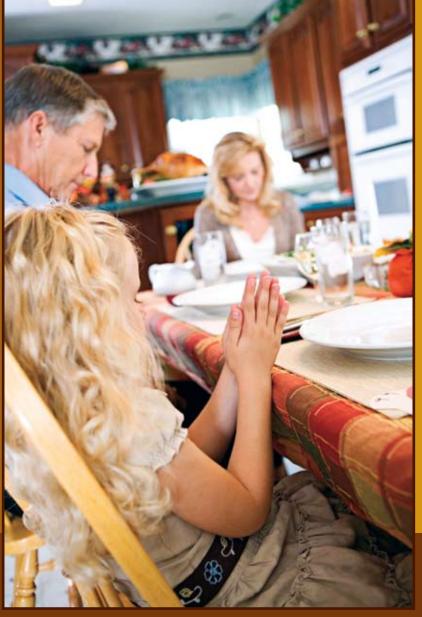


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Where Are The Nine?

Luke 17:11-19

A Christian farmer was spending a day in the city and stopped at a restaurant, such as McDonalds. When he got his meal, he sat down and bowed his head to offer thanks for his meal. A young person who was obviously irreverent as well as disrespectful said, "Hey farmer, does everyone do that where you live?" Without

pausing a moment, the older farmer said, "No, son, the pigs don't!"

In recent years, our nation has become progressively more secular. Although America has a national holiday for Thanksgiving, it has become more a day for family get togethers, watching football, and overeatingratitude as a mark of a degenerate society (Rom. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:2). Perhaps he especially noticed this because of the makeup of his character. The root word "thank," in its various forms, occurs 139 in the Bible, 46 of which are found in the writings of Paul (Rom.-Heb.). Being thankful himself, Paul

noticed the ingratitude of the society in which he lived.

The Healing of the Ten Lepers

Jesus' healing of the ten lepers shows a variety of lessons about thanksgiving.

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a

certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole (Luke 17:11-19).

The disease of leprosy was incurable. Its effects on the body were horrifying. The flesh literally rotted and the various members of the body fell off. Such a disease would create hopelessness and despair. The disease isolated a person from society (Lev. 13:45-46). The ten lepers had a common disease which brought them together in a group of those who otherwise would not associate with one another—a Samaritan associated with the nine Jews. Their dreaded disease broke down racial barriers.

Upon learning that Jesus was in their area, the ten lepers came to Jesus and begged for him to heal them. Jesus expressed his willingness to do so. He sent them to the priest who was divinely appointed to examine them to see if they were healed of their disease. On the way, they were healed. They had faith to obey even without physical evidence of healing.

The nine Jewish lepers continued on their way, to be pronounced clean by the priest. Jesus was

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Thanks

Men fall on their knees in times of trouble to ask God's help. They do not need a teacher to tell them how to pray in such circumstances. But, when the healing comes or the storm is past, how many pause to give him thanks for prayers answered?

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ing than an occasion for serious expression of thanks to God for his blessings toward us. It is more nearly the prelude to the days for Christmas shopping than a spiritual event. As God is left out of one's life in all other regards, one naturally neglects thanksgiving. In two different descriptions, Paul listed



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Have You Not Read

An Appeal To Foreign Workers

Those of us who publish periodicals are often called upon to make known worthy appeals for brethren who labor in foreign lands, or difficult areas of this country where there are few churches. In some cases we have had personal knowledge of the worthiness of those seeking help. Sometimes we have relied on information from those we had *every* reason to trust.

But this is always treacherous ground. The urgency of gospel work everywhere in the world weighs heavily on the hearts of those of us who preach the gospel, and especially on some of us who have had a part in some of this work. Over the years, I have written many letters, articles, and news items in an attempt to inform brethren of the needs of worthy men. For the most part there is reason to feel good about these efforts. There are some good, devoted brethren scattered around the globe who truly have the best interest of the kingdom of God at heart. These include Americans sent and supported by American churches, and also native men who labor in their own lands among their own people.

But it is a sad fact, that all such appeals are not worthy. Time and circumstances sometimes make it clear that some are working for the "loaves and fishes." There have been some men who have never succeeded in any work they have attempted who decide to go overseas and preach. They won't do any better there than here. Men who

can't even master the basic elements of their own mother tongue will make a total fiasco out of learning to speak and write in another language. Some men are petty and dwell on little offenses (whether imagined or real). Sometimes they can't get along with other brethren or with their own families. They magnify grievances, inject them into the church with the result that other brethren are tempted to "choose up sides" and then seek to enlist the support of brethren here who support them. Jealous men will sometimes make accusations against fellow workers and try to get their support cut off. Brethren here scratch their heads and agonize about what to do.

Those of us who have stuck our necks out to help are sometimes made to feel that we have had a knife stuck in our backs by the very ones we have worked so hard to help. It not only leaves egg on our faces, it seriously tarnishes our credibility. The next time we go to bat to help a brother, *however* deserving he may be, our appeals are taken less seriously. The end result is that we find it harder and harder to find support for foreign workers. Some churches have been badly burned and have lost interest.

Some Helpful Suggestions

Those who plan to go to some needy field in this country or to some foreign landwould do well to ponder these suggestions:

- 1. Don't ask for more support than you need. Be realistic and do your homework. You must have enough to live in the economy where you are going. If you need more than appears normal to brethren here, be sure to explain the difference in economics here and there.
- 2. Give references. If you are contacting brethren who do not know you, be sure to give references with whom they can consult as to your worthiness and aptitude for the work. Brethren who do not know you do not owe you anything just because you wrote them a letter, email, or made a phone call.
- 3. Full disclosure. Make full disclosure of the amounts and sources of all support you receive to every place which supports you. Once or twice a year is not enough. If they supply you with monthly support, then you supply them with a monthly report of your work.
- 4. Keep brethren abreast of your work. Tell them of baptisms, restorations, or classes you teach and now and then of subjects preached. Let them know of problems you face and solicit their prayers.
- 5. Dealing with problems. If you have a disagreement with another preacher and his family in the area of your work, please don't become a ring leader of a faction nor expect brethren who support you to have all the facts in the case and to automatically take your side. Acquit

yourself as a man, not as a pouting little boy.

- 6. Don't make every report an urgent appeal for extra money for one thing or another. Some brethren in other countries, against all advice, have filled reports with appeals for money to pay someone's doctor bills, to buy a computer, a motorcycle, a car, or to put a child through college. When every report becomes an appeal for more money, then don't be surprised if brethren grow weary and decide that you might not be honest.
- 7. Self-reliance. Do everything you can, in your teaching, to help brethren to be self-reliant and to work toward the time they can be self-supporting.
- 8. Plant and water and leave the increase to the Lord and forget about who gets the credit.
- 9. Time to leave. If your presence in some foreign field contributes to strife and confusion in the work, then come home and stop accepting support from brethren for you to sow discord and destroy the work of God.

About Recommendations

It is scripturally right for brethren to recommend brethren they know to those who do not know them. Thus, Barnabas vouched for Paul (Acts 9:26-29). Paul wrote commendations of Timothy, Titus, Silas, Luke, and others. But it is possible for us to misjudge those we think we know well. If you have evidence that a brother is not worthy and he gives your name as a reference, please be truthful when approached by brethren who are trying to gather the best information they can upon which to make a decision. Several years ago, a fellow in the Philippines widely circulated a letter of appeal using my name in such a way as to imply endorsement. He

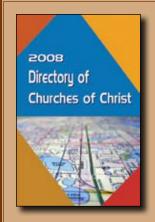
wrote a heart wrenching letter in which he claimed that he and his family had been burned out by Muslim rebels and had to flee for safety in the night, with only the clothes on their backs. Somehow, though, he managed to salvage writing material and a large collection of names and addresses of American churches to whom he sent his letter. It was also learned that he was accepting much more support than he was reporting, including \$150 a month from an institutional church in Oklahoma, which had no idea that he was being supported by "antis." Later the same man sent out another letter claiming that he had lost all when fleeing from the New People's Army. But he still salvaged his names and addresses. Since he used my name, I received 30 long distance phone calls and answered 15 letters about him, plus several personal inquiries about him during meetings in various parts of the country. I did my best to warn brethren about this dishonest man.

It is dangerous to recommend men for support when they have just left some system of error. It is easy to leave the door open to tempt dishonest men to "change" as a means of gain. Why not give a man time to get the error out of his system and to show the genuineness of his convictions by sacrificially standing for the truth, even if he has

to support his family at whatever honest work he can find. When the time is right, a Barnabas will come to Tarsus and get you and introduce you to brethren who will stand behind you at an Antioch or elsewhere. This is not meant to discredit or discourage faithful men who have "left all" to accept the truth. I know of many in the Philippines who gave up their income, their house, and sometimes fringe benefits to obey the gospel, immediately placing their families in dire need. They have done this out of conviction and without a hint of any financial reward. There are some loose cannons who would place a cloud of doubt over all these men whom they do not know and the depths of whose sacrifices they cannot begin to appreciate. For shame!

But while we do not mean to discourage the sincere, this is meant as a message to those who would use us for their own advantage and then stick a knife in our backs for trying to help them. It would be money well spent for churches to send one or more of the elders to visit men they support in distant places. Some have done that with good results. Meanwhile, we dare not forget that the field in which gospel seed must be sown is the world—the *whole* world. We must work while it is day.

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Dating the Early Church

Ethan Longhenry

While Luke provides us with excellent historical information in the book of Acts regarding the history of the early church, correlating the information in Acts with historical chronology in general is a difficult task indeed. There are few dates that we can correlate with certainty, and many times events are described without reference to duration of time. On account of these difficulties, the honest biblical historian recognizes that many events cannot be dated with great specificity, but over a range of time. We recognize that Luke and others could easily have provided the dates if so desired, and we ought to recognize something from that; nevertheless, there is some profit and understanding to be gained in considering the dating of the events of the early church, especially in relation to one another. Let us, then, attempt to date the events of the early church through Paul's departure from Corinth in Acts 18.

For this period we have only two historically fixed points along with certain time frames established by the authors. The two historically fixed points are found in Acts 12:19b-23, where Luke records the death of Herod Agrippa I after the arrest and deliverance of Peter and just before the first missionary journey; this event is recorded by other authors (cf. Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews 15.9.6, Wars of the *Jews* 1.21.5-8) and occurred in 44. On account of this, we know that the famine of Acts 11:18 must have occurred between 41, the accession of Claudius, and 44. In Acts 18:12-16, we learn that after Paul preached in Corinth for eighteen

months he was brought before the proconsul Gallio, Gallio (Lucius Junius Gallio) was the brother of the famous Roman philosopher Seneca (Dio Cassius, 60.24), and an inscription found at Delphi in Greece establishes that he was proconsul of Achaia after the twenty-sixth acclamation of the Emperor Claudius as imperator (Tenney, Exploring New Testament Culture, 276). This places the inscription within the year 52, which makes it likely that he began his time as proconsul in 51. Poor health, however, cut his time in office short (Seneca, Epistulae Morales, 104.1). We can establish, then, that Paul stood before Gallio either in 51 or 52.

The main time frames that will guide our overall discussion are found in Galatians 1:15-18 and Galatians 2:1-2, referring to events in the life of Paul:

But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, even from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; straightway I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them that were apostles before me: but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and tarried with him fifteen days.

Then after the space of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. And I went up by revelation; and I laid before them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles but privately before them who were of repute, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain.

While it is somewhat difficult to precisely correlate Paul in Galatians and Luke in Acts, we get the impression that there is a three year span between the events in Acts 9:1-22 and Acts 9:23-30, and then a further fourteen years between these events and the events in Acts 15. These dates will allow us to put a chronology of sorts together.

On the basis of the material at hand, we will work backwards in time. We have established that Paul was brought forth to Gallio around the year 52 (Acts 18:12-16). In Acts 18:11. Luke establishes that Paul was in Corinth for eighteen months. Therefore, depending on the time of year in which Paul was brought before Gallio, Paul arrived in Corinth at any point between the middle of 50 through the middle of 51. We do not know the exact amount of time that Paul spent going through parts of Asia Minor and parts of Greece (Acts 16-18); we know that he spent around 3-5 weeks in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-10), but that is about all. He could have spent anything from a few months to a couple of years in these places. We then date the second missionary journey sometime between 49-52. This would place the Jerusalem conference of Acts 15 between 48-50

This is consistent with the evidence that we have from the other end. In another article we established that the best evidence for the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus places those events in 30, and so therefore the church begins on Pentecost 30. If we allow a few months for the events contained in Acts 2-6, the earliest point

at which Stephen was murdered and Saul of Tarsus was converted would be 31. From 31, three years (Gal. 1:15-18) would be 34, and an additional 14 (Gal. 2:1-2) would be 48. The end of the range for these events is most likely 33, since three years from 33 is 36 and 14 additional years is 50, and we must allow some time for the second missionary journey to get to Corinth in 52. By putting this all together, we can provide a historically likely chronology for the book of Acts:

- 30: day of Pentecost, establishment of church
- 30–31/33: earliest church in Jerusalem, events of Acts 2-7
- 31–33: Stephen murdered; persecution arises; Gospel promoted throughout Samaria and Galilee; Saul of Tarsus converted, travels to Arabia and back to Damascus (Acts 8-9:22; Gal. 1:11-17)
- 32–35: Founding of church in Antioch (Acts 11:19)
- 34–36: Paul travels from Damascus to Jerusalem (Acts 9:23-30; Gal. 1:18-19)
- 34/36–38/41: Paul in Cilicia (Gal. 1:21)
- 37–42: Cornelius converted, Antiochenes preach Christ to Gentiles (Acts 10, 11); Barnabas sent to Antioch, goes and gets Paul from Tarsus (Acts 11:25-26); after one year, Agabus comes and predicts famine (Acts 11:27)
- 41–44: Famine predicted by Agabus comes to pass (Acts 11:28); Antiochenes send aid to Judea to elders by hand of Paul and Barnabas (Acts 11:29-30)
- 41–44: Herod Agrippa I executes James the brother of John, imprisons Peter; Peter freed miraculously (Acts 12:1-19)
- 44: Death of Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:19-23)

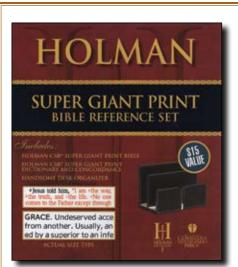
- 44–46: Paul and Barnabas in Antioch (Acts 13:1-2)
- 46–48: First Missionary Journey; Paul and Barnabas promote Gospel in Cyprus and southern Asia Minor (Acts 13-14)
- 48–50: Jerusalem conference (Acts 15:1-29)
- 49–50/51: Paul begins Second Missionary Journey with Silas, returns to southern Asia Minor, preaches in Macedonia and Athens (Acts 16-17)
- 50/51–52: Paul preaches in Corinth for eighteen months (Acts 18:1-11)
- 52: Paul brought before Gallio, departs from Corinth (Acts 18:12-16)

As we can see, most events can only be dated over a range of a few years. We each may have a feeling of about when a given event took place, but we cannot nail down a precise year with the evidence we have supplied.

Some may object to this chronology on the basis of the dating of Galatians in terms of Acts. It is believed by some that Paul speaks in Galatians 2:1-2 of his trip to Jerusalem mentioned in Acts 11:29-30, and that the "fourteen years" begins at his conversion. This view, however, is not the most historically likely: first of all, even

if we take the famine as occurring in 44, fourteen years goes back all the way to 30, providing a frame of only six months for all the events in Acts 2-9. Furthermore, there is no textual indication that the fourteen years is to be read as going back to his conversion: Paul simply says "after fourteen years," and the natural antecedent of the fourteen years is his first trip to Jerusalem, not his conversion (cf. Gal. 1:18-24). This view is not historically likely; it is more likely that since Paul's visit to Jerusalem in Acts 11:29-30 had no value in Paul's defense before the Galatians. he simply overlooked the trip and went directly to the major event, the conference in Jerusalem in Acts 15. As we have seen, dating Galatians 2:1-2 to the events of Acts 15 allows for us to account for all the evidence in the most natural way. and therefore remains the most historically likely version of the events.

For all intents and purposes, therefore, the events of Acts 1-18 all occurred within a twenty-two year period. We can marvel at how so much was accomplished in what is relatively a short amount of time. Let us take this information and use it to the profit of our understanding of the history of the early church.



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"Like the debates in the 1920's and 1930's in the churches of Christ, the arguments in non-institutional churches of Christ in the 1980's and 1990's pitted like-minded people against one another. For all of the fussing and fighting at the end of the century, people in non-institutional churches uniformly looked backwards for examples and authority. Everyone who wrote on the controversial themes of the nineties was a biblical conservative. intent on grounding his arguments in Scripture and willing to engage in honorable exchange. They had rediscovered the restoration truism that Biblical literalists often become cranky and factious."

With this resumption of the "Footnotes" series-an earlier sequence of which I wrote in this journal in the 1980's and 1990's-I also resume my shameless borrowing of an interesting format pioneered by my mentor in the historical profession–David Edwin Harrell, Jr. In the bulletin of the 77th Street church in Birmingham in the 1970's, and later in the journal Vanguard, Ed (and I later, replicating the format) used the quotation of some historical source as a springboard to a short discussion of some fascinating tidbit. The header for each article, numbered in successive superscript as in the footnotes in scholarly books or academic articles in professional historical journals, gives the source of the quotation, should someone desire more information, or seek to read the quotations in context.

Ed Harrell is, without question, one of the premier historians of American religion in the last half—century. Much of his work, especially his analysis of the history of the "Restorationist" movements which produced groups such as the Disciples of Christ, the "Independent" or "direct-support" Christian Churches of the North American Christian Convention, as well as churches calling themselves "Churches of Christ," is path-breaking and intellectually stimulating. His work demonstrates clearly how religious controversies and issues can be, and often are, framed and influenced by social, economic, or other factors which may not always be as obvious as the doctrinal or theological concerns which frequently are more conspicuous.

But even good historians tread dangerous ground when they begin to describe contemporary events—especially when they themselves have been ardent participants in those events (as Ed himself notes in the Preface, pp. xi, xv-xvi).

It would be easy to become sidetracked by disputing some particulars in the paragraph quoted above. Were all the disputants really grounding their arguments in Scripture? Or were they defending favored personalities who were cut extra slack because they were reputed to be somewhat among the brethren? Was everyone, in fact, willing to engage in honorable controversy? Or were some venues closed to discussion of any kind, however elegantly conducted?

Nor should we disregard warnings about the unfortunate tendencies of some religious conservatives to become "cranky and factious"—but that's another article.

Whatever the answers to these and other questions may be, the thesis advanced in the opening lines above is too trenchant to ignore. As brother Harrell notes in the same context:

"On the other hand, the profile of non-institutional churches was changing, and, as in the years before World War II, those changes did signal the appearance of sociological and ideological differences within the movement"

Who can dispute the veracity this observation? Even the most casual observer of events over the last generation would no doubt concur... just as many would doubtless agree as well with this analysis:

"As church growth accelerated and larger congregations multiplied, warnings about changing attitudes and doctrinal laxity could hardly be dismissed as figments of Ron Halbrook's imagination."

Who could have said it better? Probably not even Ron Halbrook himself could improve upon it.

But if anyone wishes to try . . . have at it.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

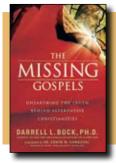
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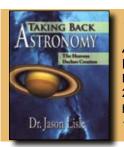
The Missing Gospels

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We have heard a great deal recently about the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary, and the Gospel of Judas. (Just check your local Borders or Barnes & Noble bookstores!) What are these so-called "missing gospels" and why are they not in our Bible? Do they contain truth about Jesus Christ? In a new book, The Missing Gospels, Darrell L. Bock gets to the heart of these questions and helps the reader to distinguish between fact and fiction. Bock, author of the New York Times bestseller Breaking the Da Vinci Code (Nelson, 2004), takes on the liberal scholars who seek to radically alter the true view of Jesus Christ. Bock sets forth a case for true New Testament Christianity by examining early Christian history, the meaning and origins of Gnosticism, and the radical and exaggerated claims of Walter Bauer and the "New School." Bock also compares and contrasts the teaching of these "missing gospels" with the Bible text. Bock concludes that the Bible text, not the "missing gospels," contain the unanimous and core truths about God, Jesus, mankind, and salvation. The content of *The Missing Gospels* is at times a little deep, but it certainly is not dry reading designed for the scholar only. This book is both instructive and stimulating for a general audience. The Missing Gospels will give you the information you need to answer the modern liberal critic who attempts to give Christianity a modern makeover.



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Taking Back Astronomy

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Marital infidelity and unfaithfulness is a reality that we must face in the world and in the Lord's church. Recent statistics show that 30 to 60 percent of men and 20 to 50 percent of women have affairs over the course of marriage. According to these statistics, approximately onehalf of all married couples in our nation will experience infidelity. So, what goes wrong after the "I do's" have been said? In Staying Together, Stephen M. Judah provides very helpful information about what kind of affairs exist (from secret fantasies to sex), what causes affairs (from communication issues to bad choices), and how affairs affect the offending party, the offended party, and the third party. The major contribution of this book is found in the author's practical steps he offers couples who seek to reunite after experiencing infidelity. Judah recognizes that reconciliation after an affair is not always feasible, but he encourages repentance, reconciliation, and rebuilding when possible. Staying Together is a good resource for anyone counseling others who have had an affair or for someone who has personally experienced an affair.

How did our universe begin? With a "big bang"? No. It began when God said, "Let there be" Indeed, the heavens "declare the glory of God" (Psa. 19:1). In Taking Back Astronomy, Dr. Jason Lisle does a superb job of showing how the design in our universe points to God, the Designer. Using current and accurate scientific facts combined with Bible truths, Lisle demonstrates the splendor of God's universe (Chapter 1), how the universe confirms the Bible (Chapter 2), the age of the universe (Chapter 3), how the Bible and modern astronomy work together (Chapter 4), and the proper worldview one should have (Chapter 5). Taking Back Astronomy is one of several excellent books from Master Books promoting creation science. (Note: I used some of the astronomy information in this book for a recent sermon on Psalm 19:1. The parents who heard this lesson told me they were very glad their children got to hear the faithbuilding evidence. – Chris Reeves)

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Singing With Understanding

Thanksgiving and Singing

Enter into His gates with thanks-giving,

And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations (Psa. 100:4-5).

As God's people, we have many reasons to be thankful. What is the correct way for us to voice our thanks to God? Prayer is usually the answer, but the Bible reveals that thanksgiving through song is just as valid as giving thanks through prayer.

Thanksgiving Through Song

The two most famous New Testament passages about singing discuss thanksgiving. Paul wrote, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). Singing "with grace" means to sing with "gratitude" (N.I.V) or "thankfulness" (N.A.S.B). Therefore, singing is obviously a way to give thanks.

Likewise, singing and thanksgiving are connected by this passage: "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the

Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:19-20).

Singing or Praying?

Some think Paul changed the focus from singing to prayer in these passages when he mentioned thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Indeed, without the preceding verse, Colossians 3:17 sounds like a reference to prayer: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Likewise, Ephesians 5:20, apart from verse 19, could be mistaken for a description of prayer: "Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

However, these passages are about singing, not prayer. Even in passages about singing, we tend to think of prayer when we see "giving thanks" in connection with "in the name of the Lord" because we have not fully considered that singing is as legitimate a way of giving thanks to God in Jesus' name as prayer is. We have developed a tradition of stating aloud that our public prayers are "in Jesus' name." However, as Paul wrote here, singing, and everything else we do, must be "in the name of the Lord," regardless of whether we state it every time.

Similar Actions

Though we distinguish between "acts of worship," it is clear that various actions can serve the same

purpose. In this case, thanksgiving in Jesus' name can be done through song as well as prayer. Though prayers and songs are, by definition, not the same thing, similarities exist. The difference is simply music—remove the melody, harmony, and timing from many hymns and what remains is a prayer. We can give thanks through song or prayer, and God takes one as seriously as he does the other.

Similar Seriousness

We take prayer seriously. Those who arrive late to services do not usually come down the aisle to find a seat during a prayer. People do not habitually walk to the bathroom in the middle of a prayer, nor do deacons leave their seats to adjust the thermostat. We wait until the prayer is over to do some necessary things because we do not want to distract others. If thanksgiving through song is just as valid as thanksgiving through prayer, should we not show the same courtesy when singing? Whether our heads are bowed in prayer while the leader says, "Lord, we thank you for this day and all of its blessings," or we joyfully sing "Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise," we are voicing our thanks to God in the way he prescribed. We must be reverent, regardless of the method used to give thanks.

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Divorce Rate Falls to Lowest Level Since 1970

Jesse Flowers

Now that is some great news, isn't? The Bible student clearly understands that God *hates* divorce (Mal. 2:16). Our heavenly Father who instituted the marriage relationship between a man and woman (Gen. 2:20-25), demands that it remain a permanent commitment (Matt. 19:4-5). So for those of us who respect God's marriage law, we readily rejoice at such news

In fact, one of the opening lines of the article reads: "Despite the common notion that America remains plagued by a divorce epidemic, the national per capita divorce rate has declined steadily since its peak in 1981 and is now at its lowest level since 1970." Our nation's divorce rate started to climb in the late 1960s and then skyrocketed during the 1970s and early 1980s, as virtually every state adopted no-fault divorce laws. The rate peaked at 5.3 divorces per 1,000 people in 1981. Yet since then it has dropped by 1/3, to 3.6. That's the lowest rate since 1970.

But what's fueling the divorce decline? Is it because more people in society today respect God and his Word in regards to the family? Is it because husbands are finally loving and honoring their wives as God instructs (Eph. 5:25; 1 Pet. 3:7)? And is it because wives are seeing the wisdom in being submissive to their husbands and showing them respect (Eph. 5:22, 33)? Is it because couples understand more clearly that marriage is a life-long commitment (1 Cor. 7:39), and so



they are taking their marriage vows for more seriously? I sure wish that all the above points were the reasons why the divorce rate has significantly declined.

The real reason—divorces are down primarily because more couples live together without marrying, and relationships are just as unstable as ever. The article reports: "The number of couples who live together without marrying has increased tenfold since 1960; the marriage rate has dropped by nearly 30 percent in the past 25 years; and Americans are waiting about five years longer to marry than they did in 1970."

Please notice these truly disturbing statistics. In 2004 there were 5,080,000 unmarried couples in America. Over half of all first marriages are now preceded by living together, compared to virtually none 50 years ago. Between 1960 and 2004, the number of unmarried couples in America increased by over 1200%. About one fourth of unmarried women age 25 to 39 are currently living with a partner and an additional one fourth have lived with a partner at some time in the past (via National Survey of America's Families).

It really should come as no great surprise that so many couples today are co-habiting rather than getting married. Let's consider some of the reasons why this is such a growing trend.

• The past fifty years has bred such a loose attitude and lack of respect towards the

marriage relationship. Marriage became more of a "wait and see how it goes" commitment instead of a "for better or for worse" kind of commitment.

- For many years now our young people have been told to practice safe sex, and they are readily provided with the tools to do so. In other words, the message is that it is okay to practice fornication, just don't risk the chance of pregnancy or disease!
- Society has been fed the false notion for some time now that "living together" is no big deal, that is not nearly as risky or challenging as being married, that it is not wrong, but normal. So naturally, everyone does what is right in their own eyes (Judg. 21:25).
- The complete rejection of God and the Bible in most educational institutions and most homes today. God is not honored. His Word is not taught. And so generations have arisen that know not the Lord or his ways for mankind (Judg. 2:10; Hos. 4:6).

Yes, divorce rates are at their lowest level since 1970, but for all the wrong reasons. "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4).

Who Started The Church of Christ And When?

Tom O'Neal

Ask an uninformed person "Who started the Church of Christ and when did it begin?" and one will get all kind of answers. Some uninformed persons just do not really know. They are just ignorant of church history. Other uninformed persons will repeat what they have heard, not knowing if what they say is correct. A third group of persons are uninformed and prejudiced against the Church of Christ.

If a denominational preacher is asked about the beginning of the Church of Christ, more than likely his answer will be that it was started by Alexander Campbell and the time will be sometime in the early 1800s. The date will differ depending upon who is answering the question.

In 2006, when Mary Winkler murdered her minister husband of the Church of Christ, Matthew Winkler, Nancy Grace of the Nancy Grace TV Show instead of asking some member of the Church of Christ about the origin of the Church of Christ and matters related to it, asked one who was styled a Baptist Pastor by the name of Tom Ruhkala, who at the time was a missionary in Finland. Was there no one in the United States among the Churches of Christ who could have given Ms. Grace the information she was seeking?

Grace said on her TV show, "I want to go to pastor Tom Rukala, joining us tonight, a special guest, a Baptist minister. I've been researching the Church of Christ. I don't know that much about it. What can you tell me?" After the pastor gets

through telling Grace what he has to say, she still does not know much about the Church of Christ. Tom Ruhkala said, "The Church of Christ is a relatively new church. It was started about 150 years ago by Alexander Campbell." According to Ruhkala, the Church of Christ was started about 1856. When I debated Baptist preacher P. D. Ballard in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. he said the Church of Christ was started on February 18, 1832, yet the previous night of the debate he said it was 1827. When I later debated Ballard's moderator, F. L. Ray, in Gallatin, Tennessee, Ray said the Church of Christ was started November 18, 1827. When Billy Ashworth debated P. D. Ballard at Fairview, Tennessee, he said the Church of Christ was started in February, 1842.

In 1980 when I lived in the Birmingham, Alabama area, Mr.



Historical Marker in Revere, MA

Craig Branch of the New Life movement did a lot to try to prove the Church of Christ was a "cult" and was started by Alexander Campbell in the 1800s. When I exposed his teaching in Walking In Truth (November-December, 1980), he went under cover for awhile. In 1991 he came out in the open again as the "Alabama Director" of "Watchman Fellowship" associated with the large Briarwood Presbyterian Church. He continued his false charges. He said "the origin of the churches of Christ can be traced to the early 1800s" (Cult Mini Notebook, by Craig Branch, p. 1). He goes on to say, "by the mid 1800s, the movement was divided over two controversial issues; 1) Were missionary societies biblical in nature, and 2) Should instrumental music be played during the worship hour? The debate raged on for fifty years. When the difference could not be resolved, Alexander Campbell led one-fourth of the Disciples of Christ out of the restoration movement. The year was 1906. The 'Campbellites' as they were scurrilously called, established congregations which took the name 'churches of Christ.'"

To see how wrong Branch was, he has Alexander Campbell leading people out of something in 1906 to establish Churches of Christ, yet, Campbell died forty years before on March 4, 1866. This is typical of those who want to make Alexander Campbell the founder of the Church of Christ. They either do not know their history or they do not care how they represent history.

I have had for years a picture of a historical marker at Revere, Massachusetts, which is a northeast suburb of Boston, which says

1630–1930
Church of Christ - 1710
Meetinghouse of the Church of
Christ in Rumney Marsh, erected in
1710. Thomas Cheever, the First
Settled Minister, died December 27,
1749, Aged Ninety-One Years.
Massachusetts Bay Colony
Teroentenary Commission

The reader should observe that the meeting house of this Church of Christ was erected in 1710, which was seventy-eight years before Alexander Campbell was born and ninety-nine years before he came to America. How could Alexander Campbell start the Church of Christ seventy-eight years before he was born? The picture I have of this marker was published in the Firm Foundation years ago. More recently is was published on the front page of Back To Basics in March of 2007.

Alexander Campbell was born on September 12, 1788 and came to America from Scotland landing in New York on September 29, 1809. It was November 18, 1809 when John Mulkey led a group of 152 out of the 200 member Mill Creek Baptist Church near Tompkinsville, Kentucky and took their stand for the ancient order of things. Among those who took their stand with John Mulkey was Hannah Pennington, who was a sister to the famous Daniel Boone (The Old Mulkey Meeting House, a leaflet from the Mulkey Meeting House information center). How could Alexander Campbell start the Church of Christ the year he arrived in America, when at that time he was still among the denominations? It would be sometime before he worked his way out of sectarianism and took his stand just on the Bible.

In the cemetery of the Cane Ridge church not far from Paris, Kentucky is the grave of one by the name of William Rogers. His tomb stone shows he was a member of the Church of Christ before either Thomas or Alexander Campbell came to America. Thomas Campbell came to America in 1807 and Alexander, his son, came to this country in 1809. The tombstone, which I visited years ago and made a picture of, reads:

William Rogers
Born In Campbell Co. VA
July 7, 1784
Removed With His father To
Cane Ridge Bourbon Co. Apr. 1798,
United With the Church of Christ At
Cane Ridge in 1807 Died Feb. 15,
1862, In The 78th Year Of His Age

One should observe that William Rogers united with the Church of Christ in the year of 1807, which was two years before Alexander Campbell came to this country. Alexander Campbell was born on September 12, 1788, which would make him a lad of 19 when William Rogers united with the Church of Christ at Cane Ridge. How could Alexander Campbell start the Church of Christ in America two years before he even came to America?

When Alexander Campbell made a trip abroad, Henry Clay, the well known statesman, wrote a letter of introduction for Campbell. In it he said Campbell was "the head and founder of one of the most important respectable religious communities in the United States" (Memoirs of Alexander Campbell, II, p. 548). Robert Richardson went on to say Henry Clay "misconceived" Campbell's true position. I have heard Baptist preachers refer to this letter and use it to prove Campbell started the Church of Christ when in reality that is a misuse of the letter. Campbell never claimed to have started the Church of Christ

Dr. Hans Grimm wrote a 44 page booklet entitled *Tradition and History of the Early Churches of Christ In Central Europe* which was published by the Firm Foundation Publishing House in which is a picture of a cemetery in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia in which are buried members of Churches of Christ from "1000 to 1525." How could there be members of the Church of Christ hundreds of years before Alexander Campbell was even born and in a county in which he never lived?

The Church of Christ in New York on March 1, 1818, sent out a letter "to the Churches of Christ, scattered over the earth" giving them information as to the activity of the New York Church of Christ and inquiring concerning them. On May 10, 1818, James Watt and James Buchan responded for "the Church of Christ meeting in Morrison's Court, Glasgow" Scotland. In their letter they said, "Such churches as ours have existed in Scotland, at Edinburgh and Glasgow, from thirty to forty years." They mentioned Churches of Christ in this same letter being at Paisley, Perth, London and Liverpool (The Christian Baptist, Vol. 5, Nov. 1827, pp. 93-99). Here are Churches of Christ that are 30 to 40 years old which would put their beginning before Alexander Campbell was born.

"The Church of Christ assembling in Leith Walk, Edinburgh" Scotland responded to the same letter from "the Church of Christ in New York" (*Ibid.*, Dec. 3, 1827, pp. 102-110). Likewise, the Manchester Church of Christ responded on September 13, 1818 to the same letter from the Church of Christ in New York with William Jackson, elder, and Benjamin Beddome, deacon, signing the letter (*Ibid.*, pp.

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161-164). "The Church of Christ at Tubermore" responded to the same letter from the Church of Christ in New York on May 6, 1819. They first "met as a church in May, 1807" (*Ibid.*, pp. 141-145). Then on June 24, 1818, the Stephen Street Church of Christ in Dublin, Ireland responded to the letter from the Church of Christ in New York saying they had "about a hundred" members and had been together "eight years." Further they said there were "many bodies of disciples in this country" (*Ibid.*, pp. 175-179).

In 1972 Lynn A. McMillon submitted The Quest For The Apostolic Church: A Study Of Scottish Origins Of American Restorationism to Baylor University, a Baptist School, in Waco, Texas as his dissertation for his Ph. D. In this 206 page book, he tells of Robert Sandeman (1718-1771) leaving Scotland on August 30, 1764, twenty-four years before Alexander Campbell was born, arriving in Boston on October 18 (p. 115). In time he went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire arriving in this city on April 20, 1765 (p. 119). McMillon quotes David Mitchelson as saying "the first Church of Christ in North America was constituted May 4, 1765, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire" (p. 119). This was twenty-three years before Alexander Campbell was born. Robert Sandeman after spending some time in Portsmouth moved on to Boston arriving there on May 30, 1765 and established a Church of Christ in Boston that had its beginning in the home of Edward Foster (p. 120).

Near the town of Bridgeport, Alabama, in the Northeast corner of the state, is the Rocky Springs Church of Christ which is the oldest Church of Christ in the state. The Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have placed a marker there declaring it to be the "Oldest Church of Christ In The State" and give the date of 1807. That is two years before Alexander Campbell came to America!

With the above historical information well documented, why would denominational preachers and Baptist preachers in particular want to tell that Alexander Campbell started the Church of Christ in the 1800s? Their Baptist Church is of human origin with a beginning date centuries this side of Pentecost. By saying Campbell started the Church of Christ, they bring down the Church of Christ to the level of the Baptist Church, which is just one of many denominations started by men. If denominational preachers admitted the truth about the Church of Christ, they would have to admitted it was not a denomination and that it was started in Jerusalem in A.D. 33. by Jesus Christ. This would elevate it above the denominations of the day. This denominational preachers can not afford to do.

When Did The Church of Christ Begin?

The Church of Christ originally was in the mind of God from all eternity (Eph. 3:10-11). The prophet Daniel said it would be established during the reign of kings in a fourth world empire, which was the Roman Empire (Dan. 2:36-45). Isaiah (2:1-4) and Micah (4:1-5) said "in the last days" the "mountain of the Lord's house" would be established "in the top of the mountains." Out of Zion would go forth the law of the Lord and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The Lord's house is the church of the living God (1 Tim. 3:15). Jesus said people who heard him would not die until they had seen the kingdom of God come (Mark. 9:1).

Jesus preached the kingdom of heaven was at hand (Matt 4:17). John the Baptist had already preached the kingdom was at hand (Matt. 3:2). Every reference in both the Old and New Testament of the church or the kingdom before Acts 2 points forward to Pentecost. Peter on Pentecost says it was the "last days" (Acts 2:17). When Peter and the apostles preached Jesus on Pentecost and people asked what to do to be saved (Acts 2:37). They were told to "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remissions of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). "They that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). Every reference in the New Testament after Pentecost of the church or the kingdom points backward to Acts 2 and Pentecost.

First Baptist Church

Billy Graham, probably the best known Baptist today, said, "The Baptists as a distinct denomination date from the time of the Reformation in the 16th Century" (*The Birmingham (Alabama) News*, Nov. 19, 1959).

"It was during the reign of James (King of England in the 1600s, that the first regularly organized English Baptist church, of which we possess any detailed account, was formed in Amsterdam (Holland) in 1607, by John Smyth, formerly a clergyman of the Church of England" (Richard B. Cook, D.D., *The Story of the Baptists*, p. 88).

"The first regularly organized Baptist Church of which we now possess any account, is dated from 1607, and was formed in London by a Mr. Smith, who had been a clergyman in the church of England. It was formed on the principles of the 'General Baptist.' In the year 1633 the first Particular Baptist Church was formed in London under Mr. Spilsbury" (Benedict's History of Baptists, p. 304).

George A. Lofton, Baptist historian, wrote, "Thomas Crosby, the first Baptist historian (Vol.I, pp. 265-278), gives an account of the origin of the first Baptist Church in English

history, organized 1609 A.D. It originated with John Smyth and his followers at Amsterdam Holland, whither they fled in 1606 from persecution" (English Baptist Reformation, 1899, p. 29).

"It is here devoutly wished that the Baptist denomination, founded by our Anglo-Saxon fathers in tears and blood, may rise to wider fields of usefulness and progress and grander achievements" (Lofton's English Baptist Reformation, p. 8).

"Dr. Angus goes on to give the usual historical citations regarding the Anabaptist of England as far back at 1538, 'for a hundred,' he

says, 'before we hear of Baptist Churches'; but he fixes the dates 1611 to 14 as the earliest at which begins any authentic history of Baptist Church, as such, begins" (Lofton's English Baptist Reformation, p. 36).

"John Smyth, found a church upon the Baptist model, believer's baptism and a regenerated church membership; and organically speaking, this was the 'beginning' of the present denomination of Baptists, though begun with an unscriptural form of baptism" (Lofton's English Baptist Reformation, p. 254).

"The history of Baptist Churches cannot be carried, by a scientific method, farther back than the year 1611, when the first Anabaptist Church, consisting wholly of Englishmen, was founded in Amsterdam, by John Smyth, the Se-baptist. This was not, strictly speaking, a Baptist Church, but it was the direct progenitor of churches in England that a few years later became Baptist, and therefore, the history begins there" (Henry C.

Vedder, A Short History of the Baptists, p. 4).

"Smyth is generally called the 'Se-Baptist,' which means that he baptized himself. There can be do doubt that such was the case, since an acknowledgement of the fact still exists in his own handwriting" (Henry C. Vedder, Ibid. p. 203).

"The word, Baptist, as the descriptive name of a body of Christians, was first used in English Literature, so far as is now known, in the year 1644" (Henry C. Vedder, *Ibid.*, p. 3).

"That the name Baptist first came into use shortly after 1641, is another evidence of the fact in question. . . . Henceforth they were called 'baptized Christians' par excellence, and in due time Baptist. The earliest instance in which this name occurs as a denomination designation, so far as information goes, befell in the year 1644.... The name Baptist was in 1644 first claimed by our people. They have claimed it ever since" (Whitsitt, A *Ouestion of Baptist History*, pp. 92-93).

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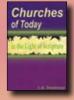
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Can You Dig It?

Yes, seems the answer, for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary lead volunteers in a dig that discovered in their second season "collapsed mud-brick walls burned centuries ago at a fortification built by King Solomon in Gezer, Israel." Steven Ortiz, associate professor of archaeology and biblical studies at Southwestern, reported that they also found a "cylinder seal into which was carved a king, [with] his outstretched bow in hand, riding on a beast" and "a silver coin dating to the reign of Ptolemy IV during 207-205 B.C." According to Ortiz, "The coin is only the third of its kind excavated in Israel." 1 Kings 9:15-17, tells us that Israel's king Solomon used "forced labor" to build the walls of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo and Gezer, "for Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer, and burned it with fire, ... and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife. So Solomon rebuilt Gezer. . . . " ". . . for Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer, and burned it with fire, . . . and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife. So Solomon rebuilt Gezer." Ortiz believes they have found the remnant of the wall after the Assyrian invasion in the Eight Century B.C. Read of the dig at: www.gezerproject.com .

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Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

The Coelacanth fish has been cited as an example of the supposed evolutionary link between fishes and reptiles due to the boney structure of its fins. It had been dated as a 350-400-million year old animal which went extinct 70 million years ago. Imagine the surprise of finding, as they did in 1938, a live Coelanth off the coast of Africa. Since then some 300 specimens have been caught off there. Surprise again, for in 1998, it was reported that another living Coelacanth was caught in Indonesia, "thousands of kilometers" away. A hunt was begun to find more of the fishes, but only in early August of this year was it reported that another "living fossil" Coelacanth was caught-surprise-off the northern coast of Sulawesi Island. Indonesia. What is odd is that in the same week another "fossil" fin of the fish was found—in Wyoming with the supposed dating to 400-million years.

--www.news.bbc.co.uk.

Marriage Redefined

Two news items which redefine marriage come from Canada. First, the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) has some members in Western Canada who practice polygamy. Reuters reported, "A special prosecutor has recommended Canadian courts be asked to rule on the constitutionality of the country's

long-standing laws against polygamy" with regard to the FLDS. Canadian criminal attorney Richard Peck has recommended that criminal charges not be pressed against "the US-linked religious community" which for years has practiced polygamy in Western Canada. The RCMP had recommended charges be filed against some members and British Columbia's Attorney General Wally Oppal was considering Peck's recommendation, however, he "might still press criminal charges so the constitutional issue would be raised by the defendants."

—http://ca.today.reuters.com

I wanted to call this, "No brag; just fact." The headline read: "Grooms looked radiant." Yes, grooms, plural. Marriage of homosexuals has been legal in Canada (one of five nations in the world to allow same-sex marriage). But one of the two grooms is the first Member of Parliament (MP) to be so joined. Former New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna said of the service. "It was respectful, and I think everybody in the room felt like they were part of a historymaking event." Liberal Party leader Stephane Dion agreed in that the ceremony marked the first time a member of Parliament "on the planet" has married a partner of the same sex, "So it's a historic moment." The ceremony was followed by a reading of 1 Corinthians 13.

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Foreign Evangelism





Why Paul Went Back (1): Checking Up on Churches

After his first missionary journey Paul returned to Antioch where he "tarried no little time" (Acts 14:28). After this, he suggested, "Let us return now and visit the brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed the word of the Lord" (Acts 15:36).

His previous visit to cities where some of these brethren lived had been harrowing enough. Paul had been run out of Antioch of Pisidia and Iconium, and then stoned at Lystra (Acts 13:50, 51; 14:4-7). What might lead him to propose a return to these places? The answer to this question is simply this: He was concerned about Christians he had been instrumental in converting, in churches he had a part in starting. As McGarvey notes,

This journey, it should be observed, was undertaken for the prime purpose of revisiting the Churches where these brethren had previously labored, and not, primarily, to preach to the heathen. This shows that the solicitude with which the apostles watched for the welfare of the congregations was not less ardent than their zeal in spreading a knowledge of the gospel (McGarvey, *Original Commentary on Acts, The Power Bible CD*).

This is an accurate statement. Paul said that he wanted to visit these brethren to "see how they fare" (Acts 15:36). Enough had happened during his first missionary journey and since his return to make a return trip a wise course of action.

He knew that the devil never stopped working (1 Cor. 7:5; 2 Cor. 2:11). Let us note some workings of Satan that made it wise for Paul to return.

1. Persecution. As mentioned above. Paul had suffered persecution during his first missionary journey. Upon their departure, "they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:21-22). As we look at Paul's letter to the Thessalonians we get some idea of his concern for brethren who were converted in the midst of persecution (1 Thess. 2:14-3:13). Today, men have been instrumental in establishing churches in many parts of the world. In light of Paul's example, it should be considered as the norm for such a one to desire to go back for a return visit to see how his brethren do.

2. The spread of error. Acts 15:1 records the beginning of the proliferation of the doctrine that demanded that Gentiles converted to Christ be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses. It is obvious that Paul expected this error to spread further. This is seen in the inspired record of his activities on this visit. "And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep which had been ordained of the apostles and elders

that were at Jerusalem" (Acts 16:4). The Bible reveals that Paul's fears were justified. The epistle to the Galatians, addressed to churches in the area of his first missionary journey, shows that such Judaizing teachers did indeed cause much trouble among these brethren. Today, the stories of error creeping in among newly established works are likely as many and varied as the number of mission fields that exist. Those young in the faith can be swaved much more easily by error than those more seasoned (1 Cor. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3). No church will ever hear the gospel too often; no preacher will ever preach it too much.

Conclusion

Thus, Paul's return trip to these churches was much needed and perhaps even overdue. Much attention had been given to the work at Antioch, which sent him forth on his first missionary journey, to ground the brethren there in the faith (Acts 11:19-26). Its works testify to its soundness (Acts 11:27-30; 13:1ff; 15:1-3). Likewise, all churches must be established in the faith and continually reminded of truths necessary for sustained faithfulness to Christ (1 Thess. 3:2; Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Tim. 4:2). Paul had to work hard in order to show as much concern for the souls of these brethren as Satan obviously did. Let us not forget his example!

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I Believe: The Gospel in Scandinavia

We must believe in the

power the gospel has

to pierce the hearts of

not give up searching

faced with that power,

for those who, when

will say, "What shall

we do?" (Acts 2:37).

men (Heb. 4:12) and

Heath Robertson

After my recent trip to Bergen, Norway, I found myself really contemplating the meaning of Romans 1:15-17. "I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome." Okay Paul, what's your point? We know you desire to preach everywhere. However, as I

thought more deeply and tried to put myself in Paul's shoes, in his time, it became very clear why he made this statement. Paul was saying, "I know Rome is the world-power now, I know it is full of the most worldly people, I know there are many

gods worshiped there but that will not stop me or others who are not ashamed of the gospel because we know it is the power of God for Salvation" (HR). What an amazing statement! Nothing and no one can stand against the power of the gospel upon a good and honest heart. "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed" and those who truly acknowledge the greatness and goodness of God will sacrifice their lives to him (Rom. 1:17; 12:1, 2).

In May, I was in Bergen to preach for the brethren there and discuss with them about my fiancée and I moving there next year. I soon realized that any reports or stories from Scandinavia will not be like most of the evangelism stories you hear about. All of the Scandinavian countries, especially Norway, are extremely wealthy. You will not hear about fifty people who were

searching for hope in the midst of a life of poverty. There is no poverty in Norway. However, I can tell you of a man who received a notice about a Bible correspondence course from Tom Bunting (who spent over twenty years in Bergen). Borgar contacted Tom and after

about two years he gave his life to Christ despite the fact that his family and nation wanted nothing to do with his God. You see, Norway is much like Rome in the sense that it is wealthy and not

very open to other religions. Norway is 95% Lutheran, but even those who are members of the State church are very carnal. The church to them is a means of patriotism not so much for religion.

In 1957, Connie Adams took the gospel to Norway. Over the last fifty years, mostly through the efforts of Connie and the other few men who have gone to Norway, there are around thirty faithful Christians in Norway. There is a group that meets in Bergen and Oslo and a Christian family in Stavanger. Because of the flourishing works in some other countries, many look down upon the work in Scandinavia because the results do not come as speedily. Borgar and Sana Andersen would disagree with that perception of the work there. Christ changed their lives in so many ways, including bringing them together. We must

believe in the power the gospel has to pierce the hearts of men (Heb. 4:12) and not give up searching for those who, when faced with that power, will say, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

There is over four million people in Norway. As I mentioned earlier, the only Christians that I know of are in Bergen, Stavanger, and Oslo. These are all in the southern section of Norway. There has been little to no effort to evangelize the central and northern sections of Norway. Also, there are no faithful churches or anyone proclaiming the true gospel, that I know of, in any of the other Scandinavian countries. Concerning these gospel wastelands we must ask ourselves, "How shall they believe in whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14).

My fiancée, Renee Bunting, and me plan to move to Norway in 2008 to preach the gospel. Renee was born and raised in Bergen, Norway while her father, Terrell, preached there for twenty-one years. She began teaching me the Norwegian language in December 2006 and I should have a good grasp of it in another year. Because the Scandinavian languages are very similar to one another, knowing Norwegian will allow us to communicate fairly well with the Danish, Swedish, and Icelandic people. Also, most Scandinavians use English as a second language. While we will continue to aid the work in Bergen, our hope is to evangelize the parts of Scandinavia where the gospel has not been preached in recent times.

Renee and I will be in Manchester, Tennessee for the next year or so while I work with her father and the Manchester congregation to prepare for the work in Scandinavia. Bryan Moody, who has been in Bergen the past year, is leaving in September. There will be no one preaching in Norway until we or someone else goes. I plan to make a month long trip to Norway in the winter and following spring. Then, Lord willing, we plan to move in the fall of 2008.

If you are interested in helping with the work, these are some things to consider:

- 1. I currently have a part-time job in Manchester, Tennessee. However, when I make my trip to Norway this winter, my job will most likely not be available when I return. Therefore, we are still seeking support for while we are in Manchester. I am also looking for congregations which are interested in committing to supporting us in Norway. (If you cannot commit now but know funds will be available later, please contact us.)
- 2. We are looking for those also interested in coming and teaching (even those not necessarily looking to commit for an extended time).
- 3. Most importantly, we need your prayers.

In the first century, many would not have believed that the gospel could have changed the lives of those in Rome and yet we find "some were convinced" as Paul preached about Jesus from the Law and the Prophets (Acts 28:23, 24). It seems that there were even saints among "Caesar's household" because of his efforts (Phil. 4:22). We must not give up on the search for good hearts in Scandinavia and places like it just because it seems like an impossible task. We have access to the "power of God" (Rom. 1:16) through Christ and with that nothing is impossible (Phil. 4:13). 1310 McArthur St., Manchester, TN 37355

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(Note: From another country comes a question concerning lying, which I have found it necessary to distill into a form that the reader can understand. I have attempted to be fair to the questioner to make sure that his question, as I understood it, is unchanged in substance.)

Question: How should we consider things that happened in the past like Rahab's lie to save the spies, Sarah's lie about laughing, Abraham's lie concerning his wife Sarah, and Samson's denial of the source of his strength (Josh. 6; Gen. 18; Gen. 20; John 16)? Is Jesus' denial that he knew the time of the second coming in the same category (Mark 13:32)?

Answer: All lying is wrong, sinful, even when it occurs in the lives of otherwise good people and for purposes they think justify the lie (Prov. 6:17; Eph. 4:25; Rev. 21:8). The various attempts of people to make lying appear less serious than it is by classifying lies as to seriousness (the black or white lie) and to promote the acceptability of lying (the social lie) merely represent man's unchanging effort to speak for God and to gain acceptance for a way of life which God condemns. Deliberate attempts to deceive qualify as lying, not those occasions when one simply does not divulge all information to another party who has no right to know it. For various reasons these persons mentioned

by our questioner lied—fear, safety, pride, and perhaps others. It is obvious that the Bible does not cover over the faults of its principal characters, as men would be inclined to do if they were trying to present the very best case for themselves to gain adherents for the Bible. Herein is a strong argument for the divine inspiration of the Scriptures: men simply do not write in this way but conceal the flaws of their heroes, unless they can make money by exposing them. It is important to remember that men on their own could not have written the Bible; even if they had the ability to do it, they would not have done it because of its condemnation of them.

Jesus Christ, being both divine and human while on earth, evidently chose not to know such matters as the time of his return while in his mediatorial role on earth, though his omniscience would have made it easy for him to know such matters (John 2:25). Whether he now knows such matters in his heavenly state as mediator is debatable, though I personally think he probably does now have such knowledge. His denial of that knowledge in the passage earlier mentioned is not an instance of deception, but of his voluntary acceptance of the role of a servant in the flesh for the work of redemption (Phil. 2:7-8).

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MOSES AND THE PHARAOHS:

Another Mummy Identified!

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On Sunday evening, July 15th, I watched a program on the Discovery Channel about the search for and identification of the mummy of **Hatshepsut**, a pharaoh of ancient Egypt. There are two reasons why this is significant: (1) *Hatshepsut* was a woman who ruled Egypt as pharaoh, and (2) she was one of the pharaohs during the time Moses was living in Egypt.

Moses spent his first forty years in Egypt (Acts 7:21-23). He was raised as the son of Pharaoh's daughter until the time that he refused this position to suffer with his Hebrew brethren (Heb. 11:24). We can know the date when this took place by using the chronology given in the Old Testament. The fourth year of Solomon's reign (966 BC) is dated 480 years after the Exodus (1 Kings 6:1). This would put the Exodus in the year 1446 BC. Moses was eighty years old at the time of the Exodus (Exod. 7:7), which would put his birth in 1526 BC.

There is an ongoing controversy among scholars over establishing an Egyptian chronology. One of the oldest and most recognized chronologies places the time of Moses in the grand eighteenth dynasty of Egypt. This dynasty began after the expulsion of the Hyksos, who were foreign Semitic rulers. The first ruler of this new eighteenth dynasty was **Ahmose I** (1570-1546). His daughter, princess Ahmose, could have been the "daughter of Pharaoh" who discovered and raised

Moses (Exod. 2:5-10). If not her, it could have been a daughter of *Amenhotep I*, the next pharaoh.

Ahmose I's son, Amenhotep I (1551-1524) would have been pharaoh when Moses was born and ordered the killing of the Hebrew male children. **Tuthmosis I** (1524-1518) followed on the throne. He was a military man not of the royal line, but married



princess Ahmose, daughter of *Ahmose I*. They had a daughter, *Hatshepsut. Tuthmosis I* also had a son by another wife and his name was **Tuthmosis II** (1518-1504). *Tuthmosis II* married his half-sister, *Hatshepsut*, and followed his father as pharaoh, but he died early in life due to poor health. *Tuthmosis II's* son by a harem girl, *Tuthmosis III*, was only a young boy and not ready to assume the throne. Meanwhile, Moses was a young man growing and learning in the house of Pharaoh during this time (Acts

7:21-22).

Since Tuthmosis II died early in life, Hatshepsut took advantage of the power vacuum left by the death of her husband and had herself crowned as pharaoh over all Egypt. Her relief paintings on the walls of her temple illustrate her coronation. It is unknown what happened when Tuthmosis III became of age to seek the throne himself, but Hatshepsut suddenly drops from the scene ca. 1483. Many of her monuments were defaced and name inscriptions scratched off. Moses had already left Egypt in 1486 BC to escape the wrath of pharaoh, perhaps at the time Tuthmosis III was consolidating his power as pharaoh.

> Tuthmosis III reigned until 1450 while Moses was in Midian. This would make him the pharaoh of the oppression mentioned in Exodus 2:23. His son, Amenhotep II (1453-1419)

then became the pharaoh who witnessed the ten plagues of Egypt, refused to let the Hebrew people go until his own son died, and saw his army drowned in the Red Sea.

Mummification became a precise and successful art in ancient Egypt. This and the ornate tombs of the pharaohs have preserved much of Egypt's history. Now that *Hatshepsut's* mummy has been identified, mummies of all the pharaohs that reigned in the time period of Moses have been found. *Amenhotep II* was the only one found in his own tomb in his own sarcophagus. The others

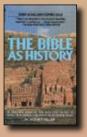
had been moved centuries ago from their original tombs to hide them from the vandalism of grave robbers. They represent actual pieces of history from Bible times. It is amazing to think that we can now look upon the (mummified) faces of the pharaohs who most likely knew Moses and witnessed the power of God against Egypt.

God told Pharaoh, "Indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth" (Exod. 9:16; Rom. 9:17). God did show his awesome power and glory in humbling Egypt during one of its greatest periods. Moses was courageous and faithful to stand before Pharaoh and demand that he release God's people from the bondage of slavery. Jesus will now release us from the bondage of sin if we follow him: "And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Heb. 3:5-6).

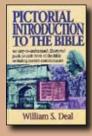
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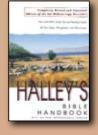
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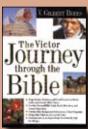
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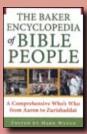
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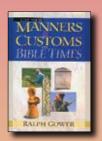
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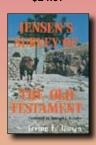
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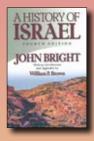
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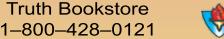


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"JUST AS I AM": BUT WHO AM I?

Don Alexander

One of the most revered invitation songs is "Just As I Am," the lyrics written by Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871), a British hymn writer of 150 hymns. Charlotte Elliott was afflicted with illness from early adulthood that left her disabled for the rest of her life but contributed to her strong religious faith. This hymn was first published in 1836. The hymn describes the nature of sinful creatures apart from Jesus, an unpopular notion in our current self-satisfied society that redefines sin as impractical at its worst, but not damning. It captures the need we have for salvation from sin that only Jesus Christ, the sacrificial Lamb of God, provides through his precious blood on Calvary (1 Pet. 1:18-19). This article will notice the lyrics of the hymn against the backdrop of the biblical description of human beings apart from Christ.

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea, But That Thy Blood Was Shed For Me . . ."

The opening stanza clearly states the position of sinful man and the gracious offer of a remedy by a loving God. The New Testament describes humanity as "made in the image of God" (Gen. 1:26-27), but tempted to sin and often overcome by it as were Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3). Humans are guilty of sin, not because each one is born with the guilt of Adam's sin but because, like Adam, he rebels against God's will from a self-assured heart (Rom. 5:12). "Sin" is "transgression of the law of God" (1 John 3:4). We all, like Adam, "... sin and fall short of the

glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We "ought" to worship and serve our Creator's wishes, but instead we serve our own interests at the expense of truth (Rom. 1:18-23). This condemns us before God; we pay the "wages of sin," "death," as spiritual separation from God (Rom. 6:21-23). All our appeals to our personality, appearance, family heritage, talent, social status, celebrity, or financial well-being are irrelevant before a just God.

In expressing this helpless position of the sinner, "Just As I Am" is not alone. Other "invitation" songs also describe a condemned sinner who needs the forgiveness of a just, though merciful, God. "Jesus I Come" (Out Of My Bondage") describes sinful man as in "bondage ... sorrow ... and night; sickness, want, and sin . . . shameful failure and loss . . . sorrows, storms, distress; unrest and arrogant pride . . . despair; fear and dread of the tomb . . . depths of ruin untold " "Only A Step" describes man apart from the "sweet voice of Jesus" as carrying a "heavy burden" which needs to be "cast down." "Prepare To Meet Thy God" calls the sinner a prodigal who is a "careless soul" who lingers, "wandering from the fold of God." "Jesus Will Give You Rest" (Will You Come?) says the sinful man has a "poor broken heart, burdened and sin oppressed" that only Jesus can overcome if the sinner comes "in simple, trusting faith." Many of the older "invitation songs" challenge the sinner to obey the gospel of Jesus for salvation because there will be an accounting in Judgment. "WhatWill Your

Answer Be?" speaks of every person standing "at the bar on high" and seeing his "record"; "facing the sentence of life or of death" and "eternity" awaits the answer. "Now is the time to prepare, my friend . . . make your soul spotless and free; washed in the blood of the Crucified One, He will your answer be." In brief, we are "without one plea" of merit before God, but God provided his Son to die for us, a "Lamb" to "take away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

"Just As I Am"— But Who Am I?

When we sing "Just As I Am" we might well wonder "but who am I?" Some will answer, "a wonderful, fully capable human with innate power, largely untapped." Others may answer, "the result of brain chemistry and genetic predisposition." Still others may answer, "a product of genetic, behavioral, and environmental determinants." The self-sufficient person may say, "I don't want to feel bad about myself, because I am trying to increase my self-esteem and this 'sin' business brings me down." Elliott's lyrics describe the spiritual side of the sinner who needs Jesus: "... poor, wretched, blind . . . dark blot . . . tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt ... fightings within and foes without . . . barriers." Man in sin brings nothing to God of value "but that Thy blood was shed for me and that Thou biddest me come to Thee." Man is a soul who needs to recognize that "all I need" is found not in himself. If we think we are only a "little bit bad at times

but mostly okay" we may not want to sing such "invitation songs." Perhaps that is why "invitation song" are on the decline in our assemblies in some places. The celebrity or the rich, the successful, surely could not be "without one plea." How can "sin" fit into a "self-esteem" world?

"And That Thou Biddest Me Come To Thee, O Lamb Of God, I Come, I Come . . ."

So, the "Lamb of God" is the "propitiation in His blood through faith" (Rom. 3:25; Rom 5:1-16). We are hopeless in our own sins, but "alive" with God when we "obey from the heart that form of doc-

trine," "dying to sin," "being buried with Christ "in baptism" and "raised to walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:1-6; 10:9-10; Acts 2:38).

The good news is that Jesus died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6-8) as an expression of God's "grace," not the sinner's merit (Eph. 2:8-10). The blood of God's own Son cleanses man's darkest stains and most desperate fears. God will "welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve" the obedient soul because "every barrier" between him and his God is "broken down" by the blood of Jesus. The penitent heart gladly says, "O, Lamb of God, I come."

"Just As I Am" is a challenge to a self-centered heart. It affirms the

biblical expressions of mercy and grace of a loving God. Despite all our self-reliance, denial of a personal need for salvation, and a disdain for the concept of judgment, we still sing this hymn's words with heart-felt emotion and sometimes tears. Why is it that the most hardened heart can be softened by its challenge? It is because we truly know who we are in our darkest hours and we long for the "Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." We come "just as we are" in faith and obedience, or not at all. "O. Lamb of God. I come. I come!"

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False Accusation and Slander

Joe R. Price

False accusation and slander are companions: false accusation is the lie, and slander is its effect. Both are of the devil: "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44). Everything God's word says about false accusation and slander is to be kept within this overriding context: God is truth and the devil is the father of lies (John 1:14; 14:6; 1 John 1:5-7). Those who reject truth by spreading false accusations and slander show themselves to be children of the devil; the children of God "speak truth with his neighbor" (John 8:38, 44; 1 John 3:4-15; Eph. 4:25-27).

The word "devil" is translated from the Greek word diabolos (false accuser, slanderer), from diaballo ("to throw over or across, to send over," thus, to "traduce, calumniate, slander, accuse, defame," Thayer, 135). Thus, to slander is to throw or cast doubt against a person by false accusations that harm or otherwise damage his credibility. The devil's purposes are always served by false accusation and slander.

The aim of false accusation and slander is to defame, debilitate, and destroy a faithful person's name, credibility, and effective influence for the gospel. Those who do not have or value a "good name" easily and carelessly destroy good reputations with malicious gossip, misrepresentations, and lies (Prov. 22:1). The devil does not have a good name, and he delights in tempting us to use false accusation and slander to cripple the reputation of godly men and women. We must take note of how the devil uses these tools to destroy faith and the effective use of truth.

- 1. The devil has falsely accused and slandered the name of God from Eden to this very moment. In the devil's lie to Eve that "you will not surely die" he impugned the integrity of God with a slanderous judgment against God's character: "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:4-5).
- 2. The devil and his children repeatedly lied about Jesus Christ when he was on the earth. Lying in wait to "catch (Jesus) in something He might say," the

scribes and Pharisees were anxious to (falsely) accuse the Son of God (Luke 11:53-54). Although they could not convict Jesus of sin, they finally found two liars to falsely accuse him as part of their murderous plot (Matt. 26:59-62).

3. The devil and his cohorts continue to falsely accuse and slander the people of God (Rev. 12:10). Just as Job's faith and integrity were maligned by Satan before the Lord, so also God's faithful ones are defamed to this present hour. Slander is a cruel, hurtful thing, yet the righteous take comfort in the Lord's assurance, "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matt. 5:11-12).

Exposing the Problem

Oh, for the faith and courage to examine ourselves, lest we harbor the sins of false accusation and slander in our hearts and permit their expression with our tongues (2 Cor. 13:5)! The difficulty with exposing these sins within ourselves is that slanderer does not love light—they lurk in the shadowy darkness of bitterness and pride, envy and malice, evil suspicions and hatred (Eph. 4:31; 1 Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:3-4). Without earnest and honest examination of our own motives in the light of God's word we will not be willing or able to see these sins in ourselves (John 9:39-41; 3:19-21).

God forthrightly condemns the false accuser and his slanderous words. Israel was commanded, "You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice. . . . You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute. Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked" (Exod. 23:1-2, 6-7). Please notice that not only was the false report condemned, so also was the distribution of the falsehood. The Lord God made it clear: He would not (and will not) justify such wickedness. Undoubtedly, this is because "a false witness who speaks lies and one who sows discord among brethren" is detestable to the God of truth and justice (Prov. 6:19;

Deut. 32:4). There is no doubt that "whosoever spreads slander is a fool" (Prov. 10:18).

The New Testament of Christ equally condemns false accusations and slander. Slanderers walk in fellowship with those who love themselves, who are traitors, headstrong, haughty, and who are unloving toward men and God. Godliness is merely a façade in this person's life. Therefore, we are commanded to "turn away" from such (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

The Holy Spirit commands us to put away lying and speak truth about one another, "for we are members of one another" (Eph. 4:25). The separation of best friends is just one of the sorrows produced by the whisperer who spreads slander (Prov. 16:28). Spreading false accusations and slander divides the body of Christ. Is this not the desire of the devil? There is good reason why "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

False accusation and slander are products of a prideful, hateful, malicious, and envious heart. They serve the devil's desires, and we should be deeply grieved over such treatment of one another. David sought divine deliverance and protection from the danger and damage of those who, with wicked intent, slanderously defamed him: "Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their hearts; they continually gather together for war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; the poison of asps is under their lips . . . let not a slanderer be established in the earth . . . I know the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted" (Psa. 140:1-3, 11-12). The evil of false accusations and slander gives every godly person reason to pause and examine his treatment of others in the light of divine truth.

Knowing the Difference

Men often make distinctions where God does not reveal a difference. For instance, men make legal distinctions between what is *slander*—"oral defamation, in which someone tells one or more persons an untruth about another, which untruth will harm the reputation of the person defamed"—and what is *libel* "to publish in print (including pictures), writing or broadcast through radio, television or film, an untruth about another which will do harm to that person or his/her reputation, by tending to bring the target into ridicule, hatred, scorn or contempt of others" (*The People's Law Dictionary*, Gerald and Kathleen Hill, www.law.com). God calls all such treatment of one's neighbor, sin.

God expects his people to "judge what is right" and to know the difference between what is slander

and what is not (Luke 12:57). For instance, we may righteously judge that identifying false teachers and their false teachings is not slander. Jesus warned us of false prophets and said we "will know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:15-16, 20; cf. 1 Thess. 5:21). Therefore, we are commanded to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them" (Eph. 5:11). If we cannot identify false teachers by their false teachings, or if doing so is slanderous, then why did Jesus say we will know them by their fruits? In fact, when one's teaching does not accord with "the pattern of sound words," his teaching is false; his fruit is rotten (2 Tim. 1:13; Matt. 7:16-18, 21-24). It is not slanderous to say so. We are commanded to do so in order to expose error and walk in truth. For scriptural examples, consider the following:

When the false prophet Elymas withstood the truth, trying to turn Sergius Paulus away from the faith, Paul unhesitatingly identified him and his error: "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:6-10). Are we to charge Paul with slander for publicly opposing this false teacher and his teaching by name? Certainly not. (If so, then the Holy Spirit is also to be blamed, for he filled Paul on that occasion, v. 9).

Or again, Paul was not a slanderer when he identified Hymenaeus and Philetus as men who had "strayed concerning the truth" and who, by their cancerous error, overthrew the faith of some (2 Tim. 2:16-18). The truth was clear, the fact of their false teaching was established, and thus the warning was given (2 Tim. 2:15).

When Paul publicly withstood Peter to the face, did he slander him (Gal. 2:11-14)? Not at all, because the Bible says, "when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all." Public error demanded a public rebuke, that all might be saved.

Conclusion

Christ-like attitudes and behavior rise up and condemn false accusation and slander, regardless of where they are found (Luke 6:40). Christians commit themselves to justice and to the honest treatment of others. As we grow in brotherly kindness and love we will reject false accusations against others and refuse to participate in the spreading of lies. Remember, how we speak of others reveals who is our father (John 8:38, 44).

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Tithing, a New Testament Doctrine?

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While visiting in Germany, I had opportunity to preach at the Bitburg church of Christ. I was introduced to the little book, *Man, Money and GOD*, by Russell Bell, and asked concerning some of the teaching therein. In particular, I was asked if tithing were a New Testament principle. Since I do not know brother Russell Bell, I trust that the things I write will not be taken as a personal attack upon a brother. I do intend to attack the false doctrine espoused by my brother in Christ. Since a false doctrine does not float around of its own volition, it will be necessary to address not only what is said, but also the one doing the teaching.

After returning home I was provided, via the Internet, with two pages (168, 169) of *Man, Money and GOD*, so my remarks will, of necessity, be limited to what is presented in these two pages. I have tried to find the book to purchase it, but in this endeavor I have failed. I am still looking.

As is true with most false teaching (teachers), some of what is said is good and true. Assuredly, I would not argue with such things as (1) "We must stop treating God like a dog giving him the leftovers" or (2) "We must stop treating God like a beggar, giving him only a small coin." On the other hand, I must take strong exception to the pathetic attempt to prove that tithing is a New Testament doctrine. That there be no question, I give the entire section dealing with this point:

A. But does the New Testament teach tithing?

- 1. Matthew 5:20, "Except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees ye cannot enter the kingdom of God."
 - a. Does this righteousness include our giving? Yes.
 - b. Didn't the poorest Jew give a tithe? Yes.
 - c. Can we give less than a tithe and go to heaven? No.
- 2. New Testament teaches tithing plus (168, 169).

A blind man, if honest, can see through such fallacious reasoning. The subject under consideration in Matthew 5:20 is *not* (despite our brother's assertion) *tithing*. Our righteousness is to exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees by the very nature thereof. The Phari-

sees were forbidden to kill (murder); we are to be concerned with the heart (anger, verbal outbursts [Matt. 5:21-22]). The Pharisees were concerned with the physical impurity of adultery; the Christian with the lusting which leads to the physical act (Matt. 5:27ff.). The Pharisees were concerned with swearing (false oaths); the disciples of Jesus with all oaths. Our lives are to be such that a simple "Yea," or "Nay" is sufficient (Matt. 5:33ff.). The righteousness of the Pharisee was such that he felt totally justified in loving his neighbor and hating his enemy. The followers of the Lamb are to "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44; see vv. 43-47).

Brother Bell seems to be teaching that we today are to "Out Pharisee the Pharisees." Following his quote given about, he wrote:

- "D. For thirty-five years my wife and I have given twelve percent of all God gives us in any way. Why?
 - 1. We want to fulfill Matthew 5:20.
 - 2. We wanted to be blessed more (Acts 20:35).
 - 3. We wanted to have more (2 Cor. 9:6)" (169).

Well has it been said, "That which teaches too much, teaches nothing." The wise man said, "Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own conceit" (Prov. 26:5). Remember, as you read what follows that it is not what I believe, I am merely attempting to do what the wise man advised.

But does the New Testament teach *fasting*?

- 1. "Except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees ye cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Matt. 5:20).
 - a. Does this righteousness include our *fasting*? Yes (Matt. 6:16ff.; 9:14f; Mark 2:18ff.).
 - b. Didn't the Pharisees fast "oft" (Matt. 9:14), "twice in the week" (Luke 18:12)? Yes.
 - c. Can brother Bell go to heaven is he *fasts* less than twice a week?

No (if we are to follow his reasoning).

2. New Testament teaches fasting "oft," "twice in the week" plus.

Will Churches Soon Have ATMs, Credit and Debit Cards For Giving?

Randy Blackaby

New IRS regulations require more donation documentation and how people handle their money is rapidly changing

While the Lord's church understandably isn't interested in following every new trend the denominational world embraces, rapidly changing habits in money management by individuals and financial reporting demands by the Internal Revenue Service may someday change how we give of our means on the Lord's day.

A growing number of "churches" are installing ATM-style kiosks in their buildings that will handle credit and debit cards and give contributors written documentation of their "electronic fund transfer" contributions.

Beginning in 2007, IRS reportedly is requiring more documentation for charitable gifts than in the past.

Previously, no documentation was generally required for gifts of less than \$250 per week. But beginning this year, those smaller gifts, which represent what most people are giving, will have to be documented if used as a deduction from taxes, according to a story in the August edition of *Time Magazine*.

Again, this will not affect all church members. Those who take a "standard deduction" won't have to be

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If my brother can see that the argument on fasting is fallacious, he can and must see that the same argument on tithing is just as false.

It is of more than a little interest to note that in Matthew 5:17-18 Jesus is teaching that the law (of Moses) was to be fulfilled, that all (including tithing, wvb) would "pass away." But my brother drops down to verse 20 and *wrests* (2 Pet. 3:16) it to try to make it teach the exact opposite. Shame!

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concerned about such accounting. And, any members who don't bother with subtracting their gifts won't be affected either.

Changes in how people handle money may have greater impact

The Lord's church still may find itself having to consider the use of new methods of allowing people to give, while maintaining the principles outlined in Scripture.

This is because we are becoming more and more a "cashless" society. Fewer and fewer people appear to be using cash or even checks. Many pay their bills via computer. A swipe of the debit card at a store or restaurant

electronically subtracts the amount spent from your bank account. Many people even get paid with "direct deposits" rather than a paycheck.

A recent Dallas Morning News poll found that 55 percent of 200 local churches were accepting credit or debit card contributions.

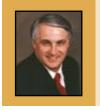
Another popular way of paying regular "bills" is to allow automatic checking account withdrawals.

All this seems rather too futuristic but...

First reactions to all this probably will be negative. There may be issues created by the changes in how money is handled and reported that brethren will have to assess.

But in all likelihood, this change in technology will be absorbed by us to some degree and become normal within a few years.

The real issues brethren need to be concerned about relate to our attitude about and liberality in giving, on the one hand, and the proper and scriptural uses of the money, on the other.



Dan King

On The Lighter Side

A Better Chance

A gentleman confided to the preacher, "I'm almost 70 years old, have saved half a million dollars and have fallen madly in love with a young blond. Do you think I'd have a better chance of marrying her if I told her I'm only fifty?" The preacher answered, "Frankly, I think that you would have a better chance if you told her you're eighty!"

Dead Mule

A local preacher phoned the Board of Health to have a dead mule removed from his front yard. The young clerk who answered the phone thought this would give him a chance to have a little fun with the preacher. "I thought you preachers took care of the dead," he laughed.

"We do," replied the preacher, "but first we always get in touch with the relatives!"

Sick Cat

A country preacher phoned his elderly veterinarian, "Say, Doc," he said, "I've got a sick cat. He just lays around licking his paws and doesn't have any appetite at all; what can I do for him?"

"Give him a pint of castor oil" instructed the vet. Somewhat dubious of this strange procedure, the preacher dutifully followed his advice and forced the entire pint of castor oil down the cat. A couple of days later, the vet met the preacher on the street. "How's your sick calf?" inquired the vet. "Sick calf? That was a sick cat I had!"

"My word, did you give your cat a pint of castor oil?" "Sure did; just like you told me." "Well, what did he do?" asked the vet. "Last time I saw him," said the preacher, "He was going over the hill with five other cats. Two were digging. Two were covering up. And one was scouting for new territory!"

Do Something Religious

The plane was going up and down and sideways, violently shuttering as it made its way through a terrible thunderstorm. A little old lady on the flight got nervous. Finally she shouted to all of the other passengers, "Everybody on the plane pray!"

A big Texas cowboy in the back of the plane said, "I don't know how to pray." She replied, "Well, do something religious." So he started a bingo game.

Cheerful Giver

Wishing very much to develop his son's character, a father gave him a penny and a quarter as he was departing for church services. "Now, son, you put whichever one you want in the collection plate," he said. When the young boy returned home, the father asked him which coin he had given. The boy replied, "Well, just before they sent the plate around the preacher said, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,' and I knew I could be a lot more cheerful if I gave the penny, so I gave it."

Make Your Choice

The preacher got a hurried call to come to the home of an old world-ling who was dying. He had not exactly lived an exemplary life, and the preacher knew it well. He looked down at the dying man and said, "You have been a rough man all of your life. Now you have only one choice, which will it be, God or the devil?" The old fellow lifted his eyelids, looked at the preacher askance, and whispered, "Preacher, I'm in no position to antagonize anybody!"

Pray for Rain

During a particularly hot summer, a group of farmers met at the church house to pray for rain. After the services were over, a little girl asked her father if the people truly expected that it would rain. "Of course," replied her Dad, "otherwise, we wouldn't be here in the first place." "But Daddy," she protested, "how come no one came to church with an umbrella?"

Never Get Nervous

A woman recognized a popular preacher pacing up and down and asked what he was doing there. "I am going to deliver a very important speech shortly," he replied. "Do you usually get very nervous before addressing a large audience?" "Nervous?" he replied. "No, I never get nervous." "In that case," demanded the lady, "what are you doing in the Ladies Rest Room?"

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The Lost Book Of God

Donald P. Ames

In 2 Kings 22, we find the story of the young king, Josiah, who became king over Israel at the age of eight years old. He sought to do what was right, and wanted to serve the Lord his God.

But in 2 Kings 22:8, we have the following: "Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the book of the Law in the house of the Lord." Think about that statement for a moment. The high priest was in charge of the sacrifices, and leading the people in following God. What had he been using as his standard? How could he lead without the word of the Lord at his fingertips? Or, had he become so bound to traditions, he felt no need to check the word of the Law to see if what he was doing was approved of God? Are we so bound by traditions we just assume we are doing what God would have us to do (see Matt. 7:21-23; 15:8-9)?

And what about Shaphan, the scribe? It was supposed to be his duty to copy and teach the people the words of the Law of God. What had he been doing with his time and energies? Had he just been passing on his opinion as to what ought to be done and ought to be believed? How could he copy the words of the Law of God without even having the words of the Law available to him?

But also consider that the book of the Law of God was *lost*! The sacred oracles of God! The very guide for daily living! The one item essential for finding what would please God, or what would bring on his displeasure! How could such a sacred book be lost?

But then it was found—in the house of the Lord! The very place one would expect to find it. Where the High Priest and the scribe were supposed to be doing their work! Right there among the very people supposed to be using it daily! In other words, it was *lost among its friends!*

But It Was Found!

How long had it been lost?
Apparently during the reigns of
Hezekiah, Manasseh, and Amon.
The people had slowly drifted away
from God as the Law of God was
not consulted. And why was it lost?
Because of poor leadership, because
it was neglected by careless people—even those right there in the
house of the Lord. It was not consulted, heeded, or even read! It had
just been shoved aside and forgotten!

The Consequences

When the scribe, Shaphan, read the book of the Law of the Lord to young king Josiah, it says that Josiah tore his clothes (v. 11). He realized they had not been doing what the Lord demanded of them and there were some dire consequences to follow because of the wrath of God which was to come (v. 13). Sure enough, in vv. 16-17, God swears his wrath upon them for abandoning his commands and slowly accepting the customs of the nations abut them.

God had decided, however, because of the humble and sincere

heart of Josiah, to spare him from the impending doom (22:19-20). Imagine the horror, fear, and dread he must have felt as he awaited the reply of the Lord for their disobedience. He knew God would not be pleased, as they had slowly accepted the customs of the nations about them, and drifted *far* from God's will.

We need to be constantly on our guard that we do not allow the same thing to happen to us today. Sometimes people get so caught up in reading *about* the Bible, or going to see a show about the Bible that they just never get around to reading the Bible itself to see if these things are so. I'm not opposed to study aids, but let's remember they are just that: Aids, and should not be allowed to replace the study of God's word itself! Some are willing to accept the words of the preacher or teacher as being accurate, but never check the Bible to see if they actually are. They too can make mistakes! We need to be like the Bereans in Acts 17:11, and search the Word of God to see if these things are so. Yes, even in the house of God, the Law of the Lord can become lost today! We may be so busy doing our class books, or just "too busy" to take the time to read it, and lose it right in our own homes! Hebrews 2:1 cautions us to give heed to these things, lest we drift away. Let us take a lesson from 2 Kings 22, find the word of God, and give heed to it before it becomes too late. Read Psalm 1:1-2!

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Children's Activities Donna Halbrook

2 Kings

Memory Verse:

Many kings did "evil in the sight of the Lord, and followed the sins of Jeroboam," but a few kings did "right in the sight of the Lord and walked in the ways of David" (2 Kings 13:2; 22:2).

Theme:

God took Elijah from earth to heaven without death and Elisha continued to rebuke the kings for their sins. When Samaria became very wicked, God brought the nation of Assyria to punish and destroy them. Later, Judah also became very wicked. God brought the nation of Babylon to take Judah into captivity for seventy years.

Activity:

Consider each of the following kings and put a check mark to show whether he ruled in Israel or in Judah, and whether his leadership was good or bad. You will discover one king did some good things and some bad things.

List of Kings	Israel	Judah	Good	Bad
Jehoram (3:1-2)				
Jehu (10:30-31)				
Jehoash (12:1-2)				
Jehoahaz (13:1-2)				
Ahaz (16:2)				

Review Memory Verse from 1 Kings:							
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Where Are The Nine?

Luke 17:11-19

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appalled that only one returned to express thanks and he was a Samaritan. The Samaritan was outside the commonwealth of Israel. Virtue is often found in the least expected places. He was full of thanksgiving. He was just as expressive of his praise as he was of his requests in prayer. To this one Jesus gave another blessing—salvation (17:19). The nine received health of the body, but were not saved from their sins (note *sozo*).

Lessons From The Miracle

- 1. Those who have no gratitude far outnumber those who are thankful. The Lord is not revealing that only 10% have gratitude, though I expect that the disproportion between the two has always existed. Compare to the Lord giving us seven days, one of which is used in his worship, but not many give him one day for praise. Many have a disposition to come to the Lord in prayer who never return to give thanks.
- 2. The lepers had the faith to pray. Men fall on their knees in times of trouble to ask God's help. They do not need a teacher to tell them how to pray in such circumstances. But, when the healing comes or the storm is past, how many pause to give him thanks for prayers answered?
- 3. The lepers had the faith to obey. But they lacked the faith to praise and thank God! Norman Macleod wrote, "I believe thanksgiving a greater mark of holiness than any other part of prayer. I mean special thanksgiving for mercies asked and received. It is a testimony to prayers being remembered, and therefore earnest prayer. It is unselfish, and more loving" (quoted in *The Great Texts of the Bible: Luke*, 323). How many of us fall into the same category as the nine?

Causes of Ingratitude

1. Thoughtlessness. Familiarity breeds thoughtlessness. A man is grateful from a near escape from death, but he receives without noticing the air he breathes, food he eats, clothes he wears, and house in which he lives without thanksgiving. A child is thank-

ful for the expensive new toy, but says nothing about the regular provisions of home. Sometimes men do not take inventory of their blessings. In the 1719 novel by Daniel Defoe, when Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on a deserted island for twenty-eight years, he performed an inventory and thanked God that:

- He was still alive.
- He was not starving.
- Though he had no clothes, he was in a warm climate where he would not freeze.
- He was without things needed for self-defense, but did not perceive any dangers.
- God had allowed the ship to sink near the shore so that he could get out of it the things he needed for survival.
- 2. Pride (Rom. 1:21). Humility is the root of gratitude. We must recognize that we do not deserve God's grace, we do not earn it; rather, we have been the objects of unmerited favor.
- 3. Murmuring spirit (Phil. 2:14; 1 Cor. 10:10). The Old Testament records the Lord's displeasure at the murmuring, discontented spirit which is constantly displeased with what God's providence has given him (Exod. 16:7-9; 17:3; Num. 14-17).

Objects of Ingratitude

- 1. God. Men receive the many blessings from God for which they cease to give him thanks: (a) Provisions for life itself—air, sunshine, heat, clothing, food, etc.; (b) The ability to earn a living, to live in a country where opportunities are so abundant, etc.; (c) Health; (d) Family; (e) Christians especially have been blessed in Christ Jesus with the forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven.
- 2. Fellowman. Many of us who have been served by others seldom pause to express thanks. Children seldom thank their parents. Mates take each other for granted. Leslie Flynn tells the story of a Vermont Farmer, who was sitting on the porch of their farm-

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Thanks

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Giving

• Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name (1 Chron. 29:13).

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• In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thess. 5:18).

Giving

house with his wife. He was beginning to realize how much she meant to him. It was about time, for they had already lived together for over forty-two years, and she had been a marvelous helper. She had proven herself a faithful companion to him and a very willing and capable worker on the farm through their life together. Deep in reflection, he haltingly said to her, "Wife, you have been such a wonderful woman that there are times that I can hardly keep from telling you!"

Parents and children seldom pause to thank those who work in the schools. Few express appreciation for those who serve in the church. We should express our appreciation for those who clean the building, those who teach classes, and elders and preachers. We should also express appreciation for those who provide for the good times we enjoy together—the cooks, those who clean up, those who arrange for them to occur, etc.

Shakespeare expressed the pain of ingratitude saying,

Blow, blow, thou winter wind, Thou art not so unkind As man's ingratitude. Thy tooth is not so keen, Because thou art not seen, Although thy breath be rude.

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Can one truly have gratitude without expressing it?

The Sin of Ingratitude

- 1. God commands men to be thankful. One of the sacrifices of the Mosaical law was the offering of thanksgiving (Lev. 7:12-15; 22:29). A special group of singers was appointed in the Temple to sing songs of thanksgiving (1 Chron. 16:4, 7, 8, 34-35, 41; 23:30). Men were commanded to be thankful.
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 - In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thess. 5:18).
 - When we are ungrateful sponges, we are disobedient men!
- 2. *Ingratitude produces unhappiness*. We complain when we are ungrateful.

The Reward of Gratitude

Gratitude is a self-rewarding virtue. Who can doubt that a thankful person has a better outlook on life than a murmuring complainer. Gratitude generates greater service. Even Jesus rewarded the thankful heart with forgiveness of sins. Expressions of gratitude genuinely felt spurs others to continue their service. Even our psychologists speak of "reward motivation," recognizing the benefit of a good thank you.

Ingratitude causes men to quit. Even Jesus was discouraged when he saw only one return to give thanks. How many of us have caused others to quit serving because we never paused to express our gratitude to them for what they have done.

Conclusion

From the Lord's question, "Where are the nine?" let us resolve to give thanks unto our Lord and to those who serve us so wonderfully.

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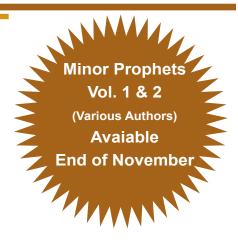
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