarry (Rom. 7:2-3).

# Difficult to Acknowledge the One Exception?

Why do some Filipino brethren have difficulty acknowledging the one exception stated by Christ? The difficulty is not in the text because it is simple and straightforward, but our understanding might be dimmed by cultural influences, including the influence of past religious indoctrination. As human beings we all are conditioned to view certain things according to our culture and according to religious traditions we learned in the past. Some men who have left denominationalism and who have been baptized into the original church of Christ continue to misuse and misunderstand such words as tithing (when they refer to the collection), pastor (for preacher), and church (for chapel or building). Little by little they learn better and correct these mistakes

Roman Catholicism has taught for many centuries that divorce and remarriage are not permitted on the

grounds of fornication. This misconception has greatly influenced Catholic cultures and their legal systems around the world including the Philippines. When Filipinos are converted to Christ, they might easily bring this misconception with them and not sort it out for many years. In Philippine law the legal term for putting away a mate is "annulment," another reflection of Catholicism, which is very expensive, and there are other complications. Filipino culture might easily obscure the one exception given by Christ, unless someone made a very thorough study of the subject (which he might not have the opportunity or occasion to do).

Why do some U.S. brethren have difficulty acknowledging the one exception stated by Christ? Many traditions of Catholicism were passed down via the Protestant Reformation in Western cultures. The tradition which denies the one exception given by Christ has been passed down in our culture by Catholicism, a few denominations, and even a few factions among churches of Christ. For instance, there are factions who deny that a local church is authorized to work with an evangelist while providing his regular support. Other factions deny a local church is authorized to teach simultaneously Bible classes divided by age levels. Still other factions deny it is scriptural to serve the grape juice in the Lord's supper in multiple containers. These groups which advocate no-located-preacher, no-Bible-classes, and no-multiple-containers sometimes add another doctrine to their factional views: no-divorce-and-remarriage on the ground of fornication.

Factional folks sometimes go so far as to develop new doctrines to uphold their theories and traditions. For instance, in recent years the group insisting on one container in serving the Lord's supper developed the new doctrine that just as the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine represent the body and blood of Christ, the one container has a theological meaning representing the one new covenant. This is the fanciful figment of a feverish imagination frantically seeking support for a factional theory. The same thing has happened regarding the one exception on marriage and

divorce. Factional folks who cannot escape the clear language of the text of Matthew 19:9, "except it be for fornication," have spun the fiction from their fertile imagination that nothing Christ taught before the time of Acts 2 is valid in the Gospel Age. It is true Jesus lived under the Law of Moses, but he taught many lessons preparing for the Gospel Age which must be applied to all men today (the Sermon on the

Mount in Matt. 5-7; the new birth in John 3:1-21; etc.).

Another attempt to nullify the true force of the exception in Matthew 19:9 is to claim it refers to a man discovering that the woman he married was guilty of premarital sex, and that Jesus is only clarifying the meaning of "uncleanness" in Deuteronomy 24 as premarital sex. No, Jesus started with God's law at the beginning which does not mention divorce (Matt. 19:4-6).

Then, he addressed the Law of Moses which permitted divorce for "uncleanness" in curbing the stubbornness of the Jews (vv. 7-8). Finally, he distinguished the law of his new kingdom with the introductory words, "And I say unto you," and he gave a law stricter than Moses (v. 9). Even his own disciples were surprised that his law was so much stricter than the Law of Moses (vv. 10-12). Furthermore,

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word translated "uncleanness" in Deuteronomy 24 is not equivalent to the Greek word translated "fornication" in Matthew 19. When the Jews translated the Hebrew Bible into Greek, the words aschemon pragma (unclean thing) represent "uncleanness" in Deuteronomy 24. They did not use the term porneia

the Hebrew

(fornication) or *moicheia* (adultery). Fornication (*porneia*) is a broad term referring to "illicit sexual intercourse in general" (J.H. Thayer, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*). It includes prostitution, incest, homosexual intercourse, and adultery. It is "used of adultery" in reference to the ground for divorce in Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 (Thayer), because Jesus

selected a term covering all forms of immoral sexual intercourse.

Also, some brethren not associated with factional groups overreact to loose, liberal doctrines on divorce and remarriage by denying all grounds for such action. This view is held by some individuals as a matter of personal conscience, which they do not bind on others. Other brethren among us are suspicious, over-zealous, and super-critical on this subject, claiming that in all cases of fornication the innocent mate is somehow guilty of conduct which caused the fornication. Such brethren become guilty themselves of "evil surmisings" which involve harsh, unfair,

baseless accusations (1 Tim. 6:4). Such bitter and baseless judgments are forbidden, but this is a weakness or temptation for some Christians (John 7:24: Jas. 4:11-12).

# Conclusion: Emphasize the Rule But Acknowledge the Exception

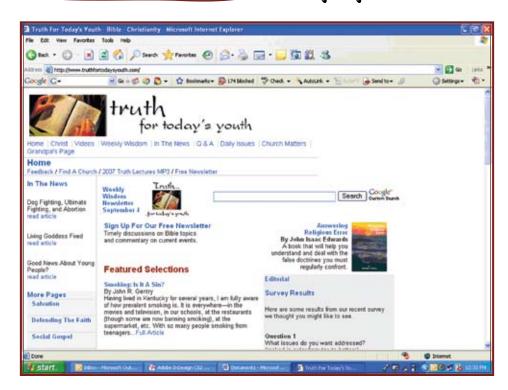
We should emphasize the rule given by God for marriage in the beginning as reaffirmed by Jesus (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-5). True, scriptural marriage is the union of one man and one woman for life. When married couples have disagreements and friction, they are obligated by God and by their marriage vows to exhaust every possible means to resolve their

problems. Divorce is not sanctioned by God as an easy way to escape our marital obligations and to free us to search for new mates.

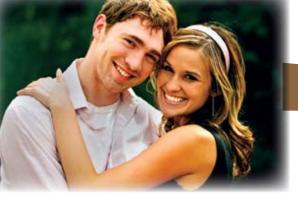
That being said with great emphasis, we should also acknowledge that the divine law of marriage given by Jesus includes one exception. "Except it be for fornication" means that an innocent partner is permitted to divorce a mate who has sexual intercourse with someone else, and this innocent mate may marry another person. This exception should be used only as a last resort after making every effort to effect a reconciliation.

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# Rules For Dating

Kurt G. Jones

Dating is a common concern amongst many teenagers, and young people. It can be a sad, sorrowful, blemish on the course of our lives, or it can be a joyous time of fun and growth both as a person and as a child of God. The decision ultimately is yours. Will you follow the outlined precepts of a loving, caring, and just God? Or, will you allow yourself to give in to temptation and sinfulness? The Bible assures us that we shall be judged according to our works (Rev. 12:20). As we consider this, the same application ought to be made as it pertains to relationships we have as we are dating.

The wise man of God, Solomon, said, "Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of you youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of you eyes; but know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh..." (Eccl. 11:9-10). In youth, we have the ability to do things we may not be able to do as we get older, yet that is no excuse to reject God's commands. "For childhood and youth are vanity." We are going to give an accounting to God for our decisions, thus it is ours to make decisions based on godly principles while we are dating. Let us consider some of God's precepts.

Adorn yourself in modest apparel (1 Tim. 2:9-10). Children

of God must realize that the clothes they wear give signals. Women should adorn themselves with "shamefacedness" and "sobriety" (KJV), in the manner "which is proper for women professing godliness." While this passage is addressed to women, it does not give men the right to dress in a sinful manner either.

Stay away from questionable places and situations (1 Thess. 5:22). It might be a common thought among some that "I can go to a questionable place and not sin." While it may be true that you can go to a dance, and remain seated, or go to a bar and not drink, or be alone with the one you are dating and not engage in licentiousness, it still violates God's principle, to "abstain from all appearance of evil" (KJV). We must be aware of what can be assumed by people based on appearance. If they see our car at the home of our boyfriend/ girlfriend, and they know that there are no parents, people may assume the worst. While it may be true that all you did was talk or watch a movie, etc., it is much wiser to follow God's precepts and not give place for wrong appearances.

Abstain from uncleanness and lewdness (Gal. 5:19). It should be clear that Christians shouldn't dance, or engage in other activities that incite lust. It is a great temptation for one to follow after his temptations, especially when he engages in lewd behavior. Many

have pierced themselves through with many sorrows because they have given in to the temptation to engage in lustful behavior.

Flee sexual immorality (1 Cor. **6:18).** In all actuality, if you have followed the other guidelines mentioned, you have gone a long way at fleeing fornication. By dressing modestly, staying away from questionable places, and from abstaining for lewd behavior, you have greatly lessened your opportunity for temptation to engage in fornication. Paul points out in this passage that "every sin that man commits is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body." Great steps ought to be taken to flee sexual immorality. Also, fleeing something, is not flirting with it. Some try to justify their sin by saying, "We didn't commit fornication, but we got as close as we could." No, this is not a godly attitude, and in general is speaking of engaging in lewdness.

Yes, dating can be a fun, growing experience. But it also can be a hurtful, mournful experience. The decision is entirely up to you. If you choose to follow God's precepts, there can be in store for you a wealth of friendships, a potential life-long mate, and a time of following after your heart; letting it cheer you in the days of your youth.

( See "Editor's Note" concerning the website *truthfortodaysyouth.com* on the bottom of the previous page.)



# **Denominational Confusion**

How may church folks does it take to change a light bulb?

CHARISMATIC: Only one. Their hands are already in the air.

PENTECOSTALS: Ten. One to change the bulb, nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.

PRESBYTERIANS: None. Lights will go on and off at predestined times.

ROMAN CATHOLICS: None. Candles only.

BAPTISTS: At least 15. One to change the bulb, and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad.

EPISCOPALIANS: Three. One to call the electrician. One to fix the drinks and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

MORMONS: Five. One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

UNITARIANS: Public statement: "We chose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need of a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your light bulb for the next Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb tradi-

tions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence."

METHODIST: "Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Church wide lighting service is planned for Sunday. Bring the bulb of your choice and a covered dish."

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### Letters to God From Little Children

Dear God: Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now? Jane

Dear God: I went to this wedding, and they kissed right in church! Is that OK? Neil

Dear God: In Bible times did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer

Dear God: I think about you sometimes even when I am not praying.
Elliott

Dear God: Thank you for the baby brother. But what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce

Dear God: I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family, and I can never do it. Nan

Dear God: Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter.

There is nothing good in there now. Ginny

Dear God: If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes. Mickey D.

Dear God: If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton, because I hate her. Denise

Dear God: I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible. Love, Chris

Dear God: We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said you did it. I bet he stole your idea. Donna.

Dear God: If you let the dinosaur not go extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing. Jonathan.

Dear God: Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. Peter.

Dear God: Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works with my brother. Larry

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"Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again."

# Children's Activities

# 2 CHRONICLES

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Judah "mocked the messengers of God . . . until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy" (2 Chronicles 36:16).

#### Memory Verse:

The writer reviews the history of King Solomon. Solomon worked very hard to build the Temple of God. When it was finished, God's glory filled the Temple in the form of a cloud. Solomon led Israel in a great worship of thanksgiving to God. The prophets of God and some of the kings of Judah reminded God's people to follow the right way of worship at the Temple. The Temple was destroyed when Babylon took Israel into captivity.

Activity - Sh	ort Answers:	
		ssigned men to bear burdens
	men to cut timber, and	men to be overseers (2 Chron. 2:2).
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3. Read 1 King	gs 6:38 and tell how many years it took	k to build the Temple: years.
4. After King \$	Solomon died, who became the next ki	ing (2 Chron. 9:31)?
		King Rehoboam to make their burdens heavier, what was the result (2 Chron. 10:16-
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# <u>Foreign Evangelism</u>

Steve Wallace

#### Why They Went (4):

# Because of the Grace of God

Grace figured prominently in the evangelistic efforts of first century preachers. At Iconium, the Lord's purpose in granting signs and wonders to be done by Paul and Barnabas was to "bare witness unto the word of his grace" (Acts 14:3). Those converted through such efforts are said to have "believed through grace" (Acts 18:27). In Acts 11, when Barnabas came to the fledgling mission field of Antioch of Syria he saw "the grace of God" (v. 23). After initially preaching the gospel in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia, he and Paul urged those who followed them to "continue in the grace of God" (Acts 13:43). Therefore, we can clearly see that one reason these men went forth preaching the gospel was because of the grace of God. Let us notice some ways that grace figured in their labors.

1. They believed in God's desire to save the lost by his **grace.** The gospel is called "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). It is also called "the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:25). Paul wrote that the Ephesians had "heard . . . the gospel of your salvation" and that they had been saved "by grace" (1:13; 2:8-9). Christ's intent in giving the great commission was that people everywhere should be saved by obeying the gospel message (Mark 16:15-16). Accordingly, the book of Acts is full of accounts of the early preachers taking the gospel to the most diverse places. We read of

sinners being forgiven who had been guilty of some of the most abominable acts known to man (Acts 2:22, 23, 36; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Tim. 1:12-15). With this background we can better appreciate J.H. Thayer's definition of the word rendered grace in the New Testament:

... The N.T. writers use *charis* (the Greek word rendered grace in the N.T., sw) pre-eminently of that kindness by which God bestows favors even upon the ill-deserving, and grants to sinners the pardon of their offences, and bids them accept of eternal salvation through Christ (666).

From what we have studied under this point we can see that the first century preachers went forth not only with a firm belief in the lost condition of mankind and the power of the gospel; they also believed in the greatness of God's grace in forgiving man of his sins. Are you spreading the gospel of his grace?

2. They believed God's people are given gifts by his grace that need to be used in his service. It was recognized by Paul and others that his commission to preach the gospel among the Gentiles was a gift of the grace of God (Gal. 2:7-9). This is seen even more strongly in his words to the Ephesians on this subject:

Through the gospel, whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. Unto me, who am less

than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:6-8, my emph., sw).

God's grace is clearly seen in one who is "less than the least of all saints" being commissioned to preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ." To one guilty of the sins Paul committed it was seen to be a great favor to be allowed to preach the gospel of Christ. (May *all* preachers recognize the grace *they* have been given to preach Christ!) However, we have not yet herein adequately studied the sufficiency of God's grace in service he commands

These men were confident that God's grace further manifests itself in similar ways among those who obey the gospel. It is seen in spiritual gifts the Lord bestowed upon his people in the first century for their edification, and for the revelation and confirmation of his word (1 Cor. 1:4-7; 14; Mark 16:17-20). It is seen in the various servants listed in Ephesians 4:11 (cf. vv. 7-10). Those who spread the gospel in the first century were confident that God's grace was, in this manner, sufficient in providing for "the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11). Further, they teach us that gifts were given by God's grace beyond those already mentioned. While some have passed away with the cessation of miracles, some remain. All who

receive these gifts are to conscientiously use them in ministering to their brethren (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Pet. 4:7-11).

Thus, we see the all-sufficiency of the grace of God in providing for the spread of the gospel and the care of those who obey it. What has God given *you* through his grace? Are you being a good steward of the grace of God (1 Pet. 4:10)?

3. They believed in God's grace in the form of gracious care and help in their journeys and work. When they set out on their journeys they "went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord" (Acts 15:40; 14:26). In defining the word rendered "grace" in the New Testament, Thayer

points out that it sometimes means "good-will, loving-kindness, favor" (666). He also writes that it "is used of the kindness of a master towards his inferiors or servants" (please note this word's usage in the following verses where it is rendered "favor," Luke 1:30; Acts 2:47; 7:46). God's people always need his help and protection, but never more than when setting out to serve him among strangers in other countries. What about us in our lives? Do we trust ourselves to his gracious care and serve him?

#### Conclusion

Hopefully, we better understand some things about God's all-sufficient grace as we close this study. Is it not much clearer what Paul and Barnabas meant when they urged those interested souls in Antioch of Pisidia to "continue in the grace of God" (Acts 13:43)? Also, do we not have a deeper appreciation of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:10? ("But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.")

God's grace is all-sufficient in its provision for our spiritual standing in his sight and for the service he expects from each of us. By faith in him we can fulfill his expectations (Heb. 11).

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# Sea of Galilee Mike Hardin

The Sea of Galilee and the profession of fishing are mentioned in both the Old and New Testament. However, the two sources differ considerably in the historical value and implications of their descriptions. The Old Testament mentions the Sea of Galilee by its oldest biblical name "Sea of Kinneret" four times, in connection with the borders of the Promised Land and the allotment of the twelve tribes.

The name "Sea of Galilee" appears for the first time in the New Testament, which also gives several other

names for this sea: Sea of Tiberias, Sea or Lake of Gennesaret (Num. 34:11). It is mentioned many times and its attributes provide the background for daily life.

The descriptions of the fishermen's craft also differ widely in the two sources. In the Old Testament little is said about fishing, although the main fishing implements are named. We find no reference to any personality who is a fisherman, or to

any event directly concerned with fishing. All that is said in the Old Testament regarding fishing is in the form of parables and allegories.

The Gospels describe fishing in a different way, for obvious reasons: the Sea of Galilee was the scene of most of Jesus' ministry, and fishermen and sailors were his earliest disciples and followers. It was to them that he first preached, standing on the shore of the lake. As

his audience grew, he began to preach from fishing boats, and his disciples kept ready for him a small boat for this purpose. For longer trips Jesus sailed in the boats of fishermen, to teach in the towns and villages of the region. This is why the New Testament contains vignettes, parables, and descriptions of the fishermen's life.

The Sea of Galilee is located on the Jordan plain, thirty miles from the Mediterranean and touching Syria on the northeast. It is a fresh water lake thirteen miles

long, seven miles wide, 130-157 feed deep, and 886 feet below sea level. The water is pure and generally calm, but sometimes sudden and dangerous storms turn it into a raging sea with high waters. The weather in this area is hot in summer and pleasantly warm in winter.

Jesus spent most of his public life, gave most of his teaching, and performed most of his miracles in this

area. When Jesus began his ministry, he left his native Nazareth and came down to the lake. Capernaum became "his own city," and he lived with the family of Peter, the fisherman. Here, on the shore, Jesus began to preach, and found his first followers and disciples among the fishermen. Most of the events in the Gospels connected with fishing therefore took place on the Sea of Galilee or in this area. The Sea of Galilee is the place where Jesus met with his disciples after the resurrection.







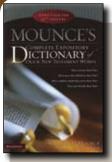
#### The Boat from Magdala

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The boat, now in a specially constructed preservation pool at Beit Yigal Allon at Kibbutz Ginnosar, is 9 meters long, 2.5 meters wide, and 1.25 meters high. As we know, these are almost exactly the measurements of the boats used by the seine net fishermen.

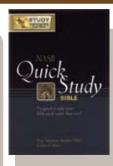
How did this boat, made of wooden planks from the cedars of Lebanon, with ribs of oak branches, survive for nearly 2000 years? It was apparently left at a dockyard when no longer in use, and partially dismantled. During this process, the boat was covered with silt carried down by flooding from a nearby stream. It was this "packaging" of mud that preserved the boat so miraculously. It has been called the Kinneret Boat, the Magdala Boat, the Galilee Boat, and the Jesus Boat, and it is the first actual and detailed message from the maritime and fishing history of the Kinneret which we have received from the past.

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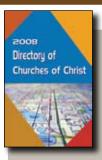


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# Opportunity

In Ephesians 5:16, Paul said, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (NIV). We all have plenty of opportunities to make the most of opportunities, but so often, we fail. The sad thing is that when opportunities knock and we neglect them, they do not come our way again. I think the reason we neglect so many opportunities is because we do not recognize our responsibilities. If we will recognize our responsibilities we will clearly see our opportunities. They go hand in hand!

The etymology of the word "opportunity" is interest-

ing. In the days before modern harbors, a ship had to wait for the flood tide before it could make it to the port. The term for this situation in Latin was *ob portu*, that is, a ship standing over against a port, waiting for the moment when it could ride the turn of the tide to harbor.

The English word "opportunity" is derived from this original meaning. The captain and the crew were ready and waiting for it, that one moment, for they knew that if they missed it, they would have to wait for another tide to come in. They were therefore redeeming the time, i.e., seizing the moment, or making the most of their apportunity. We also

the most of their opportunity. We all have moments of opportunity to seize all of the time.

With these thoughts in mind, how ought we to view the Bible study and worship assemblies of the local church? We ought to view them:

• As An Opportunity To Learn. Nothing is more important then learning the Word of God. Moses said, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them" (Deut. 5:1). Proverbs 1:5 says, "A wise man will hear and increase learning." Jesus said, "Learn of Me" (Matt. 11:28-29). Christians are "disciples" and a disciple is a "learner who follows the one who teaches him." Thus, Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father

comes to me" (John 6:45). Bible study and worship assemblies are occasions for "teaching" and "learning." Will you be wise and attend and increase your learning that you may be better able to serve the Lord?

• As An Opportunity For Encouragement And Edification. Edification is the promotion of spiritual growth, the building up toward maturity. That is why we all should "pursue . . . the things by which one may edify another" (Rom. 14:19). In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul urged the church in Thessalonica to "encourage one another and edify, build each other up." We all need to help one another grow spiritually. Every Christian has

the responsibility to "encourage" and help in "building up" the local body of which he is a member, so that all may attain spiritual maturity. No greater source of encouragement and edification can be found than the word of God. No doubt, that is the reason Paul commends us "to the word of His grace which is able to build us up and give us an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). The word of God is taught at Bible study and worship assemblies and you will be encouraged and edified by your attendance.

Don't let this opportunity go by and don't take it for granted. Redeem the time by making the most of it.

#### • As An Opportunity To Be A

Good Example. "Example" means "pattern or model." Of course, we ought to desire to be a good one and not a bad one. Paul admonished young Timothy to be an example of what a Christian is (1 Tim. 4:12). Paul said, "Pattern after me, follow my example, as I imitate and follow Christ, the Messiah" (1 Cor. 11:1, The Amplified Bible). In Philippians 3:17, he said, "Brethren, together follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set you." Elders are to be "examples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:3). Surely, Christians are to be examples among the flock! Those who are young and old, in the church and out, see the life we live. They hear what we say, but more importantly, they see what we do. Sadly, at times, others may be unable to hear what we say because they see what we do! Benjamin Franklin said, "Well done is better than well said."

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and much sharper than the ear.

Fine counsel can confuse me, but example's always clear.

The lectures you deliver may be fine and true,

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

Christians are epistles "known and read by all men" (2 Cor. 3:2). When people observe you, do they see Christ living in you (Gal. 2:20)? Your attendance at the Bible study and worship assemblies will be a good example.

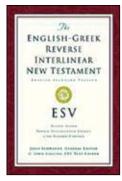
• An Opportunity To Show Your Faith And Love For The Lord. The brethren in Thessalonica were remembered for their "work of faith and labor of love" (1 Thess. 1:3). Faith works and love labors! Opportuni-

ties abound for working faith and laboring love. "Proof of your love" for God is demonstrated by seeking his kingdom first (Matt. 6:33), seeking "those things which are above" (Col. 3:2), and "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 8:24).

Christ showed, demonstrated (proved), his love for us by leaving behind the glory that had been his, that we through his poverty might be rich (2 Cor. 8:9). He gave his head for a crown of thorns, he gave his back to the cruel whip, he gave his face to rude human spit, he gave his shoulders to carry the cross, he gave his hands to the nails, and he gave his blood for the remission of sins.

Bible study and worship assemblies are all about the Lord. They are about his Word, his death on the cross, his church, and our worship of him. You show your faith in, and your love for him by demonstrating your interest in these very important matters. Don't let this opportunity go by and don't take it for granted. Redeem the time by making the most of it.

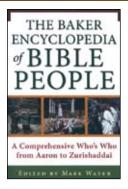
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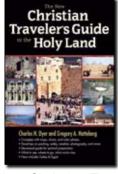
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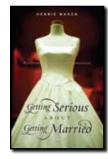
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# Questions & Answers

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# Is Everything Worship?

**Question:** Is all that a Christian does in his life worship to God?

Answer: Some understanding of "worship" is essential to answering this question. Worship takes place in the mind/heart and is nearly always demonstrated in outward acts. The most common Hebrew word for worship means a bowing down, first in the heart (Gen. 22:5). Outward bowing follows in doing what the Lord specifies as acceptable to him. Kissing the hand toward the one worshiped is the prominent idea of the most common Greek word rendered "worship,"

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though the literal idea of kissing disappears from most occur-

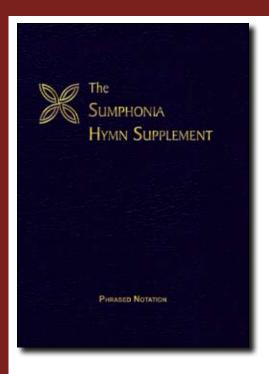
rences of the word. It begins with inward kissing and extends to outward kissing (reverence) to God (John 4:23). Even hypocrites can engage in these outward acts; for this reason the Lord often warns against formalism in worship. Because of this meaning of worship, I like to think of singing, praying, etc. as avenues or expressions of worship. In Genesis 24:45 (reference to the servant's supplication to God in 24:12-15), we have the case of Abraham's servant speaking to God inwardly, thus worshiping God. Worship clearly takes place in private and in gatherings for the purpose of worship throughout the Bible.

Though the words "worship" and "service" overlap in meaning, many have so confused the words as to distort their ideas. Even some translations of latreuo in Romans 12:1 have left something to be desired in their rendering of the word as "service of worship." It actually means "to serve" most of the time, though "worship" seems to be involved a very few times. "Worship" and "serve" are distinct acts in Matthew 4:10 (although they obviously overlap), as well as in Romans 1:25. In the context of Romans 12:1, Paul pictures the offering up to God of one's body (sacrifice/worship) in a life lived for him as "service."

What can we say about the differences between worship and service? Service is the more general concept and it includes worship, even as we saw in Romans 12:1-2. Such is a good summary of the connection of the two words. Worship does not continue through one's every act in life, because it begins and ends and requires a definite time and place. The cases of Abraham's offering of Isaac, the Ethiopian's going to Jerusalem to worship, and David's worship after the death of the infant son demonstrate that all of one's life is not classified as worship by the God of heaven (Gen. 22:1-5; Acts 8:27; 2 Sam. 12:20). Whatever they did between their times of worship, even what was done in preparation for worship, is differentiated from their worship. What is done in submission to God, both between times of worship (shaving, diapering the baby, trimming one's toenails, rendering due affection to one's spouse) and in preparation for that worship (driving to the location of assembly), is service—the yielding of life to one's Lord and Master.

Some have even remarked that we assemble to edify each other so we can then worship God in our lives after leaving our assemblies. This distorted idea reverses the biblical idea and the idea often posted in church buildings years ago, "Enter to worship; Leave to serve." Scriptural worship is always directed to God, not to man; service is directed toward both God and man

Rearing one's family in the chastening and admonition of the Lord, taking the family on a trip, enrolling in a college class, mowing one's yard, and working to provide for one's family and to help the needy are acts of service, performed in submission to the Master. Worship, a distinct area of one's life, must also be rendered in submission to God, thus qualifying as service. Only those avenues or acts appointed by God qualify as worship, because they alone conform to God's mandate that we worship him. He alone has the right to instruct us concerning what shows reverence to him. It is also wise to point out that all worship is conscious, deliberate; otherwise we could worship God accidentally. Therefore, only those acts engaged in to show reverence to God qualify as worship.



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# Whom Should You Date?

I hope this a question that you have already given reasonable consideration. It is a part of one's life that many young people do not take as seriously as they should. Young people of a worldly mind have a very loose standard when it comes to whom they date. They are not very selective, and as a result end up with someone who that is a detriment to them.

For a young person who is spiritually minded, he does care a great deal about whom he will or will not date. A godly minded teenager has certain criteria he looks for in one he would consider dating. This is a good thing. Be picky. Be patient. Be particular. Now that does not mean you wait until you find the "perfect" one to date, for no one is perfect. But you do search diligently for a young lady or young man who loves God and serves God in his life.

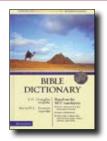
A young person must always keep before him the all-important fact that the one he chooses to date always makes a potential mate. Dating is what leads a young person to the divine institution of marriage. And aside from one's obedience to the gospel of Christ, no more important decision exists in a person's life. And so we must be resolved to choose wisely, very wisely.

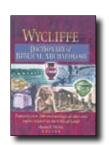
Young people, it is of vital importance that you listen to the counsel of your parents (Prov. 1:8; 2:1-5; 3:1-2; 4:1-2, 10, 20-22; 7:1-2) when it comes to dating. Because of their age, they possess the knowledge, experience, and wisdom that you have yet to acquire in life. It is for good reason that God instructs children repeatedly to listen to and obey their parents (Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20). Though one might be reluctant to heed his advice when dating, he would be foolish to ignore it (not to mention disobedient to God's commands).

It is obvious that Esau ignored his parents' wishes and did what he desired when it came to his choice of wives. Judith and Basemath "were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah" (Gen. 26:34-35). Both Rebekah and Isaac were determined not to allow that same mistake to be made by their younger son Jacob. He would not choose a wife from the daughters of Canaan as Esau had done, but from his own people (Gen. 27:46; 28:1-9). Young people, do not date and certainly do not marry, someone who displeases your parents. Their counsel will not always be perfect, but what they teach you is done with your best interest in mind. So strive to honor them as God commands.

How do you know if someone is the "right one" for you? That is not always easy. You may date that person, but make sure you get to know him as well as possible. Ask yourself if this is someone with whom you want to spend the rest of your life (1 Cor. 7:39). It should come natural to a Christian young person to desire to date and marry a Christian. A child of God should most readily be attracted to a fellow child of God—an individual who shares the one faith and one hope in common (Eph. 4:4-6).

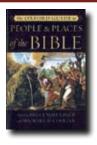
Please keep in mind young person that just because someone you might consider dating is a Christian does not mean you should marry him. He may be weak in the faith. He may be living a hypocritical life. He just may not be for you and vice versa. But whoever you do decide on—choose someone who will help you get to heaven!





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### **Dumbing Down The Church**

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Rather, the material features several questions with plenty of space to fill in the answers. The graphics on the workbooks are outstanding, but the content leaves much to be desired. The explanation is that the questions get the students talking in class.

A good teacher will work to get students involved in class. I cannot imagine a more boring class than when a teacher reads his lesson material straight out of the student manual. The students are bored and uninvolved. However, getting students talking when they have no information is no better. This resembles that kind of teaching that minimizes the need to learn the multiplication tables. Not knowing the multiplication tables, students are not qualified to work more complex math problems. Likewise, students who have not learned the basics of biblical information are not qualifed to be saying much about contemporary moral issues. The kids may be talking but they may not know enough about what the Bible teaches to make sensible comments on the subject. Until we learn the basics of the Bible, we are little qualified to be talking about what one should believe about any given subject.

Sandra Waldron spoke about the danger of such classes at the 2007 Truth Magazine lectures. She said,

I am still the teacher of fifth graders. As their teacher, I have observed that shoplifting is a big problem to local merchants. Cheating on tests has been a perpetual problem likely since the very first school came into being. I decide I want to teach a lesson on honesty. I devise and present an imaginary story about Tom and Dick who went into a store and were tempted to steal

some candy. It looked so tasty in its beautifully wrapped paper and in its beautiful display. Meanwhile an imaginary Jane is cheating on her test by copying an imaginary Sue's paper. I warn of all the trouble Tom and Dick may face from the security guards at the store. I scold Jane for stealing an answer in order to make herself look smart. I ask for class discussion and we could spend the period with one anecdote after another as the children tell of cheating or stealing they have seen.

We could all leave feeling good about the class—but where was the basis for the morality we taught? It was human experience! God has been left out of the equation. How can there be true morality if there is no God? There can be no wrong if there is no unalterable right. God is the only One with the right to set absolute truth, and therefore the One with the right to say what is wrong. I have fallen into one of Satan's traps without ever seeing the trap before me or recognizing the end results of my actions. I have not taught a Bible class; I have taught a sociology class about how to live in a peaceful society (363).

Are we teaching the Bible in such classes? And, on another point, let's consider graphics in children's literature. As a publisher, I am happy to see an improvement in our graphics. At the Guardian of Truth Foundation, we are working to improve the graphics used in our literature, so please do not mistake the following criticism for a defense of poor graphics. However, when I see the graphics that are being used in children's classrooms, I wonder if the tail isn't wagging the dog, as the old saying used to be. Instead of the graphic illustrating biblical information, the graphic has become the lesson.

I am particularly aware of how little attention is being given to memory work. As a matter of fact, there is little attention to memory drills in the public schools. I have taught high school classes in which the students were struggling to find the books of the Bible. When children cannot find the books of the Bible, there is very good likelihood that they also do not know what is contained in those books. Any teaching curriculum should devote a portion of its time to teaching its students the books of the Bible. While I am talking about memory work, I would like to mention a few other facts that might be useful to a Bible student. He needs to know the Twelve Apostles, the twelve tribes of Israel, the Judges, the Ten Commandments, the Plan of Salvation, and other basic facts, I have always been thankful that my mother and my Bible class teachers drilled us in these basic Bible facts. Not only could we tell a person what to do to be saved, but we also could cite and quote a Scripture showing that each of these was essential. We learned verses about instrumental music in worship, the five acts of worship, and other basic facts about scriptural worship. We could cite verses showing the oneness of the church, the name of the church, and other basic facts about the New Testament church.

I don't want to leave an impression that makes the past into utopia, for it wasn't. The classes which I attended sometimes had unqualified teachers; we seemed to concentrate on Genesis, Exodus 1-20, the four Gospels, and Acts. I had little understanding of any other periods of Bible history and a superficial understanding of those we studied.

#### **Dumbing Down the Pulpit**

Are we making the same mistake in the pulpit? Are we dumbing down what is coming out of the pulpit? I am afraid that is happening. Instead of looking at pulpit preaching as another means of

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imparting biblical information, sometimes brethren think it is the preacher's obligation to entertain them. When a well-organized and well delivered sermon on a Bible subject is viewed as a poor sermon, that is more a reflection on the person who is judging the lesson than it is on the preacher. What do we expect from the pulpit? Do we want a sermon that makes us laugh and then touches our heart so deeply that a tear wells up in our eye? Are we looking for more human interest stories and less Scripture?

The body of Christ needs to be taught sound doctrine. Sound doctrine is necessary to avoid the false doctrines being propagated by false teachers around us. We need to know that man has not inherited a sinful nature from Adam, that a child of God can fall from grace, that baptism is an immersion in water for the remission of sins and that is not an outward sign of an inward act, an intiation ritual to become a member of a denomina-

tion, or to cleanse one from inherited depravity. That means that the pulpit needs to be used to teach sound doctrine, distinguishing it from the errors taught by men. But, when a preacher uses the pulpit for these kinds of sermons, many times the members are bored or uninterested. As a result, the preacher preaches fewer and fewer such sermons. Sermons that inspire us and sermons on the family are much better received, so he prepares more and more of those kinds of sermons. As a result of this trend, the church is "dumbed down."

Furthermore, when the preacher specifically condemns such sins as immodest dress, social drinking, gambling, and dancing (going to the prom), he inevitably makes someone in the church feel uncomfortable, bringing criticism from them. To avoid that situation, he condemns sin generally but does not make specific application of those things that are being practiced among the members. He knows which sins he can condemn without alienating the powers that be.

A generation raised on this kind of preaching cannot distinguish the Lord's church from the denominations of men, sees little wrong in joining hands with the denominations, and has looser thinking about moral issues.

#### **Dumbing Down The Church Bulletin**

How is the church bulletin being used? Is it being used as an instrument to teach fundamental doctrine? I don't get as many bulletins as I used to get. I think that is because postage costs have forced many churches to quit mailing out bulletins. So, I cannot make general statements about bulletins. But, let me ask you to critique your church bulletin. How is its content? Is it more of an information page for what is happening among members, a feel good presentation relating "chicken soup for the soul" kinds of articles, or is it an instrument for teaching the Bible? I suspect that this "dumbing down" process filters down into the bulletin as well. What do you think?

#### Conclusion

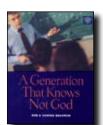
Those who are in positions of responsibility in the local church have an important work to oversee—to be sure that the Christians within that local church are provided the kind of instruction that enable them to maintain the faith for another generation. How well are we doing? Will the next generation be committed to the restoration of first century Christianity? Will they insist upon book, chapter, and verse preaching? Or, are we "dumbing down" the church in order to attract more people or keep the ones we have from moving their membership to another church in the area where more exciting things are happening? And, if we keep them, what will we have based on what is being preached?

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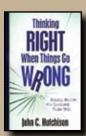


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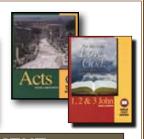
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