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MIKE WILLIS

Autonomy or Isolation?

Have we lost a sense of “brotherhood”? The Scriptures speak of Christians as a “brotherhood.” Peter wrote, “Love the brotherhood” (1 Pet. 2:17). The word “brotherhood” is translated from *adelphotes*. Arndt, Gingrich, and Danker define the word as “a fellowship (group of fellow-believers).” It is used “of the Christian community, whose members are *adelphoi* (brothers) and *adelphai* (sisters)” (AGD, 16). The same word appears also in 1 Peter 5:9 where the KJV translates the word as “brethren”: “Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your *brethren* that are in the world.” Both the NKJV and the RSV translated the word as “brotherhood.”

There is a sense of brotherhood that exists among children of God. John referred to the kind of mutual love that should exist among believers saying, “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him” (1 John 5:1). I am persuaded that twenty-first century Christians in the United States are losing this sense of brotherhood and are becoming a group of isolated local congregations.

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The Bible Pattern

The sense of brotherly communion is mentioned over and over in the New Testament. Follow the historical account in the book of Acts. The three thousand who were baptized on Pentecost (2:41) soon grew to over 5000 men, not counting women (4:4). When the apostles were persecuted, the entire church prayed for them with one accord (4:24). These saints were of “one heart and one soul” (4:32). Working together,

their number soon grew to “multitudes both of men and women” (5:14). When persecution broke out against the saints in Jerusalem, all except the apostles were scattered from Jerusalem and they went everywhere preaching the word (8:1, 4).

When Philip went to Samaria and had great success in preaching the gospel, they apostles sent Peter and John to Samaria to impart the Holy Spirit to those in this infant church (8:14-16). There was no spirit such as, “You brethren in Jerusalem take care of your affairs and we in Samaria will handle our own problems.” Rather, there was a sense of brotherhood among fellow believers. They welcomed what the apostles added to them. Peter and John preached the word of the Lord to these saints before returning to Jerusalem (8:25).

Soon the Lord directed Peter to preach the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 10). After Cornelius and his household were baptized, Peter remained in the area for “certain days” (10:48). The next verse says, “And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God” (Acts 11:1). They asked Peter about what happened at Caesarea. Peter could have said, “What happened at Caesarea is Caesarea’s business. You brethren in Jerusalem do not need to be worried about what is happening in Caesarea.” Instead, Peter explained to the Jerusalem brethren what transpired in Caesarea.

After reporting the conversion of Cornelius, the text resumes the narrative of those who were scattered abroad as a result of the persecution in Acts 8 and relates that the gospel went into Antioch where some were preaching to the Grecians so that a great number believed and turned to the Lord (11:19-21). Notice what happened next:

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all,

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Love Not the World

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that death the will of God abideth forever” (1 John 2:15-17).

What Is “The World”?

The word “world” here does not mean the physical globe on which we live, but stands for the forces of evil which are arrayed against the Lord and his will. Satan is referred to as “the prince of this world” (John 16:11). This is that realm of spiritual darkness against which we all struggle. “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12). Satan tempts us through “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.” When we became Christians, we were “delivered out of the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of his dear son” (Col. 1:13).

Worldliness is an improper attitude toward this evil realm. It prizes the standards and praises of those under Satan’s power more than the praises of God. Paul said those who have been raised with Christ should set their affections “on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:2). But worldliness longs for the “praises of men more than the praises of God” (John 12:42-43). While this approval may be considered “politically correct” or a tolerance for “diversity,” James said this wisdom is “earthly, sensual, devilish” and ends in “envying, strife, confusion, and every evil work” (Jas. 3:16-17).

A Growing Affection for the World

It does not take a Solomon to see that among the professed children of God, there is a growing affection for the world and a diminishing respect for the word of God. Every preacher who travels about among various congregations knows what I am talking about. Many of our men, young and old, have become so concerned with pleasing those about them in the world that they have adapted the dress,

hair styles, and speech of the rebels of society and sound more like rappers from Motown than they do people who have been with the Lord. You can tell a lot about one’s convictions by observing whom he seeks to please.

Our women, young and old, have adorned themselves, not with modesty, shamefastness and sobriety, but with mini-skirts, skin-tight pants, shorts, and exposed bosoms. Nobody expects women today to dress in styles of the past centuries. But the attitude of “shamefastness” is always in style. What are mothers (or fathers) using for sense when they allow their daughters to go to school, to the mall, or even to worship looking like a sex symbol? Why are men not exercising their headship in putting a stop to it? And, by the way, where are the preachers? Where are the elders? Are they blind? Certainly such problems must be resolved with wisdom, but they must be resolved.

Worldly attitudes toward error have devastating effects. Everything and everybody is to be tolerated except the person who stands for the truth and is not afraid to expose and oppose error for what it is. The feel good, see no evil, oppose no wrong preachers of the independent

denominational churches has influenced the thinking and preaching of some of the brethren. Some would rather find a convenient spot on the plains of Ono to negotiate with the devil than stand in the way and ask for the old paths. They are outraged with anyone who asks them to clarify their ambiguity, if not outright compromise.

The Need for Corrective Discipline

What, other than the spirit of the world, is behind the lack of corrective discipline in so many places? Have numbers become such an important barometer that we have overlooked the fact that pruning is necessary to growth?

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English Speaking Church in San Juan, Puerto Rico

TOL BURK

For those of you on business or vacation in Puerto Rico, there is an English speaking church in the San Juan metro area. We are small (10-12 in attendance) so we would especially appreciate your visit.

The address of the church building is: Calle 4 S.O. #1568, Caparra Terrace. Now having given you that, let me say it is difficult to get there with just the address alone. There are so many Calle 4's, one in almost every neighborhood, so even a taxi driver will need directions. The building is relatively easy to get to, even if you don't know Spanish. We meet at 9 AM on Sunday and begin with worship. This usually ends between 10:15 and 10:30 and the time remaining until 11 is our Bible study. The Spanish speaking

Love Not the World

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What did Paul mean when he said “mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine, and avoid them” (Rom. 16:17-18)? What is meant by “deliver such an one to Satan,” “purge out the old leaven,” and “put away from among yourselves that wicked person” in 1 Corinthians 5? What does “withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly” mean in 2 Thessalonians 3:6? The spirit of the world calls for blindly covering these aberrations with what is mistakenly called “love” while God and his will are dishonored.

Influencing the World

The church is in the world to radiate the light of divine truth. Its members must be salt, light, and leaven to permeate every corner of the globe. But when the world gets in the church, the salt loses its power, the light is hidden under a basket and the leaven spreads evil and not good. Moses regarded the pleasures of sin as only “for a season” (Heb. 11:25). So must we. Hearing and doing the will of God builds our house upon the rock so that it will stand forever. Hearing the siren call of the world and yielding to its temptations builds upon the sand and eventuates in everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power. Make up your mind.

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church meets at 11, so our ending time is pretty definite. We are planning to begin meeting on Wednesday night for Bible study again in November but the hour has not been set yet—give me a call for that time.

We will be glad to come get you for services if you will call us. Our home phone is (787) 998-2098 and my cell is (787) 930-6341. Don't wait to call on Sunday morning. Even though traffic is negligible, San Juan is a metro area of two million people. We don't mind the drive, but the tourist area is twenty minutes away from our house and that much again back to the building. Like most people, we don't usually have an extra hour on Sunday morning.

Brethren, we would very much appreciate your visit. Also, if you know people who live in Puerto Rico please let us know. We are also working with brethren around Mayaguez to get the church meeting there again. We will follow up any contacts we get.

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Catholics and Protestants Working on Code of Conduct for Converting People

RANDY BLACKABY

World Council of Churches Says Obsession of Converting Others Needs to Be 'Cured'

Before Jesus returned to heaven he commanded, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” (Matt. 28:19-20). Mark records that great commission as, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

The first century church carried out that commission and it upset people. So much so that in Thessalonica it was said of Paul and Silas, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too” (Acts 17:6).

The early Christians preached first to Jews, who believed in Jehovah, and then to idolaters, pagans, and unbelievers of all sorts. People were converted to faith in Christ from every nation under heaven. In doing so they greatly antagonized governments, politicians, advocates of false religions, idol makers, and many others. Yet, they did not modify their preaching to placate any of these groups. Preachers were jailed, beaten, and killed—but the gospel continued to be spread.

Today the turmoil created by evangelization is no less turbulent. It is against the law in Muslim countries to evangelize or convert to the Christian faith. Many nations tilting toward atheism or a false religion require registration, licensing, or government approval for a religious group to legally meet and worship.

Many of the older, declining denominations are complaining about “sheep stealing” or proselytizing as aggressive evangelism pulls members away from these spiritually dead groups.

So, what is the answer to this dilemma?

The Catholic Church, along with the ultra-liberal World Council of Churches, some evangelical, Pentecostal, and other Protestant groups, have launched talks aimed at creating a “code of conduct” for evangelism. This group

hopes to have the code developed and in place by 2010.

Next year the Catholic Church’s Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue will meet with its WCC counterpart to begin drafting the “guidelines.” They are being called such because neither group has the power to enforce any such code.

On the one hand, a Pentecostal spokesman said, “The code of conduct is not about ‘whether’ Christians evangelize, but ‘how’ they do it.” But a WCC spokesman was heard in a National Public Radio interview speaking of how Christian groups need to accept that Christians, Muslims, and others are all seeking God.

A news release by the World Council of Churches made clear that “the obsession of converting others needs to be cured.” “Since there are many accusations of ‘sheep stealing’ among Christians we will mostly likely also focus on this issue,” said Dr. Hans Ucko, WCC’s programme executive for inter-religious dialogue and cooperation.

The code is envisioned as providing an attitude of respect for the right of the faithful of any religion to their beliefs. “Religious preachers need to be told that no religion has a monopoly on the truth, that there are many ways to find salvation,” said

Dr. Hermen Shastri, general secretary of the Council of Churches of Malaysia and co-moderator of the WCC’s Faith and Order commission.

According to World Evangelical Alliance executive council member John Langiois, the code should express “repentance for past wrong-doings so as to make clear that the superiority mentality in regard to other religions has been overcome.”

Would Jesus have agreed that “no religion has a monopoly on the truth, that there are many ways to find salvation”?

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How would Jesus and apostles have viewed such a code?

It was Jesus who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me" (John 14:6). Would he have agreed that "no religion has a monopoly on the truth, that there are many ways to find salvation"?

And one really doesn't have to wonder much how the Apostle Paul would have reacted in Athens if the Grecian Council of Idolaters had challenged his teaching that their idolatry was "ignorance" and that God would ultimately judge all men by Jesus, who had been raised from the dead (Acts 17:16-34).

How would Paul react to the charge that we should heal ourselves of the obsession of converting others to Christ? We need not guess. He is recorded in 1 Corinthians 9:16 to have said, "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"

A few elements of the discussion have merit

While much of the "code" discussion appears to represent ecumenism gone to seed, a few of the hinted at recommendations have some merit. Those include desisting from using unethical means of "converting" people, such

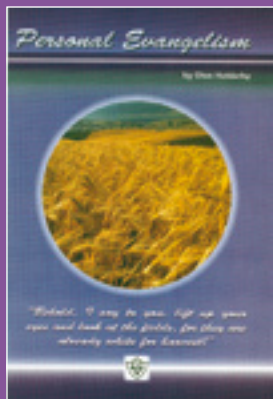
as monetary and educational inducements, avoiding taking advantage of "vulnerable" people like children and the disabled. They also suggest that churches should do humanitarian work "without any ulterior motives."

What is the likelihood of success?

Some sort of code may be developed in the next three years, but it is unlikely to be very substantive. The Pope recently reaffirmed the supremacy of the Catholic Church as the sole source of saving faith. That is antithetical to the World Council of Churches' ecumenical goal of embracing all or nearly all religions in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance.

Evangelical and Pentecostal groups may embrace goals of avoiding some unethical approaches to evangelism—practiced by many groups—but are very unlikely to embrace Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism as equally valid truths or ways to salvation.

But the code-makers hope to use their product to make entrance into Muslim and Hindu countries easier. And it may be that those who agree not to evangelize will find access easier than those committed to carrying out the Lord's commands.



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The Link Between Ungodly Entertainment and Fornication

DAVID DANN

The apostle Paul warned the young man, Timothy, saying, “Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Tim. 2:22). It is obvious from Paul’s instruction that in order to avoid sexual sin one must focus on that which is pure.

This connection is made clear in that this same apostle, who warns us to “flee sexual immorality” (1 Cor. 6:18), also writes, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Phil. 4:8). The simple fact is that the things that occupy our minds are very likely to end up being the same kinds of things that occupy our time.

Recent studies confirm what the Bible has said all along when it comes to the connection between what we focus on and how we act.

The results of a study conducted by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development reported in 2004 that teenagers who watch a lot of television with sexual content are twice as likely to engage in sexual activity than those who watch fewer programs with sexual content. According to Rebecca Collins, the psychologist who headed the study, “This is the strongest evidence yet that the sexual content of television programs encourages adolescents to initiate sexual intercourse and other sexual activities.” The study covered 1,792 adolescents between the ages of twelve and seventeen.

Similarly, a study conducted by the University of North Carolina which covered 1,017 adolescents when they were aged twelve to fourteen and then again two years later, reported in 2006 that those exposed to the highest levels of sexual content in music, magazines, television, and movies became involved in the most sexual activity. According to Jane Brown, the chief author of the report, “This is the first time we’ve shown that the more kids are exposed to sex in media the earlier they have sex.” Neither study included exposure to the internet.



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What can we learn from these studies?

- 1. Teenagers are involved in sexual activity.** Sin was so rampant in the time of Jeremiah that the people “were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush” (Jer. 6:15). Is it shocking to read about the young ages of the children involved in these studies? Or, have we gotten used to it? We should be outraged at the thought of fourteen year olds committing fornication for a variety of reasons. Yes, teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases are likely to result from these activities. But the greater problem is that young people in our society are corrupting themselves at ever earlier ages while getting a head-start down the path that leads to eternal destruction in the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8).
- 2. Television, movies, and music are influencing teenagers.** Is it a surprise that these things are affecting not only the thinking, but also the actions of young people? It shouldn’t be. As the proverb writer asks, “Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?” (Prov. 6:27). The one who says, “I can watch that stuff without it affecting me” is either very foolish, very ignorant, or both. Exposure to sexual content in the media accomplishes two things. First, it trains the mind to dwell upon and lust for that which is wrong and sinful (see Matt. 5:27-28). And secondly, it convinces those partaking of it that sexually immoral behavior is perfectly normal and acceptable.

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Ungodly Entertainment and Fornication

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3. *The situation is even worse than the studies indicate.* While the news reported in these studies is terrible, the reality is likely far worse simply based upon the fact that neither study included the impact of the internet. While sexually charged viewing is available on television at various times, the perversion of pornography is available on the internet twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. When the heart is filled with filth the heart will produce filth. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders" (Mark 7:21).

4. *These things are not just teenage problems.* Though the studies focused on those between the ages of twelve and seventeen, the problem is not theirs alone. Who is allowing these kids to fill their minds with immoral entertainment? God's rule for the home is that children are to be raised "in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Parents, what will you do about your children? Are you sitting idly by while your children feed on filth? Are you setting the right example by staying away from ungodly entertainment yourself? The responsibility

for dealing with this situation falls not only on the young people involved, but also squarely on the shoulders of each parent. And, though these recent studies were limited to teenagers, do not think that ungodly entertainment only affects the behavior of teenagers.

Conclusion

The recently reported studies tell us what is going on among young people in the world. However, we need to be reminded that we are not to be conformed to the ways of the world (Rom. 12:1-2). What are you allowing to fill your mind?

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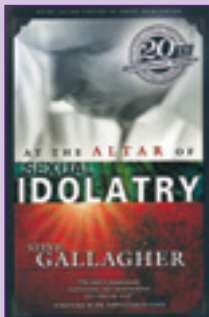


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Remarks, Songs, and Prayers at the Lord's Table

JESSE FLOWERS

When speaking of the "Lord's table" (1 Cor. 10:21) we simply make reference to the observance of the Lord's Supper. Although for the New Testament Christian we are dealing with elementary principles of the doctrine of Christ, nevertheless it is important to be reminded of certain matters relating to our weekly observance (Acts 20:7) of the Lord's Supper.

The apostle Paul commanded Christians to observe this sacred memorial in a worthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27). Three areas where this principle of truth must be applied is when it comes to the remarks made, songs led, and prayers given at the Lord's table.

The Remarks

A man should not give a sermon at the Lord's table, that is the preacher's responsibility. Whatever remarks the brother does make should aid the congregation in focusing their minds and hearts upon the elements of the Lord's Supper and their significance to the Christian.

On occasion, the man making remarks may mistakenly refer to the observance of Christ's memorial in connection with the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. However, every passage pertaining to the institution and observance of the Lord's Supper *always* teaches us to focus on Christ's sacrificial death (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-29). We are to be mindful of his sinless body given, his precious blood shed for the sins of mankind, and the new covenant he established that we are to obey. Baptism, not the Lord's Supper, is the scriptural connection to make to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-6).

For those men who make remarks at the Lord's table from time to time, here are a few of the many Bible passages that could be used to help us concentrate on Christ's sacrifice.

Psalms 22; Isaiah 53; Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19; Hebrews 9:11-28; 10:1-18.

The Songs

The song leaders are the ones directly responsible for selecting appropriate songs to lead before saints "break bread" together. At times songs will be led pertaining to the glorious resurrection of Christ. And although these songs are both stirring and inspiring, it will not help the church to focus their minds directly upon the *death* of Jesus. The index of our hymn books are filled with songs tied directly to our observance of the Lord's Supper. When appropriate songs are led, members can read back over the verses of the song in order to remember Jesus properly.

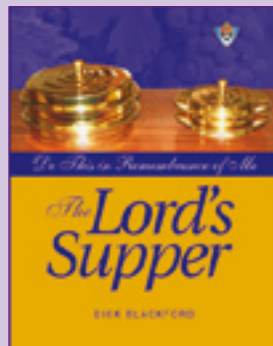
The Prayers

Sometimes when we give thanks for the bread and cup, our prayers get way off track from their intended purpose. As we gather around the Lord's table, it is not the time to pray for the sick, the weather, or the other physical things of life.

It is at that moment in time, each first day of the week, to entirely center our minds upon the incredible sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior.

We are commanded to do *all things* decently and in order. Surely that would include the remarks made, songs led, and prayers offered when we gather around the Lord's table.

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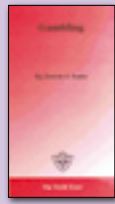
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Strange Baptisms

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Nadab and Abihu used fire which the Lord commanded not in the burning of incense. It was considered “strange fire” (Lev. 10:1). King Solomon married foreign wives who turned his heart after other gods. They were “strange women” (1 Kings 11:1-4). The Hebrew Christians were warned about “strange doctrines” (Heb. 13:9). Any teaching that is inconsistent with the doctrine of Christ comes under that heading. All religious practices foreign to the word of God are “strange.”

The reader’s attention is now directed to some baptisms that are unauthorized by and completely foreign to the holy Scriptures.

Baptism of the Unborn

Roman Catholics admit that the Greek word *baptizo* means “wash” or “immerse.” Yet they say, “Infusion (pouring), immersion, and aspersion (sprinkling) are equally valid.” The Latin Church favors infusion “by the law of custom” (“Baptism,” *New Catholic Dictionary*, Vatican Edition). *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (1907) states, “In the Latin Church immersion seems to have prevailed until the twelfth century.... Infusion and aspersion, however, were growing common in the thirteenth century and gradually prevailed in the Western Church.” Viewed as a “sacrament,” baptism is considered as absolutely necessary to salvation. Infants need baptism because of the universality of “original sin,” according to Catholicism.

“If there is not a probable hope that a child can be baptized after birth, Baptism may be administered in the womb...” (“Baptism of the Unborn,” *A Catholic Dictionary*, edited by Attwater). If the mother experiences difficulty in giving birth, when the baptismal water can reach the body of the child, “even with the aid of an instrument,” midwives should be instructed to confer “conditional baptism” (“Baptism,” *The Catholic Encyclopedia*). If the baptismal water can flow upon the head of the unborn child, the sacrament is to be administered absolutely; if it can be poured only on some other part of the body of the unborn, the sacrament must be conditionally repeated in case the child survives its birth. If the mother dies in labor, the child is to be extracted from the womb, and if alive, baptized absolutely; if life is doubtful, conditionally. An aborted fetus must be baptized, unconditionally, or conditionally according to circumstances. If its life is doubtful, it is to be baptized on the condition, “If thou art alive.”



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Clinic Baptism

Our word “clinic” is derived from the Greek word *kline*, meaning a couch for carrying the sick, or a bed. Baptism on a sick-bed (clinic baptism) is found first, not in the New Testament, but in a letter from Cornelius, a Roman bishop, to Fabius, a bishop at Antioch, in about 250. Bishop Cornelius hesitated to consider “clinic baptism” as valid. Similar doubts were expressed by others (“Clinic BAPTISM,” *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, And Ecclesiastical Literature*, McClintock and Strong).

Cornelius’ letter pertained to Novatian, a man who had been sprinkled while sick in bed rather than being wholly immersed in water. Shortly thereafter, Novatian became a presbyter in the church (*History of Christianity the First Three Centuries*, Mosheim). Controversy centered in whether or not a recipient of clinic baptism could be elevated to an ecclesiastical office.

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Baptism by pouring water on the head of the candidate was applied to infirm or sick persons, “hence called *clinical* baptism. The validity of this baptism was even doubted by many in the third century...” (*History of the Christian Church*, Schaff). And such a baptism is conspicuous by its absence in the books of the New Testament.

Baptism of Desire

“The Catholic Church does not condemn everyone to hell who has not been baptized with water. She mitigates the apparent harshness of her doctrine by teaching that in case of urgent necessity the Baptism of desire will suffice...” (*The Question Box*, New Edition, Conway). Desire is considered an acceptable substitute for water baptism.

One who believes, “even though in a confused way, in a God whose will should be done and desiring to do that will whatever it may be, probably has Baptism of desire” (“Desire, Baptism of,” *A Catholic Dictionary*, edited by Attwater).

Desire is “one of the ways of obtaining the effects of Baptism when it is not possible to receive the sacrament, or when one, not knowing of the sacrament or of the obligation to receive it, desires to do everything God wishes as a means of salvation” (“Desire,” *New Catholic Dictionary*, Vatican Edition). Infants are not capable of receiving baptism of desire.

“...It is important to observe that if a man is heartily sorry for his sins, if he loves God with all his heart, if he desires to comply with all the Divine ordinances, including Baptism, but has no opportunity of receiving it, or is not sufficiently instructed as to its necessity, God, in this case, accepts the will for the deed. Should this man die in these dispositions, he is saved by the *baptism of desire*...” (*The Faith of our Fathers*, Gibbons).

Baptism of the Dead

It would be difficult to imagine anything more morbid, bizarre, and contrary to both revelation and reason than to consider a corpse as a proper subject for baptism. But preposterous practices emerge when religion is rooted in superstition, fear, misguided zeal, and human wisdom.

The third council of Carthage in 252 speaks of baptizing the dead “as a matter of which ignorant Christians were fond,” and forbids “to believe that the dead can be baptized.” It is clear that this superstitious custom prevailed at an early age in North Africa. “The practice seems to have been founded on a vain opinion that when men had neglected to receive

baptism during their life, some compensation might be made for this default by receiving it after death” (“BAPTISM OF THE DEAD,” *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, And Ecclesiastical Literature*, McClintock and Strong).

Having gone from “baptism of the unborn” to “baptism of the dead,” there is yet another strange baptism to be noticed. If this one seems too ridiculous to mention, it is really no more absurd than those already listed. The reader may judge which of these baptisms should be ranked “strangest.”

Air Baptism

Like Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox Catholics regard baptism as a sacrament. Unlike the Roman Church, the Orthodox Church perceives the action of baptism to be immersion. “Baptism is a God-instituted ceremony by which those immersed into water in the name of the Holy Trinity are regenerated.” This is explained as a “three-fold immersion,” sometimes called “triune immersion.” Infants are regarded as having inherited “ancestral sin” (original sin), therefore infants are to be baptized.

Although baptism requires immersion, the Eastern Church makes an exception for the bed-ridden. “The baptism of the bed-ridden is performed by sprinkling the person with holy water.” Another exception is made for children near death. Air takes the place of water. “Air baptism is performed on children near death. The child can be baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, even by a layman when a priest cannot be summoned in time.” These exceptions are applied “only in emergency” (*A New Style Catechism on the Eastern Orthodox Faith for Adults*, Mastrantonis). There you have it! Water is the element for baptism. In case of emergency, air is the element.

The five baptisms discussed in this article are strange indeed. They are not found in the New Testament; they are totally without divine authority; they are foreign to the Bible; they are alien to the teaching of Christ and the apostles; they have no place in first-century Christianity.

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Phrased Notation

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Sumphonia is producing a new hymnal that will be published by Guardian of Truth Foundation. The hymnal is scheduled to be in print later this year. You may read about the progress of the hymnal at www.sumphonia.com.

Phrasing in the New Hymnal

The most novel feature of the hymnal is a layout scheme we call *phrased notation*. Phrased notation is accomplished by wrapping the music (the

hymn tune) around the words (the hymn), which contrasts with the standard layout scheme established in the 1800s when hymn texts were first inserted into musical staves. In other words, the music in hymnals has always determined the layout of the words. In this hymnal it will be the other way around—the words will determine how

the music is laid out. This article is the first in a series that will explain phrased notation and its benefits to song worship.

Layout and Comprehension

An important relationship exists between layout and comprehension, which is to say that the way words appear on a printed page has a lot to do with how easily they are understood. Professional publishers have done research on fonts, font sizing, font spacing, spacing between lines, line length, justification of text, columns, whitespace, colors, and many other things. All the research shows that these aspects of layout affect comprehension.

The common features of writing demonstrate how layout affects comprehension. Thoughts are arranged in paragraphs comprised of sentences. Paragraphs are indented and/or set apart with line spacing. Sentences begin with capital letters and end with periods. Punctuation with commas, semicolons, quotation marks, etc., occurs within sentences. It is easy to overlook the fact that all these elements are important for understandability. Imagine trying to decipher a page of words with no punctuation.

The following examples of Psalm 23:1-3 demonstrate that the way things appear on the page affects clarity.

The music in hymnals has always determined the layout of the words. In this hymnal it will be the other way around—the words will determine how the music is laid out.

Example 1:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Example 2:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- *He makes me to lie down in green pastures;*
- *He leads me beside the still waters.*
- *He restores my soul;*
- *He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

The meaning of the passage is much easier to grasp in the second example because we can see a list of things the Lord does as our shepherd to supply our needs.

Poetic Layout

One of the most important layout factors in poetic writing, which includes hymns, is phrasing. In contrast to other writing, line length is not determined by the width of the page or column, but by the length of the phrase.

These examples of Psalm 19:1-2 show the difference between non-phrased poetry and properly phrased poetry:

Example 1:

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

Example 2:

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.*

Not only does the second example look better, it also conveys the meaning more efficiently because the relationship between phrases is more apparent. In this case, “the heavens” and “the firmament” are related, as is “day unto day” with “night unto night.” Those relationships can be masked by careless phrasing.

To Be Continued

To summarize, proper layout of words on a page, especially the phrasing of poetry, aids comprehension; therefore, *phrased notation* will aid singing with understanding. The next article will contain more examples from the Bible and from hymnals.

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Footnote³

“A Conversation with Abraham Malherbe,” *Christian Chronicle* (February 2002), p. 20.

“Q: What are some of your concerns for our fellowship?”

“A: My major concern is our cozying up to those evangelicals who put a premium on feeling at the expense of reason. This is not an indictment of all evangelicals, for there are differences among them.”

The *Christian Chronicle*, a religious newspaper produced under the auspices of Oklahoma Christian University, is devoted to coverage of events and issues affecting congregations identifying themselves as “Churches of Christ,” whatever their views on various controversial issues may be. Frequently, the *Chronicle* will publish an interview with someone who is singularly qualified to comment on various concerns and circumstances among Churches of Christ.

Abraham Malherbe is Buckingham Professor Emeritus of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale University. A native South African converted under the preaching of Eldred Echols, Malherbe came to Abilene Christian College in the 1950’s, and thence to Harvard University for graduate study. He returned to teach at Abilene from 1963-1969 before moving to Yale University in 1970. When Yale recently sought to hire a senior scholar in religion, three of the six finalists, and the person ultimately selected, were ACU graduates and Malherbe’s former Yale students. His credentials to address issues confronting Churches of Christ (as well as the wider religious culture) are impeccable, and his comments arresting. He notes that

Evangelical priorities and language have come to suffuse much of the preaching in our fellowship. That, combined with the style of preaching, common in all churches these days, that is narrational and anecdotal rather than expository, results in sermons that are as theologically thin gruel as are many of the so-called praise songs we sing.

As someone who has gained a degree of notoriety for identifying some of the modern praise songs as “Seven-

Eleven songs” (seven words—sing them 11 times), I find Malherbe’s comments heartening. (While I wish the 7/11 comment were original with me, candor compels me to admit that I borrowed it from the Wesleyans, among whom I was educated years ago, and whose own “worship wars” I have observed as an interested outsider—it seems that, as with other circumstances, Churches of Christ follow the trajectory of our denominational neighbors, albeit several decades behind them.)

Malherbe continues:

It seems that the goal of many services is to achieve an emotional response without imparting biblical knowledge. When the same, non-expository approach is followed in a church’s Bible classes, any Restorationist nuance easily disappears.

Concerns about the emotionally-subjective nature of much of modern “praise worship” is not limited to the churches among which Dr. Malherbe circulates. The feel-good, acceptable-worship-depends-on-how-I-feel mentality which has permeated too many Churches of Christ has seduced numerous Christians away from a focus on reverential worship of Almighty God, and the edification of fellow believers.

Admittedly, hearing voices of concern and observing the hand-wringing of an older generation over how far a younger generation has taken the logical conclusions of the seeds of their own liberalism is astounding, if not bizarre. But it is interesting to hear these expressions of concern from one who is in a position to know, and to comment authoritatively, on trends which are affecting Churches of Christ. Some less astute observers have denied the effects of such trends, or that they even exist. But Professor Malherbe’s observations deserve careful contemplation. “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”

Your Speech Betrays You

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Introduction

After Jesus was taken captive, Peter found himself alone in the courtyard of Caiaphas, surrounded by adversaries and challenged by accusers, who said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." Despite his repeated denials, the bystanders said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you" (Matt. 26:69-75). From the parallel accounts, this referred to his distinctive Galilean accent (Mark 14:70-71; Luke 22:59-60). In response, Peter began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" His speech again betrayed him.

In like manner, our speech sometimes betrays us. Jesus himself said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matt. 12:33-37; cf. also 15:10-20).

Denominational Jargon

Does your conversation reflect denominational jargon? Do you say, "my pastor," when referring to a local evangelist who only serves in the capacity of a preacher? Do you say, "my church," when referring to that precious body of believers for which Christ died? Do you say, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior!" without offering a corresponding explanation of the terms of pardon set forth in his Word?

In years past, in another location, one of the men of the congregation offered a Wednesday evening invitation in which he ridiculed "Five Steppers," i.e., those of us who emphasize the necessity of hearing, believing, repenting, confessing, and being baptized. Yet, spiritual reality is this: men must hear the word of God (Rom. 10:17). We must believe the gospel of Christ (John 8:24). All are commanded to repent (Acts 17:30-31). We must confess that Jesus is Lord (Rom. 10:9-10). Penitent believers must be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Furthermore, Christians must also remain faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

Many devour the ecumenical writings of Max Lucado, Rick Warren, Joel Osteen, etc. Such authors would not be so popular if they, like the apostle Paul, preached the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:17-32). Instead, they are ear-tickling men-pleasers, who turn away from divinely inspired truth unto humanly devised myths (2 Tim. 4:1-8).

God rebuked apostates of old by saying, "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:9-13). Those who turn aside to denominational dogma incur the same guilt. Hosea's warning, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," has modern relevance and application (Hos. 4:1-6).

Cursing and Profanity

Is your speech marked by cursing and profanity? Man's fallen state is betrayed by the tongue: "Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving, the poison of asps is under their lips; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness" (Rom. 3:9-18). Concerning the wicked, the Psalmist declared "There is nothing reliable in what they say; their inward part is destruction itself. Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue" (Ps. 5:8-10). Again, "His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is mischief and wickedness" (Ps. 10:3-11).

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Cursing is disrespectful. It takes things that are celestial (i.e., God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, heaven, and all that is high and holy) and drags them down to a terrestrial (i.e., earthly) plane. It takes things that are private (i.e., routine bodily functions) and drags them into public view. It takes things that are special (i.e., a loving sexual relationship shared between husband and wife), and treats them as common and base. It takes things that are serious (i.e., hell, eternal punishment, damnation, etc.) and treats them as trivial.

Let us avoid, not only explicit language, but also euphemisms. “Gosh” and “golly” are substitutes for “God.”

“Egad,” used as an interjection is probably a euphemism for “Oh God!” “Gee” and “jeepers” are contractions of “Jesus.” “Cripes” and “crikey” are euphemisms of “Christ.” “Lordy” is just another way of taking the Lord’s name in vain. “Doggoned” is a euphemism for “God damn.” “Dang” and “Darn” are watered-down versions of “damn.” “Tarnation” is an alteration of darnation, which is euphemism for “damnation.” “Heck” is an exclamation used in place of “hell.”

Heed the warning of Jesus, who said, “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matt. 12:36-37). Consider the counsel of Paul who said, “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse...” (Rom. 12:14-21). Remember James’ teaching on the tongue (Jas. 3:6-12).

Selfishness

Is selfishness heard in your speech? Do you monologue conversations? Do you talk interminably about your own problems, but turn a deaf ear to the trials of others?

Consider the rich fool, who could only think of himself, who spoke of “my crops,” “my barns,” “my grain,” “my goods,” and my soul” (Luke 12:15-21). Why was his soul summarily required? He was unfaithful, bowing before mammon rather than God (Matt. 6:24); he was unthankful, never acknowledging the Source of his bounty (1 Tim. 4:4-5); he was unhelpful, hoarding his

wealth, and never offering assistance to others (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

Even after he died and was in torment, the rich man selfishly thought of Lazarus as a subordinate servant: “Father Abraham, send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.” Again, “I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment” (Luke 16:19-31).

In contrast, let us cultivate the spirit of Jesus, who said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:33-35). Manifesting the mind of Christ, may we selflessly serve others (Phil. 2:1-8), meeting the needs of our brethren (Matt. 25:34-40; Rom. 12:10-13), ministering to those who are less fortunate (Luke 14:12-14; Heb. 13:16).

Conclusion

Are you guarding your mouth and bridling your tongue (Prov. 21:23; Jas. 3:1-5)? Is your speech marked by the gospel’s gracious influence (Col. 4:5-6)? Do your words minister grace to the hearers, and is your life a source of blessing (Eph. 4:29-32)? May our prayer be like that of the Psalmist: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer” (Ps. 19:14).

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Spiritual Complacency

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In the modern world of “Christendom,” a conflict is occurring in many sections. Most Americans profess some level of faith in Jesus Christ; they believe that there is a God, that Jesus is His Son, and recognize the need to be “good people,” and yet the United States of America is overall in a dismal spiritual state. How can it be that so many profess having faith and yet so little seems to be done?

The Barna group recently came out with an article entitled “Americans Not Concerned About Their Spiritual Condition” (barna.org), and the research within the article is rather illuminating. Forty percent of parents who profess Christianity said that they do not face spiritual challenges in their life. Most seemed more concerned about the spiritual development of their children, their spouses, and other peripheral concerns. Only seven percent felt compelled to be more involved in a church. Eight percent felt the need to put their faith to better practice in their lives.

These statistics represent the situation on the ground, and there is much that we can gain from them. The spiritual complacency inherent in our society is clear—very few feel the intense need to obey God as he has established in the New Testament, and have satisfied themselves with the appearance of propriety. What do the Scriptures have to say regarding such things?

One of the great characteristics that ought to mark God’s people is sobriety. When we normally think of sobriety, we think about it in terms of alcohol or another drug—a sober person is free from alcohol or from some other substance. In reality, the word simply refers to one who is not intoxicated, and alcohol and drugs are not the only intoxicants present within our society. Paul says the following to the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6:

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober.

Let us not be deceived: Paul is not saying that we should not sleep in physical terms, but is speaking in spiritual terms. He would have God’s people be constantly vigilant and sober-minded, not intoxicated by popular views of religion

that may sound good but are internally hollow. Peter says the following in 1 Peter 5:8-9:

Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.

The New Testament makes it very clear that Satan is always at work, seeking whom he may catch and devour. One of his greatest weapons is spiritual complacency, for when people are lulled into thinking that all is well with them, they are more easily hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:12-14). In a climate where many teach that all one needs to do to be saved is to pray a prayer and then one is saved no matter what, why should we be surprised to see Satan so often victorious?

When God’s people do not remember constantly that they are at war against all the spiritual forces of darkness (Eph. 6:10-18), it is easier for them to get complacent and then compromise with the world.

The idea of a spiritually unchallenged life is foreign to true Christianity. The Apostle Paul recognized that he himself still needed to strive for the prize (Phil. 3:10-14), and that he needed to be constantly diligent lest he would be disqualified (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Are modern Americans at a higher level of faith than he? By no means! Such people do not feel as if they have spiritual challenges because they are not challenging themselves spiritually. There is no pressing on, striving for the goal, or doing of the Word (cf. Jas. 1:22-25). Such persons remind us of the church in Laodicea, who, in professing to have no need of anything, were actually in great need (Rev. 3:14-22)! It is not a sign of strength, therefore, to say that one has no spiritual challenges, but in fact an indication of weakness. Such a profession belies the reality: such a one does not see spiritually, and is not aware of the conflict always besetting them (1 Cor. 3:1-4, Eph. 6:10-18). They, as the Pharisees, by claiming to see, demonstrate their blindness (John 9:38-

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41). Let no one be deceived: the person who is not being spiritually challenged is spiritually dead, and has need of repentance (cf. Heb. 12:3-15)!

Barna's conclusion is quite telling: "Americans focus on what they consider to be the most important matters; faith maturity is not one of them. The dominant spiritual change that we have seen—Americans becoming less engaged in matters of faith—helps to explain the surging secularization of our culture" (*ibid.*). As we go out and promote the Gospel in this world, we must remember that this is the way it goes for most people. Most people with whom we come into contact are going to profess Jesus, and most of those people

believe that they are fine with God. We must demonstrate, from the Scriptures, the reality of the spiritual conflict that is being fought (Eph. 6:10-18). We must make it clear that although the fight is not of our choice, we must fight it, and we either fight for the Lord or against him (Matt. 12:30). Some may listen; in all likelihood, most, believing themselves to be healthy, will walk away from the true cure (Matt. 9:12-13). Nevertheless, let us watch ourselves, lest we likewise become complacent, and keep fighting the good fight of faith (2 Cor. 13:5, Jas. 1:22-25, 2 Tim. 4:7)!

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After the Israelites came out of Egypt the Bible tells us about a very disappointing choice that the people made on one occasion when Moses was on Mount Sinai. Exodus 32:1 relates, “Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, ‘Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for [as for] this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him’” (NKJV). Rather than obeying the words which God had given only a short time before this forbidding such idolatry, Aaron “received [the gold] from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’” When Moses returned to find the people engaged in riotous worship of the calf, he threw down the stone tablets which God himself had inscribed (Exod. 3:16, 19), ground the calf into powder which was put in the people’s water, and they were forced to drink it (Exod. 3:20). Then the camp was purged of those who still refused to follow God by a bloody battle in which 3000 men died in one day (Exod. 3:27, 28). If Moses had not pled to God for mercy, the entire nation would have been destroyed and God would have raised up another people through Moses (Exod. 3:10-14).

About 500 years later after the Israelites had become a nation with Solomon as their third king and Jerusalem as their capital, Solomon’s servant named Jeroboam rebelled against him (1 Kings 11:26). When Solomon died and his son Rehoboam oppressed the people, the Israelites chose to set Jeroboam over them as king. In order to keep the people from turning back to Rehoboam, since they had to go to Jerusalem to sacrifice, Jeroboam “took counsel, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!’” (1 Kings 12:28). Jeroboam set up the two calves in Dan and Bethel (1 Kings 12:29). To support his idolatrous worship he built shrines on the high places and established his own priesthood (1 Kings 12:31). He set up altars, made sacrifices, and established feast days “which he devised in his own heart” (1 Kings 12:32-33). In these two situations, separated from each other by centuries, we see some powerful lessons, which speak to us today.

The Worship of God

In both instances when the people turned to idolatry it was cloaked in the appearance of worship to God. Neither Aaron nor Jeroboam tried to turn the people to another God; both claimed that the calves were the “God who brought them out of the land of Egypt.” Even so, in leading the people to worship God in a way which he had forbidden they were turning them away from God.

The Imagination of the Heart

In both instances the motivation behind the action of the people was not God’s instructions but the desires and imagination of their own heart. While it is true that God expects us to use the mind and abilities which he has given to us in his service, that does not mean that we are free to shape religion in accordance with our own desires.

They Committed a Great Sin

After Moses had purged the camp, he returned to God and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!” (Exod. 32:31). In summarizing the life of Jeroboam, when the Bible refers to his establishment of the false worship associated with the gold calves it declares, “this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate and destroy it from the face of the earth” (1 Kings 13:34). In spite of the fact that it was a religious observance and in spite of the fact that the people had used their creativity and resourcefulness it was a sin that separated the people from God.

While it is true that God expects us to use the mind and abilities which he has given to us in his service, that does not mean that we are free to shape religion in accordance with our own desires.

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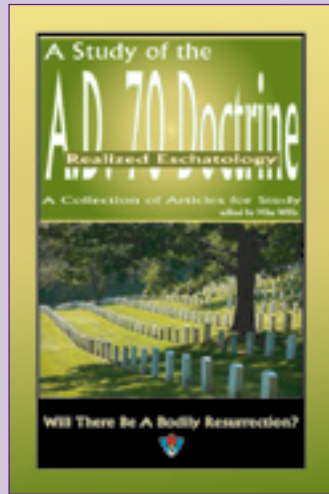
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Modern Day Application

In our world today there are many things that are done which are cloaked in the worship of God which, were never authorized by God. Men have "devised in their own heart" thousands of human denominations who call themselves by thousands of different names. They have taught unscriptural ideas like salvation by "faith only," the "sinner's prayer," the worship of Mary, "once saved always saved," purgatory, councils, conventions, popes, and indulgences. As acts of worship men have from their own

imagination fashioned their own "gold calves" through the use of incense, choirs, mechanical instruments of music, dances, plays, priests, priestly garments, altars, ritual prayers, hand-clapping, and women preachers, things never taught in the New Testament. If God was displeased with this kind of behavior in the past why would it be any different now?

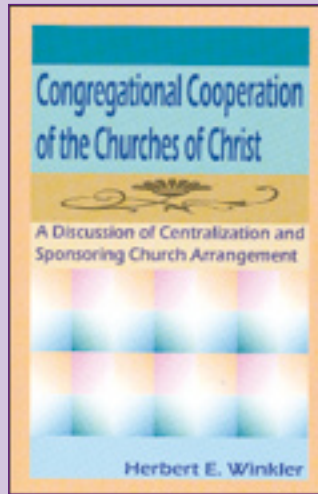
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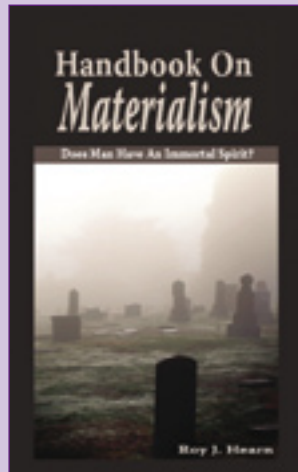


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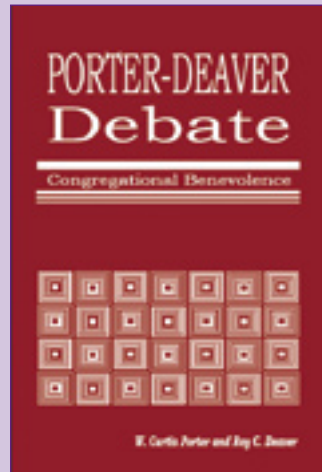
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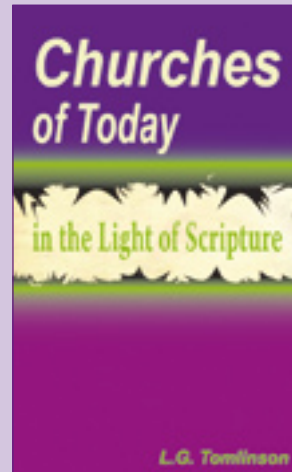
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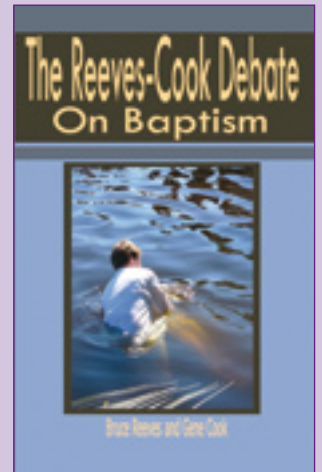
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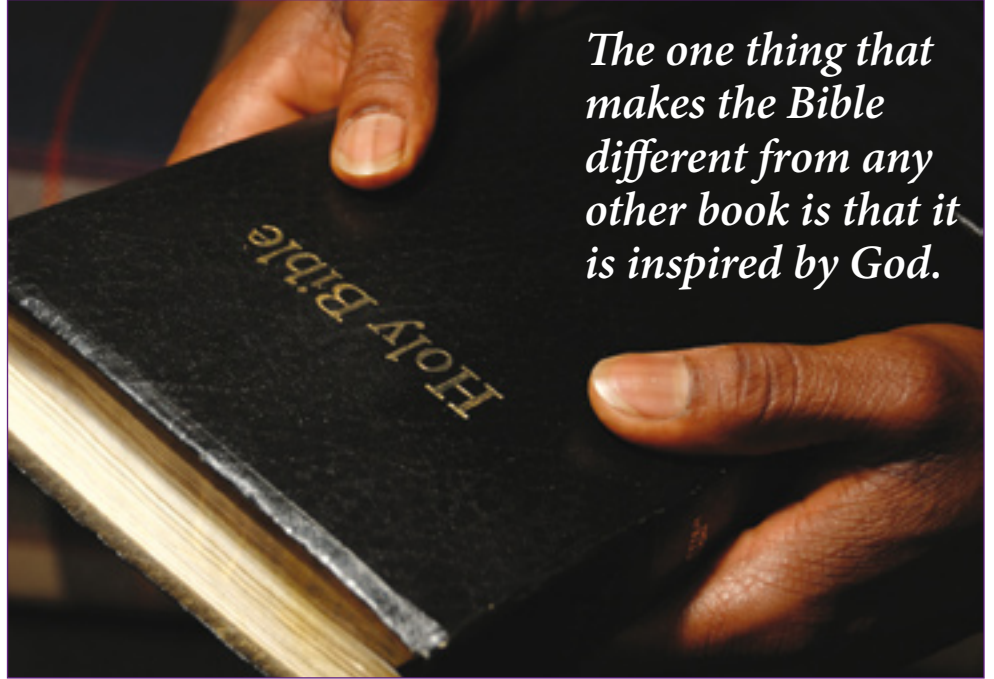


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What I Want You to Know About Your Bible

HEATH ROGERS

We live in an age in which there are more copies of the Bible in existence than ever before. However, this increase in availability does not seem to have increased man's appreciation for the Bible. While many people still look upon the Bible as a special book, they fail to understand what makes it special. In the pages that follow, I will discuss some things that you need to know about your Bible. It is my hope that you can understand why the Bible is different from any other book, that you can appreciate why you need to read it, and that you will commit yourself to a diligent, life-long study of its message.



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All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

When we say that the Bible is inspired, we understand that the words in the Bible are not the words of men, they are the words of God (1 Cor 2). God may have used different men to record his revelation, but he did not give them the freedom to write whatever they wanted to write. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:20-21). When we read the Bible, we are reading the words of God.

The Bible makes the claim that it is inspired by God. However, this claim, by itself, proves nothing. Any book can claim divine inspiration. Is there any evidence that supports this claim? Does the Bible bear the markings of divine inspiration, or does it show itself to be just

another product of the mind of man? I believe there is a way that we can know with certainty that the Bible is inspired.

1. The Unity of the Bible. Let me propose a little experiment. Suppose you chose forty people at random in your home town and asked them to write about their concept of God. Do you think all the responses would be the same? What if we asked them to go on and write about things like family values, roles within society, slavery, drugs and alcohol, divorce, crime and punishment, death and suffering, etc. Would the essays have identical content or would they differ from one another?

The Bible is a collection of sixty-six books, written in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek), by forty writers from different backgrounds (including kings, soldiers, shepherds, farmers, fishermen, a doctor, a cup bearer, a tax collector and a tent maker), on three different continents, over a period of 1,600 years. It talks about God, as well as many controversial subjects. Given the above scenario, one would expect the Bible to be a tangled mess of contradictions. Instead, we find the Bible to be a harmonious book.

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2. Historical and Geographical Accuracy. The works of men often include mistakes that require corrections and updates. There are hundreds of incidents in the Bible that have been checked against secular history and archaeology for accuracy (directions, reigns of kings or governors, etc.). When so tested, the Bible has been proven to be accurate every time.

- **The Hittites.** Skeptics made fun of the Bible's reference to the Hittites (Gen. 23:10; 26:34) because there was no mention of them anywhere in secular history. Archaeological discoveries in Turkey have confirmed the existence of an entire Hittite civilization.
- **The Book of Acts.** The book of Acts mentions thirty-two countries, fifty-four cities, nine Mediterranean islands, ninety-five people (sixty-two of which are not named elsewhere in the New Testament). Luke's references, where checkable, are always correct. This is truly remarkable in view of the fact that the political and territorial situation of his day was in a state of almost constant change.

3. Fulfilled Prophecies. There is no stronger proof of the inspiration of the Bible than fulfilled prophecy. What would you think if you found a book written in 1850 that predicted, in detail, the events of 9/11/01? A prophecy like that would be remarkable. The Bible contains many examples of this kind of prophecy. 1 Kings 13:2 foretells the work of a king 300 years before he was born. Isaiah 44:28-45:1 gives the very name of a king and what he will do 150 years before he is born. There are 332 prophecies in the Old Testament that are fulfilled in the life Jesus Christ. These were not lucky guesses. Fulfilled prophecy is one of the greatest proofs of divine inspiration that we have (Isa. 48:3-5).

4. Scientific Foreknowledge. The Bible reveals knowledge of scientific facts that were not discovered by man until centuries later.

- **Life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11):** It wasn't until 3,000 years later that man discovered that blood carried oxygen throughout the body.
- **Shape of the earth (Isa. 40:22):** Man spent centuries believing the world was flat. The Bible said it was a sphere.

Ways We Can Know that the Bible is Inspired

1. The unity of the Bible
2. Historical and geographical accuracy
3. Fulfilled prophecies
4. Scientific foreknowledge
5. Impartiality

- **Number of stars (Jer. 33:22):** For centuries, man believed that the stars numbered just over 1,000. It is now suggested that over 25 sextillion stars exist.
- **Sanitation laws of Leviticus:** such as not eating animals that die naturally, not eating scavenger animals, burying human waste. Today we take for granted that these practices help us avoid disease and death, but these facts weren't discovered until recently. How could man have guessed these scientific facts centuries before they were discovered?

5. Impartiality. A book written by man would seek to minimize the faults of his heroes while emphasizing their virtues. This is not the case with the Bible. Abraham, the friend of God, lied about his wife—twice! David, a man after God's own heart, was an adulterer and a murderer. Noah, a man who walked with God, got drunk and passed out. The apostle Peter denied the Lord three times. These facts are not covered up. The Bible provides an amazingly objective and perfectly impartial historical account.

This list could go on, but these facts are enough to back up the Bible's claim of inspiration. The Bible has stood the test of time and honest criticism. We can have confidence that when we read the Bible we are reading the inspired Word of God.

All in the Life of a Preacher: Paul and His Enemies (I)

STEVE WALLACE

We give our attention here to something that caused Paul much personal anguish and effort, as well as distraction from his work of reaching the lost—his foes. Jesus taught that having enemies was something his apostles could not avoid (Matt. 10:22; John 15:19, 20; 17:14). Paul certainly found this to be true in his life. As we will note in this article, he faced enmity from different people, manifested in various ways.

Paul's Character and Work

Paul was a man of notable birth and upbringing which he left behind to serve Christ (Acts 22:3; Phil 3:4-7). He is known because he received revelation from God that could not be changed and that all men—Christian and non-Christian—needed to hear. He also is known for his work in spreading this message (2 Cor. 5:11-19). He was careful in his conduct, bold in his speech, set to defend the gospel, and ready to go wherever the gospel was needed (2 Cor. 5:20-6:10; 1 Thess. 2:1-12; Acts 13:46; 14:3; Phil. 1:16; Acts 16-18). *Many were converted as a result of his teaching* (Acts 13-19). Because of his honest concern for the souls of others, his brethren commended him, supported his work, and sought his help (Gal. 2:6-9; Phil. 4:15-16; 2 Cor. 11:8-9; 1 Cor. 1:11; 7:1). Because of all this, Paul was a man of considerable influence in the world of his day (Acts 15:1-2, 12; 19:13, 31; 24:5). Indeed, his influence continues today. An appreciation of who Paul was leads to obvious questions regarding those who withstood him.

Who Were His Enemies?

Not all his enemies were the same. Some were people who withstood the gospel he preached. Many were Jews Paul encountered in his work of preaching (Acts 13-14; 21-22). Some were Jews or perhaps even Christians not fully converted out of Judaism with influence among brethren (Acts 15:1, 5, 24; Gal. 5:2-4; 6:12). Still others were those whose work suffered because of Paul (Acts 16:16-24; 19:23-41). Then there were those with sinful feelings toward him (Phil. 1:15,17).

What Actions Did Enemies Take Against Paul?

1. They made false accusations against him (Acts 24:5-6;

25:7-8; 2 Cor. 1:12-23).

2. They sought to deceive those converted under his teaching (1 Cor. 11:3; Gal. 3:1).
3. They went to churches known to him and taught error or stirred up trouble (Acts 15:1; Gal.; 2 Cor.).
4. They ran him out of town in some places (Acts 13:50-51; 14:5-6).
5. They sought to stir up civil authorities against him (Acts 17:6; 18:12-16).
6. They started riots (Acts 19:28-32; 21:27-31).
7. They physically attacked Paul (Acts 14:19; 16:16-24; 21:27-31).

Some Lessons for Us Today

1. "Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12). The way of the cross leads home.
2. Those who falsely accuse brethren and seek to deceive others about them are in the same class as those who would cause physical harm. *Oh, the charges brethren make against faithful brethren in various parts of the world!* In India, our liberal brethren have charged faithful preachers with attracting Indian preachers with money and "grabbing" church property. In the Philippines, one brother has been charged by others with having a "directorship style" when he merely sought to have the gospel preached in a local church. In the U.S., faithful brethren who have simply preached and defended the truth of the gospel as God's standard for salvation and fellowship among Christians have been accused of "trying to control the brotherhood," "trying to make a name for themselves," and the like. May all brethren see the unsavory

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company they join by using such tactics and shun them! All of these tactics are carnal in nature (2 Cor. 10:3).

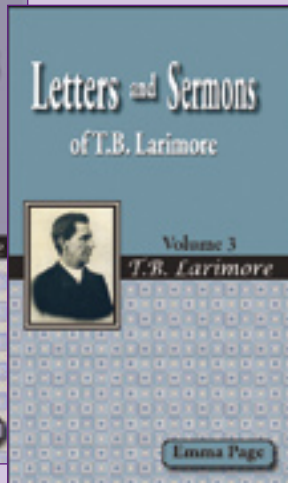
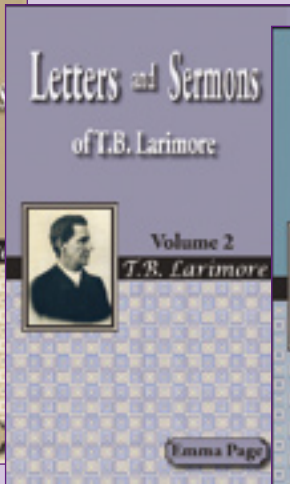
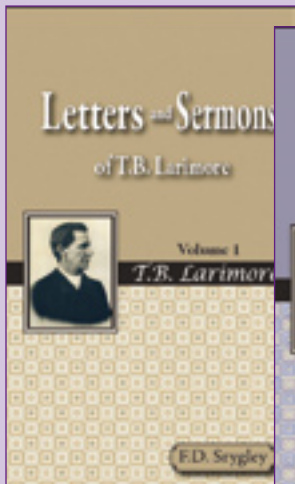
- Let us learn from Paul and his enemies a great difference in the respective battles they fought: Paul himself fought battles when they needed to be fought. However, his enemies fought battles that *did not* need to be fought. Paul engaged in spiritual warfare (2 Cor. 10:3-6). His enemies were obviously moved by less noble motives.

Paul himself fought battles when they needed to be fought. However, his enemies fought battles that did not need to be fought.

- Let us all resolve to teach, live, and defend the gospel, and commend those who do so (Gal. 2:6-9; Ps. 119:63, 74). The sad truth about those who fought against Paul is that they were fighting against one who walked by this very principle!

Conclusion

As we study Paul and his enemies we see the difference between approved and unapproved New Testament examples. May we all seek to model ourselves after Paul and the gospel he preached, and shun unworthy examples (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17-19). Also, let us all recognize that, both at home and in the mission field, faithful men will make enemies of those set against the gospel of Christ. More on this next month.



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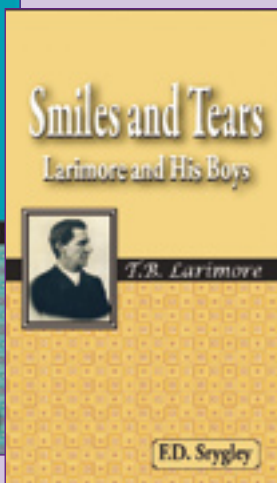
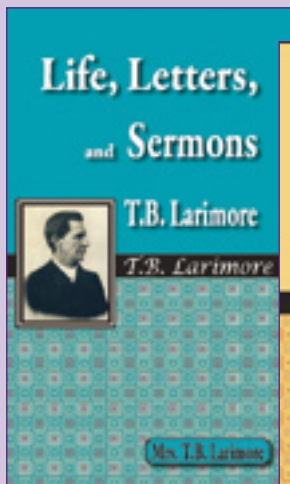
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Sin

Sin is a transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4); it is a failure to do what we know to be right (Jas. 4:17) and it is any act of unrighteousness (1 John 5:17). Most readers will be familiar with these three passages, and perhaps even can quote them. Any sin, persisted in, will separate us from our Creator (Isa. 59:1-2) and will hide his face from us, so that he will not hear our prayers. What a sad condition this is, for anyone!

To help us understand God has given us some catalogs of sin. Romans 1:28-32 offers the first catalog. Read this list carefully! Is it not plain that one of these sins is just as bad before God as any other? Are some of these sins bad, while others are not so bad? Have we reached the point at which we wish to categorize sin? Do we condemn for some of these sins, while we say nothing of the others? We may speak against such thoughts which these questions suggest but, what about our practice? Does the lowly sin of "envy" get the same attention as that of murder or fornication? More about this later. Galatians 5:19-21 offers the second catalog. This second list should be carefully and thoughtfully read, also. We shall resist the temptation to ask the same questions here as we did for the first catalog, but it would be in order to do so. In Colossians 3:5-10, we have a shorter catalog, but it can make a contribution to the careful and honest student of Scripture. Thus, we here suggest a careful reading, also.

The point which the writer has in mind with these observations concerning sin is that God's word knows nothing of "big sins" and "little sins," "important sins" and "unimportant sins." Yes, I know that "lying" may not be as dangerous in a court of law as "murder" and that "covetousness" does not get the attention from brethren as does "fornication." Yet, any one of these sins is just as condemning before God as the other. Brethren, this is a fact!

I doubt the necessity of saying more about sin itself, so we turn to the second word in our title.

Repentance

I would not expect to have anyone object to the necessity of repentance. Jesus established the necessity of repentance in his comments in Luke 13:1-5. Both John the Baptist and Jesus connected "repentance" with the kingdom of heaven

(Matt. 3:2; 4:17). Simon was told, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee" (Acts 8:22). Further, God "commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). And, God did this "because he hath appointed a day, in the which he shall judge the world in righteousness."

I would also expect the reader to know that repentance is a change of will, manifested in actions which follow. This can be seen in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11ff.). Repentance has also been said to be "the act of turning away from sin and a turning to the Lord"—both turnings being a necessity. Certainly, this is true! W. E. Vine says that "repent" in the New Testament always involves a change for the better. Repentance, then, is a change of the will, shown by a turning away from sin and a turning to God.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Here we have another facet of that sought-after forgiveness, and this would appear to be solidly attached to repentance.

The one who genuinely repents, then, will do the following: (1) change his will, (2) turn from sin, (3) turn to God, (4) confess his sins. These four things bring God's forgiveness; anything less than these cannot be acceptable. Now, we should be ready for our third word.

Forgiveness

We have already noticed God's forgiveness, based upon God's promise to forgive. Let us begin with what God promises to do under the "new covenant." "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 8:12). What a wonderful and encouraging promise! God will not make the one who sins do penance! God will not put such a one on probation! When the one who sins has done what is expected of him (see the four things given above), God remembers those sins "no more"! Is this the way it is with God's people today? We are told, if a brother repents, forgive him (Luke 17:3-4); again, we are told to be tender-hearted, forgiving one another (Eph. 4:32). The Corinthians had inflicted the punishment, as directed by Paul, on the fornicator. Having done that, Paul now tells them, forgive him, comfort him, confirm your love toward him (2 Cor. 2:6-8). It seems to me that these instructions have been ignored or overlooked by many among us today. We may not wish to call what we do "penance" or "probation"; but, if not these terms, pray tell what terms do we use. God doesn't have any. He just forgives and remembers the sins against them "no more." How about us?

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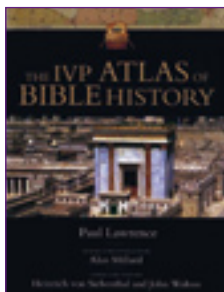
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The IVP Atlas is written by Paul Lawrence, a practicing archaeologist who utilizes the latest findings in history and archaeology to tell the Bible story. Lawrence presents a smooth and easy-to-read narrative of Bible history from beginning to end. There are numerous helpful maps, photographs, charts, drawings, and reconstructions found throughout the book. Overall, the narrative found in *The IVP Atlas* is sound, but the reader will want to take caution at a few points along the way—for example, Lawrence’s comments about the genealogies of Genesis 5, the flood, the ten plagues, or the late date of the Exodus. On the plus side, Lawrence includes several helpful chapters on Bible languages, climate, agriculture, writing, trade, warfare, intertestamental figures, and more. From the story of creation to the seven churches of Asia and the spread of Christianity, *The IVP Atlas of Bible History* is a very useful resource for the study of Bible history, geography, and archaeology. Any Bible student or teacher interested in a better understanding of the general flow of Bible history will like *The IVP Atlas of Bible History*.



theoretical. He sets forth the basic steps that anyone can take to achieve true happiness—for example, if one will control his thoughts and count his blessings he can be a happier person. King also brings focus to his writing. He points out that the main purpose or goal in life is to serve God, only then can one truly be happy. Solomon, who began a search for happiness in things, found in the end that “the whole of man” is to fear God and keep his commandments (Eccl. 12:13-14). *Searching For Happiness?* speaks to a great need today. It is highly recommend reading for those who seek true happiness on God’s terms in a world of much sin and sadness.

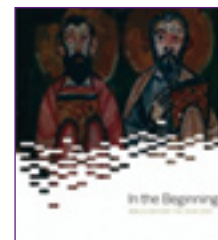
In the Beginning: Bibles Before the Year 1000

Michelle P. Brown, Editor

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What ancient manuscripts were used to produce the English Bibles we have today? How did people read and transcribe God’s word hundreds of years ago? *In the Beginning*, edited by Michelle P. Brown, is an excellent resource to answer these questions. This work contains many helpful chapters on how the Bible was transcribed and spread throughout the known world during the first ten centuries A.D. Many fascinating stories about the making of the Bible are also scattered throughout this book. Over a hundred pages are dedicated to a series of full-color pictures of ancient scripture texts. Brown’s collection of essays closes with an extensive reference catalogue of seventy-four items of interest (fragments, scrolls, books, etc.). Each entry contains a picture, basic information about the item, and a bibliography for further study. *In the Beginning* is “must reading” for anyone who is serious about a study of ancient Bible manuscripts. (For anyone living in or near Washington D.C., you may want to view the Bible fragments and manuscripts that are housed in the Freer Gallery of Art. *In the Beginning* would provide good background reading for the visitor who would like to view these ancient texts in person.)



Searching for Happiness?

Daniel H. King, Sr.

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Drug overdoses. Suicides. School shootings. Road rage. Divorces. There is no question that our society is full of people who are unhappy. Many of them no doubt want to be happy, but they refuse help or go to the wrong place for help. In a new book, *Searching For Happiness?*, Dan King brings the reader to a better understanding of

how a person can be happy. The key is to turn to the Bible for help, not to the things of the world. Following God’s principles set forth in the Bible can help one to be happy and content in life. King’s approach is practical, not

Nehemiah

Theme

While Ezra led God's people to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem, Nehemiah was an important official serving the King in the land of Persia. Nehemiah was sad because the walls and gates of Jerusalem were still broken down. The King appointed him Governor of Jerusalem and allowed him to return there to rebuild the walls and gates. After 52 days of hard work by God's people, the walls and gates were restored.

Nehemiah and Ezra gathered the people for a day of Bible reading, preaching, and study. They met from early morning until noon. The people learned from the Law of Moses that they had failed to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, and they wept. The Feast came at the end of the harvest each year. It reminded God's people of the time when their forefathers left Egypt and traveled in the wilderness going to Canaan living in small booths and tents. This Feast was renewed and observed with Bible study and great joy for eight days. The people confessed their sins and promised to obey God.

Nehemiah returned to Persia very happy! Later, he came again to Jerusalem when God's people began to commit many sins again. After more Bible study, the people repented, confessed their sins, corrected their lives, and asked God's forgiveness.

God's people were only a remnant, very small in number, but God blessed them when they obeyed him. He protected them and guided their history so that Jesus would be born in their nation. The church of Christ is God's remnant today. He blesses the lives of his people and guides us to heaven.

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Memory Verse

(Nehemiah said,)

"Come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem."

Neh. 2:17

Activity - Fill in the Blanks:

1. "...send me unto _____, unto the city of my father's _____, that I may _____ it" (2:5b).
2. "So the _____ was finished in the _____ day of the month of Elul, in _____ days" (6:15).
3. "...he read in the book of the _____ of _____. And they kept the _____ seven _____; and on the _____ day was a solemn _____" (8:18).
4. "...they read in the book of the law of the _____ their _____ in one fourth part of the _____; and another _____ part they _____, and _____ the _____ their _____" (9:3).

Review Memory Verse from Ezra:
(King Cyrus of Persia said,) "Go up to Jerusalem...and build the house of the Lord God of Israel" (Ezra 1:2-3).

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that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. (11:22-23).

This text says nothing about what the Apostles did; it speaks of what the *church* in Jerusalem did, apparently with divine approval. They sent Barnabas to Antioch. The word *exapostello* basically means “send out, send away,” but it is especially used with the sense of sending “in order to have him fulfill a mission in another place,” which is the sense it bears in Acts 11:22. Can you imagine what reception I would receive were the church of which I am a member to send me on a mission to the church of which you are a member, similar to the one which Barnabas was given? I suspect the attitude we would have today would be this: “You brethren take care of your business and we will take care of our own.” What has changed since the first century church was established? Barnabas and Saul spent a whole year working with the church at Antioch (11:26).

The church at Antioch sent Barnabas and Saul on what is called the “first missionary journey.” These two good men established churches in various areas and later returned to see how they were doing. They returned to Iconium and Antioch of Pisidia, “confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed” (14:22-23). It is difficult to imagine that kind of reception of an evangelist today. Were I to return to a local church with which I have spent years laboring (much less a few weeks or months as was the case with Barnabas and Saul) and help them to appoint elders, they most likely would tell me to mind my own business and send me packing. What has changed since the first century?

When the church at Corinth had problems, Paul sent Timothy to work with them (1 Cor. 4:17). Some years later,

Paul left Titus in Crete so that he should “set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee” (Tit. 1:5). He begged Timothy “to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou might charge some they they teach no other doctrine” (1 Tim. 1:3). What would you think of a godly brother who so directed two younger preachers today? Would you charge him with overstepping the bounds of a gospel preacher?

But, He’s Not An Apostle

I can hear the response to these examples already. Someone replies, “But we do not have apostles today.” Let’s think this through a moment. Are we saying that the Apostles held a position of authority over a brotherhood of churches which gave them authority to do such things? That cannot be the case for two reasons: (a) There is no brotherhood of churches in the New Testament. The universal church is not made up of local congregations, but of saints. (b) In the second case, being an apostle did not give one authority to do what would otherwise be wrong to do. If it is wrong for one today to do what Paul did, then it was wrong for Paul to do it as well. Being an apostle did not give one the prerogative to do sinful things.

The work of the Apostles was to give revelation and to confirm that the revelation given was of God by the miracles that they performed and passed on to others. These are the only works unique to the Apostles.

Actually, to argue that we cannot do what an Apostle did undermines one of the basic teachings of Scripture: apostolic example. Paul wrote, “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you” (Phil. 4:9). This is not an isolated text; Paul stated the same thing in other places:

Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church (1 Cor. 4:16-17).

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

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Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (Phil. 3:17).

And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost (1 Thess. 1:6).

Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us (2 Thess. 3:9).

Paul instructed that saints be followers of his example and to “bring into remembrance of my ways.” This is the essence of approved apostolic example. The fact of the matter is that we have distorted the biblical doctrine of autonomy into isolation.

What Is The Doctrine of Autonomy of Churches?

The word “autonomy” emphasizes the self-governing nature of independent churches. What it recognizes is that each local church has oversight over its own business. There is no intercongregational board that oversees the work of a local church. The doctrine rests upon such Scriptures as these:

And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed (Acts 14:23).

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28).

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock (1 Pet. 5:1-3).

There were elders appointed in every local church; they were limited in oversight to the congregation over which the Holy Spirit had made them overseers; they were to feed the flock of God which is among you. Elders have no oversight over any church except the local church of which they are members.

The only power one has over a local church is the power

of persuasion. A preacher/teacher can present the word of God to that local church, but the elders of that local church will have to make their own decision about whether or not to obey the word of God. I may preach what the Bible teaches about using mechanical instruments of music in worship, but the local church will have to decide whether or not to start using those instruments. But the preacher has not violated the autonomy of a local church by preaching a sermon on mechanical instruments of music in worship, by writing and sending to the members of that church an article in a church bulletin or some other medium addressing the same subject. The same is true of every other issue.

What is the Scope of Their Work?

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missionary journey. These evangelists returned to Antioch and gave reports about the work they had done. On the second journey, they sent out two teams: Barnabas and John Mark to Crete; Paul and Silas toward Galatia. Could one have argued in the first century, “The church at Antioch has not been given the mission to evangelize the world. They are trying to do the work for all of the other local churches in the world. They are doing a brotherhood work”? Of course, any argument could be made, but the making of the argument does not prove that it is so. The work at Antioch was done under the oversight of that local church. There is no evidence of a pooling of resources whereby other churches sent contributions to Antioch so that they could do this great work.

Some brethren sound the “alarm” when a congregation conducts a special series of lessons on some selected topic and invites brethren far and wide to attend. What is wrong with that? The work is under the oversight of the local

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church; it is financed by the resources of that local church. Other local churches did not start the work, do not pay for the work, and cannot stop that work (but they can undermine that work by their criticism and they can create suspicion by false charges.) But, when all is said and done, this is nothing but a local church doing its work. Sometimes it helps us to think of what brethren in previous times have done. During the institutional battle, many local churches conducted a series of lessons on institutionalism and sent out advertisements to all area congregations inviting them to attend the series so that they could learn the truth on the sponsoring church, church support of human institutions, and church sponsored recreation. No one questioned whether or not that was scriptural. But should a church today conduct a series of lessons on how to preach and encourage brethren far and wide to attend, someone charges that they are doing a brotherhood work and are violating congregational autonomy. Are we asking too much to ask brethren to be consistent in the application of their own principles? If one consistently applied the principle underlying this criticism, there would be no authority to send out a meeting announcement to area congregations because the very act of inviting brethren from the area to attend would be overstepping the bounds of local church autonomy in the same way. Can anyone set a boundary (ten miles, twenty miles, two hundred miles, etc.) beyond which an invitation to come study cannot be sent?

During the institutional battle, congregations sent out bulletins to brethren all over the United States. I used to get about 100 bulletins a week. Many of these bulletins had as their main thrust to teach brethren the “issues.” One church in Ohio sent out a bulletin designed to teach brethren, especially in the Ohio Valley, what the Scriptures teach about institutionalism. From time to time, institutional churches would react to the bulletin by charging that the local church had violated congregational autonomy by sending their bulletin to the members of another church. Most preachers chuckled at the foolishness of such criticism, understanding that Christ had charged men to teach the gospel to every creature and no eldership had the right to censure the reading material that its members received (Mark 16:15-16). Now that very church condemns as violating church autonomy one responding via a printed medium to what they preach from their pulpit. The legs of the lame are not equal!

What Have We Produced?

In the name of local church autonomy, we are creating a bunch of isolated churches. These churches have little sense of “brotherhood.” They have quit attending each other’s meetings, reached the conclusion that a brother has violated local church autonomy if he says anything about the practices of a local church of which he is not a member, quit sharing information about members transferring from one church to another, and know virtually little about the saints in any congregation other than their own. For those of us who are older and have experienced something different, this is a tragic situation.

I began preaching in the late 1960s. Local churches had divided over institutionalism. Those preachers who lived through this battle had a camaraderie of spirit that doesn’t exist today. The preachers in Indianapolis would eat together at least once a month, brethren attended one another’s meetings much better than brethren do today, and area churches conducted a singing one Sunday a month on a rotating basis (in one church one month, another church the next month, etc.) so that brethren could get to know one another better. Brethren had a sense of “brotherhood” without violating congregational autonomy.

Some brethren take a “bury your head in the sand” approach to any issues facing the church. These brethren isolate themselves from any issues currently spreading among brethren. They don’t want to read about those issues in periodicals or church bulletins; they view those who discuss those issues as “watch dogs” who bite and devour one another. And, these elitists think they are superior because they don’t get involved in such things. Having determined not to have preaching that addresses contemporary issues among churches in their pulpits and Bible classes, they create fertile soil in which apostasy can be introduced. Should a false teacher get his influence in that congregation, no one could

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say anything about it because they will not allow that kind of preaching; should someone outside the local church try to warn them of the danger, they view him as violating the autonomy of the local church. Such churches are very vulnerable. Wonder what Jesus meant when he told the members to “beware” of false teachers (Matt. 7:15; 16:6, 11-12; Phil. 3:2; Col. 2:8; 2 Pet. 3:17)? What is required by the qualification that the elder be “vigilant” (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 2:2)? Peter warned, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). Are we so naïve that we think that the Devil is not active in the twenty-first century?

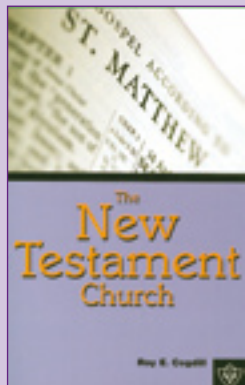
Brethren are needlessly fragmenting themselves, dividing over judgmental issues. One church condemns as liberal another church because they receive into their fellowship a put away person who subsequently remarried. When the details are examined, what one learns is that the guilty party in a divorce for fornication filed the divorce papers before the innocent party did. Or it may be that the evidence of the fornication was not available until after the papers at

the courthouse were finalized. One church reaches the conclusion that lectureships conducted at Florida College or the *Truth Magazine* lectures are sinful and subsequently breaks its financial fellowship with anyone who disagrees with them. On and on it goes until what we will have produced is a group of fragmented, factional brethren! Where will it end?

Conclusion

We are brethren! We should conduct ourselves toward one another in such a spirit that the world can see our common love for one another. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35). One of the tests of our love for one another occurs in how we conduct ourselves when we have differences. I fear that some are ready to cut off one another (another word for disfellowship) anyone who disagrees with them. The yellow tag of quarantine does not have to be published in a brotherhood magazine for its sinful effect to occur.

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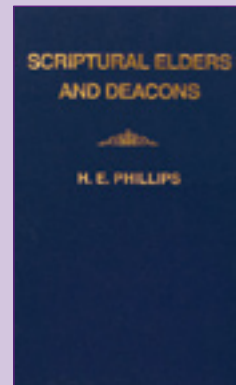


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<p>FLORENCE, AL College View Church of Christ 851 N. Pine St. (Next to University Campus) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Mark White</p>	<p>MONTGOMERY, AL Eastbrook Church of Christ 650 Coliseum Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Bldg: (334) 272-4232 Evangelist: Brian Moore 279-1077 Tommy Moore 285-6066; Carroll Puckett 288-1461; Charles Martin 283-2983; Bob Smith 334-277-1904</p>	<p>GLENDALE, AZ Church of Christ 6801 N. 60th Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:40 A.M. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:40 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Harperk</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Hwy. 65 Church of Christ 217 Highway 65 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bruce Reeves Bldg: (501) 336-0052</p>	<p>PINE BLUFF, AR Church of Christ 4700 W. 28th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Clarence W. Fell (870) 879-2097</p>	<p>DUBLIN, CA Tri-Valley Church of Christ 11873 Dublin Blvd. Dublin, CA 94568 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Higgins (925) 828-8747</p>
<p>HUNTSVILLE, AL Chapman Acres Church of Christ 2137 Penhall Dr., NE (I-565, Exit 21, left on Maysville Rd., left on Chapman Ave., right on Penhall Dr.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Roger Blackwelder (256) 536-5296 or 776-2223</p>	<p>NORTHPORT, AL Northwood Church of Christ 4601 Northwood Estates Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Hartselle</p>	<p>PRESCOTT, AZ Pleasant Valley Church of Christ 2820 Willow Creek Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Pete Hicks (928) 778-7858</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Prince Street Church of Christ 2655 Prince St. (Hwy. 60) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 336-0669</p>	<p>ROGERS, AR Central Church of Christ P.O. Box 763 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ricky Manes (479) 636-7484 (479) 631-0288</p>	<p>FOLSOM, CA Church of Christ 900 E. Natomas St. P.O. Box 492 Worship 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: David Posey (530) 676-9514 or (916) 608-4866 www.folsomchurch.com</p>

<p>FREMONT, CA Church of Christ in the Centerville area 38069 Martha Ave. Ste 100 Fremont, CA 94536 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (510) 794-7659</p>	<p>IGNACIO, CO Church of Christ 295 Burns Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. (970) 563-9418</p>	<p>DESTIN, FL South Walton Church of Christ 64 Casting Lake Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 622-3817 www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>KEY LARGO, FL Key Largo Church of Christ 100695 N. Overseas Hwy. 33037 m.m. 100.5 on U.S. 1 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Roland Fritz (305) 451-1194</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p>SEFFNER, FL Church of Christ 621 E. Wheeler Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297 www.seffnercofc.org</p>
<p>HEMET, CA Church of Christ 203 W. Acacia Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Piner (951)925-1991</p>	<p>MONTROSE, CO San Juan church of Christ 1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit C Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Richard Thetford (970) 626-5558 or (970) 249-8116 www.sanjuanchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>FORT LAUDERDALE, FL Northside Church of Christ 912 NW 19th St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (305) 763-1404</p>	<p>KISSIMMEE, FL Church of Christ 2431 Fortune Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Copeland (407) 931-1725 or 348-0300</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL S. Bumby Church of Christ 3940 S. Bumby Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Joshua C. Creel (407) 851-8031 or (321) 235-3307</p>	<p>TAMPA, FL Central Church of Christ 2701 E. Fowler Ave (in the Clarion) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. John Lockaby (813) 833-5786 John Trimble (813) 914-0546 Tom O'Neal (813) 625-5651</p>
<p>LONG BEACH, CA Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Lonnie Fritz (562) 420-2363 Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577</p>	<p>PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO Church of Christ Community Center 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Eddie Campbell (970) 264-4236</p>	<p>FORT MYERS, FL Church of Christ 200 Pine Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Vernon E. Ford (239) 567-0819</p>	<p>LAKELAND, FL Lakeland Hills Blvd. Church of Christ 2510 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelists: Marc W. Gibson Don Hastings (863) 688-4336</p>	<p>PALATKA, FL Palatka Church of Christ 505 Third Ave. (Third Ave. intersects Hwy. 19 one block south of Hwy. 20) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Skomp (386) 326-3952 or 546-5689</p>	<p>ZEPHYRHILLS, FL Church of Christ 5444 4th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Assembly 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (813) 788-9587</p>
<p>OCEANSIDE-VISTA, CA Church of Christ 2020 Sunset Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Lowell C. Bell (760) 940-8003</p>	<p>DOVER, DE Kent-Sussex Church of Christ 2041 South DuPont Hwy Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (302) 672-7087 www.delawarebiblestudies.com</p>	<p>FORT MYERS, FL Southside Church of Christ 13641 Learning Ct. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David P. Schmidt 433-2838 or 482-2158</p>	<p>MERRITT ISLAND, FL Church of Christ 512 Plumosa St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (321) 453-3320</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL Beach Church of Christ 8910 Front Beach Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ben Liggins (850) 234-2521 or 234-1368</p>	<p>CENTERVILLE, GA Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1128</p>
<p>ARVADA, CO (Denver) Northgate Church of Christ (Lincoln Academy Charter School) 6980 Pierce Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Afternoon Class/ Worship 1:30 P.M. (303) 456-4895</p>	<p>ALACHUA, FL Santa Fe Hills Church of Christ Hwy. 441, 1/2 mile west of I-75 (Exit 78) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James L. Yopp (386) 462-4325 or (352) 333-7003 www.geocities.com/jameslyopp</p>	<p>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL 6 Lane Dr. Mary Esther, FL Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY, FL Church of Christ 3339 Florida Ave. (Between Baldwin Rd. & Hwy. 390) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin Hudson (850) 265-6539</p>	<p>CONYERS, GA Rockdale Church of Christ East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918- 1932 Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987; Bob Tullan, elder (770) 979-1207; Building (770) 929-3923</p>
<p>AURORA, CO (Denver) Boston St. Church of Christ 1297 Boston St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Preacher: Sam Csonka (303) 366-5283</p>	<p>BRONSON, FL Church of Christ 894 E. Hathaway (Hwy. 27A) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Zellner (352) 528-3058</p>	<p>FROSTPROOF, FL Church of Christ 40 W. "A" St. Frostproof, FL 33483 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Freese (863) 635-2607 or 635-4278</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437</p>	<p>PENSACOLA, FL East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Stan Adams 479-2130 or 994-7749</p>	<p>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>
<p>COLORADO SPRINGS, CO Northeast Church of Christ 6660 Galley Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (719) 597-6661 Spanish Service 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p>BROOKSVILLE, FL Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803</p>	<p>GENEVA, FL Geneva Church of Christ Ave. C and 2nd St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (407) 349-9998</p>	<p>NAVAREE, FL Church of Christ 8490 James M. Harvell Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Bell (850) 939-1177 or 939-8620</p>	<p>PENSACOLA, FL Northside Church of Christ 4001 N. Ninth Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph R. Mazter (850) 432-0736</p>	<p>VALDOSTA, GA Church of Christ 4313 North Valdosta Rd. (Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (229) 244-8630</p>
<p>GOLDEN, CO Westside Church of Christ 13789 West 8th Ave. (½ mi. E. of Indiana St.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (303) 233-5683</p>	<p>CHIPLEY, FL Church of Christ 1295 Brickyard Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 638-4942</p>	<p>HOLLYWOOD, FL Harding St. Church of Christ 5828 Harding St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jason Schoenholz (954) 961-4112</p>	<p>OCALA, FL Church of Christ 3900 S. Pine (441, 301 & 27 S.) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Hudgins (352) 694-2922 Evangelist: Jeremy Ferguson</p>	<p>ST. PETERSBURG, FL Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p>BLACKFOOT, ID Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 1:30 P.M. Worship 2:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>
<p>GRAND JUNCTION, CO Valley Church of Christ 491 Sparn Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Bohannon (970) 245-5112</p>	<p>DELAND, FL North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE, FL Marietta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden (904) 781-5704 or 693-9929 693-0432 www.mariettacoc.com</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p>PLANT CITY, FL Plant City Church of Christ 315 N. Wilder Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Gary M. Ogden (813) 752-2227 or 752-2771</p>	<p>ABINGDON, IL Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>

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<p>BENTON, IL Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (west of Wal-Mart)</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Greg King (618) 438-2911 or 435-2981</p>	<p>ELLETTSVILLE, IN Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnnie Edwards Evangelist: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285 or 336-4630</p>	<p>OOBITIC, IN Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34</p> <p>Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p>LENEXA, KS Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p>DANVILLE, KY 385 E. Lexington Ave.</p> <p>Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Steve Wolfgang & Scott Vifiquain 236-4204, 236-8506 or 238-0860</p>	<p>TOMPKINSVILLE, KY Lyons Chapel Church of Christ 2401 Center Point Rd.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Frank VonDracek (270) 487-8448</p>
<p>CHICAGO, IL Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St.</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>	<p>HAMMOND, IN Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p>PEKIN, IN Church of Christ (First St. & Karnes Ct.)</p> <p>Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p>TOPEKA, KS 17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>FRANKLIN, KY 31-North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p>BATON ROUGE, LA Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr.</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>
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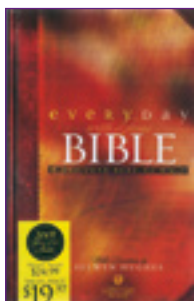


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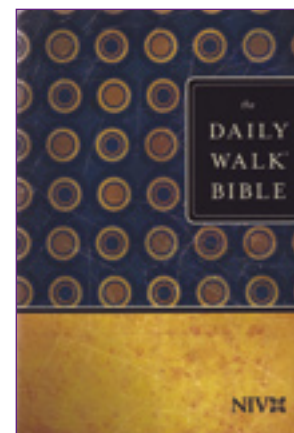
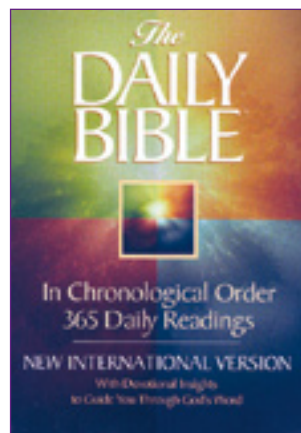
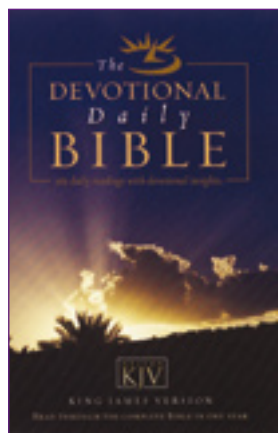
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