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### Hold the Traditions



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### *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle"* (2 Thess. 2:15).

The Apostle Paul exhorted the relatively newly converted brethren at Thessalonica to "stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught." The exhortation which was appropriate to first century Christians is equally appropriate to twenty-first century Christians—that we should cling to the traditions we have been taught.

The word *paradosis* can be used in several ways. It was used of "betrayal, arrest" in early Christian literature, the noun being derived from the verb *paradidomi* which is used as a technical term of police and courts with the meaning "hand over into the custody of" (BAGD, 614). The verb is especially used of Judas' betrayal of Jesus (Matt. 26:15; Mark 14:10; Luke 22:4, 6; John 19:11). But *paradosis* does not have this meaning in the context of 2 Thessalonians 2:15.

*Paradosis* can also bear the meaning of "tradition, of teachings, commandments, narratives et al., first in the act. sense . . . , but in our lit. only pass., of that which is handed down" (BAGD, 615). This is the sense in which it is used in our context—that which is handed down from one generation to another. Because traditions have various origins, there are exhortations in the Scripture both to avoid tradition and to cling to traditions.

### THE TRADITIONS OF MEN

Rather than standing fast in and holding to traditions, those traditions which have their origin in man should be rejected and avoided. Jesus told his disciples to avoid the traditions of the elders:

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the *tradition of the elders*? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your *tradition*? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your *tradition*. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me (Matt. 15:1-8).

Mark's account refers to the traditions of men (7:8). The terms "tradition of the elders" and "traditions of men" refer to traditions that have their origin in men, not from God.

Where had God made a ceremonial washing of one's hands before eating his food a condition for salvation and fellowship with other believers? The fact of the matter is that human traditions have the effect of causing the word of the Lord not to be obeyed. Jesus illustrated how human traditions undermine God's commandments by

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the command to "honor" one's parents. In the first century, a human tradition had developed which said that one could give what should have been used for father and mother to the Temple. The effect was that men devoted to the Temple what they should have given to their aged parents, causing God's word to be disobeyed. The Jews had many similar traditions of men. Looking back on his early life, Paul said that he once had been exceedingly zealous to keep the traditions of the fathers (Gal. 1:14). Paul also said, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Col. 2:8). Certainly these were not the kinds of traditions Paul had in mind when he told the Thessalonians to stand fast in them and hold them fast.

There are many traditions of men that threaten the church today, just as certainly as human traditions threatened churches in the first century. One can think of the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 31** 

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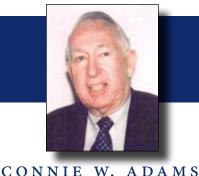
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# have you not read...?

### The Perception Is



"A good name is better than precious ointment" (Eccl. 7:1). "Only let not your good be evil spoken of" (Rom. 14:16). Timothy was "well reported of by the brethren" (Acts 16:2). Surely, we would rather be held in respect than despised.

But sometimes perceptions are unjust. Ahab's perception of Elijah was that he was the one who "troubleth Israel" (1 Kings 18:17). It was really the other way around.

Jesus was perceived by the Jewish rulers as a "blasphemer" who had to be stopped at all cost. For that reason they "took counsel together to put him to death" (John 11:53). Yet Peter said that he "left us an example that we should walk in his steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 2:21-22).

Paul said, "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness" (1 Cor. 1:23). The perception of both unbelieving Jews and Greeks was wrong. The truth? "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God—is stronger than men" (v. 25).

Unbelieving Jews created a false impression about Paul and his companions at Thessalonica. They dragged "certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, "these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6). The perception spread. "And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things" (v. 8). But it was all based on false information. But still, that was the perception.

### **IMAGE PROBLEMS**

Let's face it, Jesus, the apostles and the early church suffered from an image problem. I guess Demas succumbed to it for he "forsook . . . having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). The church of our Lord has often suffered from an image problem. That's the little bunch who thinks they are the only ones who are right." "Oh, they are the ones who don't believe in music." The perception of many younger people now is that organized religion is hypocritical, repressive, and out of touch with life in the real world. On top of that they are judged to be too judgmental and bigoted.

### SOLVING THE IMAGE PROBLEM

I don't know that we always can solve it. We cannot compromise the truth because some who stand for it have been slandered and false perceptions have been created. All of us need to keep on preaching what we know to be the truth, doing what we know to be right, and living uprightly before God and the world, whether or not the perceptions are changed. In the final analysis, does it really matter what people think of us? No, it does not. What matters is what God thinks about us. If my action is right before God, then whatever contrary perceptions may prevail are of no importance. When we begin to sample perceptions, brotherhood or otherwise, and decide our actions and associations accordingly, then we have sold out our principles for the pottage of human approval and opinion. Is there a price to pay sometimes for acting contrary to the "perception which is out there"? Absolutely. You may have a meeting or two canceled without any explanation. That happened to me twice this year. One was cancelled with no other explanation than "for the health of the church." I don't know if that meant the church was all too sick to attend a meeting or they thought my preaching would make them all sick. Another was canceled with the explanation "due to circumstances." When I inquired what those "circumstances" were. I received no answer. Do churches have the same right to cancel meetings as to schedule them? Of course they do. But there is such a thing as honorable treatment which even people in the world recognize in the realm of business dealings.

Am I going to cut off associations with brethren I know to be honorable and who are engaged in activities which are just and right because of some "perception out there"? No sir, I am not. Others may choose whatever course they desire, but it appears to this old country boy that principle and perception are not always on the same page. The measure of a man's character and caliber may well be decided by which one he chooses. "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23).

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# The Jerusalem Rooster



Perhaps each person experiences that "one moment in time," that moment of truth when he sees himself in reality, just as God sees him. This happened to several men in the Bible. Let's notice some.

### PETER

Peter denied that he would deny the Lord, even if everyone else did and even if it meant his own death (Mark 14:29-31). That "one moment in time" that piercing moment, for Peter was when the rooster crowed and

everything came rushing home to him of how the Lord had told him that "before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." When the rooster did crow the second time, "the Lord turned and looked upon Peter." This was the point at which Peter went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:60-62).

### **KING AGRIPPA II**

Paul rehearsed the account of his conversion when he appeared in chains before the king. As Paul had changed his mind about Jesus, he hoped Agrippa and his companions would put themselves in Paul's place and draw the same conclu-

sions. He showed how Jesus fulfilled what Moses and the prophets had said, including his resurrection and that the gospel was for both Jews and Gentiles.

Governor Festus loudly interrupted and accused Paul of being out of his mind (Gk. *mania*). Paul flatly denied it and replied in the king's hearing that he was confident the king was keenly aware of the truth for "these things were not done in a corner." Agrippa wasn't ignorant about the situation. His head hadn't been buried in the sand, for inspiration has Paul calling

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#### DICK BLACKFORD

Agrippa an expert in all customs and questions among the Jews and saying to him, "I know that you believe" (Acts 26:5, 27). Paul pressed him for a commitment and Agrippa felt the power of Paul's persuasiveness. Agrippa didn't deny that he believed. In fact he admitted the truth of all Paul had said when he responded, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

Agrippa's declaration of Paul's innocence and that Paul should have been set free is an admission that Paul spoke the truth and that Agrippa believed it. The king felt the heat when he clearly saw the truth and jumped up immediately and withdrew himself from the situation. This was Agrippa's "one moment in time"—his Jerusalem Rooster.

### THE PRODIGAL SON

This son wasted his total inheritance on self-indulgence (Luke 15:13, 14). When he sank so low that he coveted to eat with swine, which were literally and ceremonially unclean, he "came to himself." This was his moment of truth—his Jerusalem Rooster. He had to make a serious and critical decision.

### **OTHERS**

There were others in Scripture who had their "Jerusalem Rooster." Naaman heard it when confronted by his servants (2 Kings5:13-15); David, when confronted

by Nathan the prophet (2 Sam.12); Simon the Pharisee when confronted by Jesus (Luke 7:36f); the people on Pentecost when confronted by Peter and were "pricked in their hearts" (Acts 2:36-41).

### **CONCLUSION:**

Your "Jerusalem Rooster" is a critical time. Some responded favorably while others did not. If one's "Jerusalem Rooster" results in turning to the Lord it could be his best "moment in time." Has the rooster crowed in your life?

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### What I Want You to Know About Your Bible (Part 5)

Why You Need to Study the Bible

I have heard people claim that the average person does not need to study the Bible. Some churches relieve their members of the burden of studying their Bible by telling them to simply trust what their leaders say. Such a practice flies in the face of the teaching of Scripture. Below are just some of the reasons why you need to be studying the Bible.

### YOU NEED SPIRITUAL FOOD.

One will starve without proper nourishment. A Christian is a spiritual being. Just as your physical body needs food in order to survive, so does your spirit. "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). God expects you to grow spiritually. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18). You can not grow in knowledge unless you apply yourself to obtaining that knowledge.

One may claim that he is gaining such knowledge when he goes to church and listens to his preacher. Why should he study when he is already being taught? Notice the example set by the noble minded Bereans. "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). These Bereans heard the apostle Paul preach the Word of God. Notice, however, that they did not place a blind trust in what he said. They studied Paul's message in light of the Scriptures to make sure that what they were hearing was the truth. In doing so, they set a good example for all of us to follow. Your eternal soul is too important to simply take someone's word for it. You should always test what you hear in light of God's Word to make sure that it is the truth (1 John 4:1).

### YOU NEED GUIDANCE.

Man is not equipped to chart his own course through this life. Such will end in failure. "O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23; see Prov. 14:12). God has not abandoned us to wander through this life unaided. He has given us His Word as a guide. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:1-5).

### YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE WILL OF GOD.

"Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). We are not to wander through life as fools. We are to understand God's will as set forth in His Word. There are severe consequences to those who are ignorant of God's will. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6).

HEATH ROGERS

### You need to study in order to know the mind of God.

"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" (1 Cor. 2:11-12). Imagine this great privilege—we can know the mind of God. Such is made possible through reading God's divine revelation.

### YOU NEED TO STUDY IN ORDER TO BE COMPLETE.

"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). God's Word gives you everything that you need. It alerts you to every obligation, equips you for every duty, and prepares you for every situation in which you may find yourself. Men waste their lifetimes searching in vain for that which the Bible alone can supply—completeness.

### You need to study in order to follow Jesus.

What does it mean to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus? Jesus Himself answered this question. "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed" (John 8:31). Jesus asked, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). The way you follow Jesus today is by following His teaching as it is found in the Word of God.

# question & answer

# *Question: Why do you not approve of instrumental music?*

### **Answer:**

The question of why no instruments of music in worship often comes from honest people. It is a fair question that demands a fair answer. All worship of God is limited by those divine instructions given for our guidance. God has always prescribed under every covenant what is acceptable worship to Him. We must conform our efforts to His will and seek never to impose our wills upon His. A lesson learned from the first instance of Old Testament worship—that of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4—is that we must act by faith in

God, based on what He has spoken, if our worship is to please Him (Heb. 11:4). The same lesson can be learned from the Mosaic dispensation, in the case of Nadab and Abihu offering strange fire to the Lord in Leviticus 10. "I will be sanctified in them that come near Me" is the lesson from Leviticus 10:3. Will you restrict your efforts to what God desires? Whatever God has not sanctified as acceptable to Him in worship is unauthorized and constitutes will worship.

We learn from the New Testament that "will worship"—worship established by one's own will (self-directed worship)—is unacceptable (Col. 2:23). The Lord himself declared that worship based upon man's doctrines/commandments is vain (Matt. 15:8-9). Because no New Testament in-

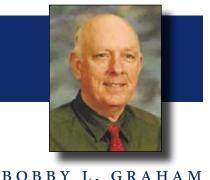
struction shows any kind of music besides singing to be acceptable in worship, one adding another kind of music does so because of human desires and pleasure, not the expressed will of God. "Will worship" fails to meet God's approval, as seen in the teaching of both Jesus and Paul. New Testament practices for worship are those that apply to God's people under the new covenant of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17). Old Testament practices like those of David's day have no application to people in the church. To thus use the Old Testament is to burden oneself with the entire Mosaic Law, according to Galatians 5:1-4, including its insistence upon animal sacrifices and the Levitical priesthood. Will you confine your practice to the teaching of Jesus in the New Testament?

Many insist on David's use of the harp under another

covenant as justification for their use of such. Despite his use of the instrument or the encouragement to use such (Psa. 150), the New Testament instructs the Christian to sing and make melody in his heart to the Lord, the heart being the only instrument in acceptable worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). David psallo'ed (plucked) his harp, but every Christian must psallo his kardia (heart). The covenant of Moses included carnal ordinances, types/shadows of the real/true coming under the new covenant of Christ (Col. 2:17; Heb. 10:1). To remain with the old covenant is to content oneself with the shadow and to miss the reality. We ask for New Testament authority for the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship to God. Where is that teaching found? If it can be produced, then we should all

practice it and stop condemning its use. If it cannot be found, then all should omit its use to please the Lord, which is the very essence of worship. Will you rely on New Testament teaching for faith and practice?





# Were the Plagues Miraculous?



#### DAVID DANN

Upon sending Moses to Egypt for the purpose of demanding that Pharaoh allow Israel to leave, God said, "But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go" (Exod. 3:19-20).

These "wonders" with which God said he would "strike Egypt" are revealed in the book of Exodus as the ten plagues enumerated in chapters 7-12. These plagues include the water turned to blood, frogs, lice, flies, diseased livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the firstborn. Some of the most striking events recorded in the Bible are found in the Exodus account of the plagues God wrought upon Egypt and its hard-hearted king.

As the scholars of our day become more modernistic and rationalistic in their approach to the Bible we should not be surprised to find them trying to explain away the miraculous events of the Bible as natural occurrences. For example, scholars have sought a rational, non-miraculous explanation for the biblical account of the plagues. We have been treated to all manner of theories concocted for the purpose of showing that the plagues of Egypt were coincidental natural disasters, rather than acts of direct divine intervention. One theory that has received a lot of interest in recent years holds that many of the events recorded in Exodus, from the plague of darkness to the receding of the waters of the Red Sea, were caused by a volcanic eruption on the Greek island of Santorini. As for many of the plagues, scholars have been quick to point out that it would not have been unusual for Egypt to have been infested with frogs, flies, lice, or locusts, nor would it have been out of the ordinary for the livestock of Egypt to suffer disease.

According to this reasoning, the plagues of the Exodus account are to be interpreted simply as natural calamities that befell Egypt, rather than as miraculous events. Many have sought to fit this rational, non-miraculous approach into the biblical account of the Exodus. But will it fit? A straightforward reading of Exodus would lead one to believe that the plagues were miraculous in nature. In fact, the Bible presents at least five criteria by which the plagues can only be judged as miraculous acts of God.

### **1. INTENSITY**

The miraculous nature of the plagues is seen in their degree of intensity. The frogs infested Egypt to the extent that, "They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank" (Exod. 8:14). The plague of the lice was so intense that the magicians of Egypt could not replicate it and readily admitted that it was wrought by "the finger of God" (Exod. 8:18-19). The Bible says the hail was, "so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation" (Exod. 9:24). Similarly, the biblical account says of the locusts that, "previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them" (Exod. 10:14).

#### **2. PREDICTION**

The miraculous nature of the plagues is seen in that the precise times of their beginning and ending were given ahead of time. Concerning the plague of flies, God said, "Tomorrow this sign shall be" (Exod. 8:23). The same warning was given for the livestock disease, the hail, and the locusts (Exod. 9:5, 18; 10:4). In the case of the frogs, even the time of the conclusion of the plague was given (Exod. 8:10).

#### **3. DISCRIMINATION**

The miraculous nature of the plagues is seen in the distinction that God made between the people of Egypt and the people of Israel (Exod. 8:23). Though Israel dwelt within the borders of Egypt in the land of Goshen, they were not affected by the flies (Exod. 8:22). Concerning the livestock disease, "not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead" (Exod. 9:7). And as for the hail, "Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail" (Exod. 9:26).

#### **4.** ORDERLINESS

The miraculous nature of the plagues is seen in the

### Were the Plagues Miraculous?

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orderly manner in which they afflicted Egypt. The plagues increased in severity from the nuisance of the frogs and flies to the devastation wrought by the hail and the death of the firstborn. In each case the plagues began at the word of the Lord through Moses (Exod. 7:17; 8:1-2, 16, 20-21; 9:1-3, 8-9, 18; 10:1-4, 21; 11:4) and ended only when Moses entreated the Lord (Exod. 8:10-13, 30-31; 9:33; 10:18-19).

### **5.** MORAL PURPOSE

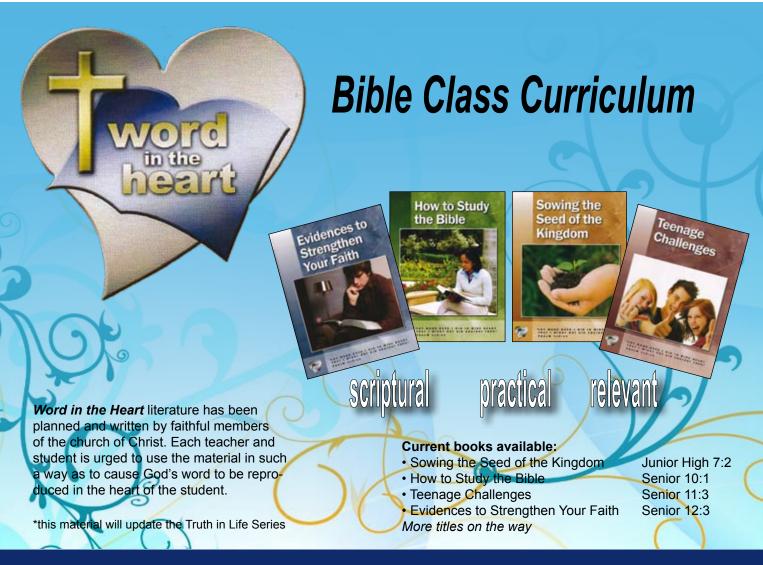
The miraculous nature of the plagues is seen in the purposes accomplished by God through them. The plagues were used by God in order to execute judgment against the false gods of Egypt by demonstrating their impotence in contrast to the true God of heaven (Exod. 12:12). The plagues also served the purpose of causing Pharaoh, who had rejected the Lord (Exod. 5:2), to acknowledge him

as the true God (Exod. 9:16, 27; 10:16). And finally, the plagues and the miraculous deliverance of Israel served to show Israel that God was their savior and caused them to believe and fear him (Exod. 14:30-31).

### CONCLUSION

As we read of the plagues we are made to ask, "Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exod. 15:11). Rather than being coincidental freakish catastrophes of nature, the plagues of Egypt are presented in the Bible as events that were planned and executed by Almighty God in order to carry out his divine purpose. To attempt to make them anything less is to reject the Bible.

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# Sex and the Olympic City



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That was the title of a news report out of the United Kingdom. The Times article by Matthew Syed discussed a "sexfest" at the Olympic Village. (I originally read a summation in *The Week* magazine, Sept. 5, 2008.) He said in 1992 Barcelona Games that the Olympics was "as much about sex as sports." The argument went that testosterone levels are high among athletes and when you put them in "close proximity to each other, 'clad in Lycra and exposing yard upon yard of shiny, toned, rippling, and unimaginably exotic flesh," things get wild. With reference to the self-discipline required to be a world-class athlete, he said, "How else is this going to manifest itself than with a volcanic release of pent-up hedonism?"

There is one problem after another with this.

The writer has no problem whatsoever with the sexual escapades of the athletes, having been one himself and involved in these deviant activities. This is a man to whom young children look up and admire for his accomplishments. He is sending the message that sex before and outside marriage is acceptable, even inevitable and natural. The Bible says that "fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4). The "fornicators" are those who have sex before marriage. Such is sinful and if it is not repented of, will cause one to lose his or her soul.



Another thing this article highlights is the absolute moral bankruptcy of the nations. It is not because these folks are athletes that their hormones get the best of them and cannot help but engage in a "sexfest." Rather, down through the past several decades morality is all but absent any nation. Europe, eastern and western, is almost totally without any morals. The United States is not far behind. Religion, the belief in God, respect for the Bible, and common decency have eroded. All such nations are doomed to fall (Prov. 14:34).

The athlete-writer also mentioned the dress or undress of the Olympians. Many wear clothing that leaves nothing to the imagination. Ancient Olympians used to participate nude. We are not far from that now. If the outfit is not skintight, it is extremely revealing and skin-tight where it does cover flesh. This environment with men and women scantily clad in close proximity and little morals is like fire and gasoline: there will be a lot of burning.

The Bible teaches that women are to dress modestly, "with propriety and moderation" (1 Tim. 2:9). This does not mean men are excluded, but women are the focus, perhaps because the female body has a greater appeal and affect on men that the other way around. The bottom line is that men and women ought to cover their bodies sufficiently to give no room for others to look on them with lust (Matt. 5:28).

Those of us who respect God and His word need to pay careful attention to how we dress, how our children dress, and what we condone. If we or our family are involved in sports, do the "uniforms" expose too much or leave little to the imagination? Sports like swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, and volleyball are notorious for immodest uniforms. Others like basketball, softball, or soccer can have decent clothing, but not always. If we allow our standards on dress to slide, then soon we will be behaving like the hedonists of the Olympic Village.

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# singing with understanding

### DAVID MARAVILLA

### The Song Before the Lord's Supper

We are intimately familiar with the tradition of singing a hymn before the Lord's Supper to help us focus on the sacrifice of Jesus. It is likely that many of us have never been in an assembly on Sunday morning that omitted such a hymn. Like many of our traditions, it is difficult to determine exactly how and when this practice began, but it seems almost universally accepted as a good idea. In this series of articles we will consider ways to employ "the song before the Lord's Supper" to its maximum effectiveness.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

What kinds of hymns are appropriate before the Lord's Supper? Should they always mention the bread and cup? Must they always be slow and sad, or can they be upbeat and celebratory? Could we sing about the life of Jesus, or His resurrection, instead of His death on the cross? May we use hymns not normally considered to be "Lord's Supper songs"?

Many hold strong views about these questions. For example, some believe that only subdued hymns focusing on Jesus' death are appropriate before the Lord's Supper, while others argue that positive hymns highlighting our victory through Jesus are just as appropriate. Dogmatic people exist on both sides, and they all quote Scripture to support their suppositions.

### HUMAN TRADITIONS AND GOOD JUDGMENT

One pitfall that plagues us is that we want everything to be absolute, so we reach strict conclusions, even when we are discussing a tradition not found in Scripture. Think about it: does it make sense to be inflexible about the mood of a hymn before the Lord's Supper when the Bible does not say a word about "the song before the Lord's Supper"? How can we give "book, chapter, and verse" to prove what kind of hymn we should sing when the very thing being discussed is nonexistent in every Bible book, chapter, and verse?

Likewise, people can be unbending in their beliefs about other human traditions. Whether to "extend the invitation" followed by the "invitation song" is a good example. Some think it is wrong to have a service without an invitation. Others go beyond that and believe that a proper invitation must include a mention of all the "steps of salvation." However, regardless of the Scriptures cited to prove these conclusions, the fact remains that concrete rules about invitations are not listed in the Bible since the Bible does not say anything about "offering the



invitation" or "the invitation song" in the first place.

It is unfortunate that we spend so much energy forming rigid opinions about topics that the Bible does not even mention, as if God revealed them in black and white. When the tradition is from God, it will be absolute; when the tradition is from men, all we can do is employ good judgment regarding if and how we practice it.

### A BENEFICIAL TRADITION

Unlike other human traditions that come into play in our assemblies, singing a hymn before the Lord's Supper has hardly been questioned. Evidently, nearly everyone likes the idea. Even those who tend toward change in many things see the benefit of this practice (though some might want to sing more than one hymn in connection with the Lord's Supper).

Despite our acceptance of singing a "Lord's supper song," we understand that it is not a tradition that has been handed down by God. Therefore, when we discuss the best way to employ this tradition, we must realize that our conclusions are primarily judgment calls, though they may be based on information from Scripture. As these articles continue, we will discuss how hymns linked with the Lord's Supper can be effective, and we will suggest a way to use hymns that can, at the same time, be both solemn about Jesus' death and joyous about our triumph through the cross.

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# Excursion to Egypt and Israel



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Our trek through Egypt was over in a few hurried days crammed as full as we could make them. We crossed the border into Israel at Elat (ancient area near Ezion-Geber). Our schedule was tight so we were not able to see some of the southern areas of Israel (Beer-sheba and Hebron), but had to drive directly to the southern tip of the Dead Sea where we spent the night.

### THE DEAD SEA

On my first trip to Israel, my mental image of the Dead Sea changed completely. I had a picture in my mind that it would be brown, brackish water; I was surprised to see its beautiful blue water and to learn that it is a place where tourists go to relax on its shore. We arrived after dark, so there was little that could be seen of the Dead Sea that evening, but some of our younger travelers went out to swim in the Dead Sea so that they could experience the sensation of not being able to sink in its waters. The next morning after breakfast we walked to the shore of the Dead Sea so that we could see the salt formations along the shores. As we left our hotel and drove along the western shore of the Dead Sea, we could see the receding shore line brought about by the diminishing amounts of water from the Jordan River entering the Dead Sea. Israeli irrigation is making the countryside more productive at the expense of the diminishing size of the Dead Sea.



Sunrise along the Dead Sea.



*The lower left of the photo shows the salt accumulations along the shore of the Dead Sea.* 

### MASADA

Leaving our hotel we traveled north to Masada. Masada is a ruined mountaintop fortress in the desert, overlooking the Dead Sea. A cable car takes visitors to the top of the mountain. The first fortifications were built by the Maccabees in the C2 B.C. King Herod constructed the palaces and fortifications as a desert



Masada Model. The model of Masada gives a picture of what Herod the Great built at Masada.

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fortress (37-4 B.C.). Herod did not use the palace, but a Roman garrison was always stationed there. In A.D. 66, Jewish Zealots captured Masada from the Romans at the start of the First Jewish revolt (A.D. 66-73). The Zealots brought their wives and families to Masada. About 1000 people lived off the vast storehouses of food Herod had put there. Eventually the Romans besieged Masada with 15,000 men. The Romans built a ramp up the western side of the mountain and breached the wall in A.D. 74. The Zealots took their own lives rather than face defeat at the hands of the Romans on Passover A.D. 74. Upon capturing the city, the Romans found everyone dead, except for two women and five children. The ramp used to access Masada, the Roman encampments, the catapult balls, storage bins, etc. make this a memorable experience.

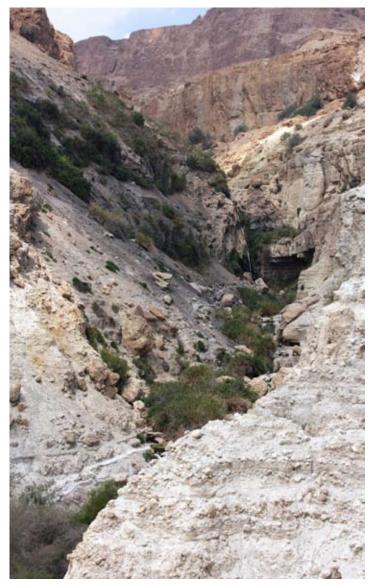


The first-century synagogue at Masada is only one of four first century synagogues that have been preserved in Israel.

One of the important buildings in the the Masada complex is a first-century synagogue (only about four first century synagogues have been excavated). There does not appear to be any separation of men from women in the synagogue and it is roughly oriented toward the Temple in Jerusalem, as was common practice at a later date. There are no mosaic floors with elaborate pictures as occurs at Beth Alpha, for example.

### EIN GEDI

As we continued our journey north, we stopped at Ein-Gedi. Ein Gedi ("spring of the kid") is a desert oasis situated on the western shores of the Dead Sea. Today it is a nature preserve and has a beautiful waterfall (David's Spring). Walking through the park one can frequently see an ibex (mountain goat) or hyrex. This is the location where David fled when Saul was pursuing him. In the cave at Ein Gedi, David cut off a portion of Saul's robe (1 Sam. 23:29; 24:1). Excavations have uncovered a seventh century B.C. Israelite tower, an ancient Canaanite temple, remains of a Roman fort, a fifth century A.D. synagogue (with a "seat of Moses"), and a Roman bath house. Connie Adams presented a short scripture reading while we were stopped at Ein-Gedi.



The waterfall at Ein Gedi is near the cave where David cut off the garment of King Saul.

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*Cave 4 near the community at Qumran yielded over 14,000 fragments from 530 manuscripts.* 

### QUMRAN

Qumran is the name of a "wadi" or watercourse that cuts down through the limestone cliffs. Qumran is twelve miles south of Jericho and is known for the scrolls found there in 1947. After the initial scrolls were found by a Bedouin shepherd boy, a dozen more Qumran caves yielded a vast hoard of ancient manuscripts in Hebrew and occasionally in Aramaic. The narrow caves and niches around Qumran were largely moisture free, so leather and parchment scrolls were "preserved." These scrolls, many of them containing the earliest known examples of biblical texts, were a revolutionary find.

Coming to light during the 1947 war that eventually led to the establishing of the state of Israel, the first Dead Sea Scrolls had a remarkable journey. After early archaeologists confirmed their authenticity, getting them under the control of the proper authorities was another problem. One of the scrolls was smuggled out of the country and eventually sold through a small ad in the classified ads section of a New York City newspaper. Eventually the scrolls were properly secured and research on them began soon thereafter. Excavation of the Qumran site soon began and searches of area caves found many other documents. Cave 4 was discovered in 1952. It contained 14,000 fragments of scrolls; when archaeologists sifted the dust in the cave, they found an additional 1000 fragments. Scholars believe that a Roman soldier who entered the cave in A.D. 68 tore the scrolls intentionally and that later ravages by animals and climate inflicted further damange. Scholars were able to piece together the fragments to produce portions of 530 different scrolls. From the different caves, fragments of every book of the Old Testament except Esther were found. Two important Isaiah scrolls were found at Oumran. The Qumran manuscripts and fragments have reshaped the study of textual criticism of the Old Testament and biblical research in general. Among the manuscripts found at Qumran were two complete Books of Isaiah. A Temple Scroll was found which described the Holy Temple in detail. The discovery of the Scrolls revealed two things.

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Standing on the top of the theater in Ephesus, one can look down at the stage and up to see Arcadia Street which led to the harbor. This is the theater in which the Ephesian riot described in Acts 19 occurred.

# Excursion to Egypt and Israel

First, that the Hebrew scriptures have remained essentially unchanged for at least 2000 years, and that parts of the Bible existed in several versions. The scrolls were written and stored away by the Essenes, a Jewish sect which had separated themselves from the Pharisees and Sadducees and who relied heavily on ritual purity and strict observance of the Jewish law. They adopted a simple monastic life. Qumran was the Essenes' main religious center until their destruction in A.D. 68. No one who studies either Old Testament or New Testament studies can pass through a graduate program without being exposed to the significant finds at Qumran.

### **Jericho**

Known as the city of palm trees (Deut. 34:3), Jericho is the oldest and the lowest (820 feet below sea level) town in the world. The "oldest town" claims do not really apply to present-day Jericho-only the tel on the northern boundary is ancient. The city walls that have been uncovered date back to 2600 B.C. Jericho was the first city of Canaan that was captured west of the Jordan River during the Conquest under Joshua. After Jericho was destroyed by the Israelites, the city was rebuilt (1 Kings 16:34) during the reign of King Ahab (874-853, Thiele) and continued up to the Arab conquest in the seventh century A.D. In 30 B.C. King Herod built a winter palace at Tulul Abu el-Alaiq and this is the palace where Herod died. The double pool of the palace is where Herod had Aristobulus III, the last Hasmonean High Priest (and his rival) drowned. Herod's city was virtually destroyed by the Romans during the Second



Ancient Jericho is a small tel which the Israelites could easily march around in a short period of time.

Jewish Revolt, but reappeared in its present site under the Byzantines.

Jericho has been excavated by John Garstang in the 1930s; he caused considerable interest when he claimed to have found the walls which had fallen during the conquest of Joshua. Some years later, the site was excavated by Kathleen Kenyon who asserted that Garstang had misdated the site. Bryant Wood has done additional work at Jericho which tends to support Garstang's date.

The political situation in Israel makes visiting Jericho more difficult than previously. Our Jewish guide was not allowed in Jericho, so our bus driver dropped off the guide and drove us through Jericho depending upon me to give us what information I knew about the area.

### **Beth-Shean**



Overview of Beth-Shean shows the ancient theater and the well-preserved Palladius Street from Roman times.

When Saul and Jonathan were defeated and killed by the Philistines, their bodies were hung on the wall of Beth-shean (1 Sam. 31:10). The men of Jabesh-gilead made a raid to remove the bodies and give them a proper burial (2 Sam. 21:12). In Roman times, this town was known as Scythopolis. Today it is the site of an important excavation. Its restored theater and main street are impressive. It is the best preserved Roman/Byzantine town in the country. The 80m-high tel contains fifteen superimposed cities. The Roman remains at Beth-Shean are impressive with its theater, hippodrome, bath house, colonaded street (Palladius Street), etc. We enjoyed singing in its theater as we drew near to the close of this day of our travels. After leaving Beth-Shean, we drove to Tiberias for the evening.

# Pattern and Practice JOHN HENRY, SR.

Part of the Holy Spirit's work was to reveal God's pattern for man to follow (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 2:6-16). The New Testament then, is a divine blueprint given to us through the revelation of the mind of God, which the Holy Spirit revealed to the minds of the Apostles and in turn they penned it down under the watchful oversight of the Spirit. This divine blueprint is the authority for what the church ought to be in every generation (Col. 3:17). God has always had a divine pattern when he builds. Some examples:

1. Noah. Noah built the ark according to the pattern God gave him (Gen. 6:13-16).

2. Moses. God gave Moses a pattern by which to build the tabernacle (Heb. 8:5; Exod. 25:9).

3. Solomon. David told Solomon to build the temple according to the pattern God revealed unto him (1 Chron. 28:11-13, 19-20).

Common sense tells us that, if God was so concerned about the Ark, Tabernacle, and Temple that He gave His people a Divine pattern and demanded that they build according to it, then God would be equally concerned, if not more so, that the church (a spiritual house) which His Son died for should be built according to a divine pattern. Especially, when one considers that the Bible teaches the tabernacle was a shadow of the heavenly reality which we know to be the church. Since the shadow had a pattern, it only stands to reason that the reality or substance must have one also.

When we talk about approved examples we mean the practice of the church in the New Testament under the guidance of the apostles and the Holy Spirit. These examples were meant to be seen as a pattern to be followed by other churches in all generations until Christ returns (Matt. 18:18; 1 Cor. 4 16-17; 10:6, 11: Phil. 3:16-18).

What was lived and believed by Christians under the apostles of Christ was intended as a mold or form into which we are put to be fashioned into its shape (Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:7; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:13).

The examples in the New Testament of the apostles guiding the churches through direct revelation by the Holy Spirit contain many admonitions against sinful attitudes, beliefs, and practices. These examples (unapproved examples) are given to us so that we are not left in any doubt or confusion as to what the church and individual should and shouldn't be doing in religion.

When we build upon that same foundation or pattern as those in the first century, we have the Lord's church produced anywhere in the world, all united by teaching the same thing—the Gospel. This is what Jesus prayed for, unity among believers, and what the apostles carried out by teaching the same thing in every church (John 17:20-21; 1 Cor. 4:17). Question: What happened to teaching the ways of Christ everywhere in every church like the Apostles did?

Here is where we run into trouble. The church of the Lord is made up of people called out of the world of darkness through obedience to the gospel (2 Thess. 2:13-14; Rom. 1:16; Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9). Although the church has an infallible head, guide, and pattern (Heb. 8:5; Eph. 1:22-23), it is composed of fallible men and women. Therefore, the divine pattern and practice often do not harmonize. This is not due to the divine pattern, but to the sinful dishonesty of men. If the divine pattern is followed it will make the man of God complete, "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God has given us His word, a divine pattern, which when followed, totally equips us for every work, every practice, every service, and every duty of the Christian life (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 2:10; Col. 3:17).

For example, the church at Corinth, like many churches today, had her share of problems. Division over preachers tore the church into factious parties (1 Cor. 1:10-13). According to the Apostle Paul, a carnal spirit among the brethren was the culprit (1 Cor. 3:1-5). A brother committed fornication with his father's wife (1 Cor. 5:1-2). Brother was going to law with brother before unbelievers (1 Cor. 6). Some were insensitive to the weaker brothers' conscience in the eating of meats offered to idols (1 Cor. 8). Some were making a feast out of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11). There was confusion in the church over the spiritual gifts and how they were to be used (1 Cor. 12, 13, 14). There were many other problems, but these help us to see the weakness of man.

How would you like to have been a member of the church at Corinth? Would you have been inclined to bring your friends and neighbors with you to visit? Not me, you say? Who wants to be a member where they are always fussing and fighting?

The only way I know to find a church without problems is to find one without people. I have never met any perfect

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people. I don't ever expect to. If man can be absolutely perfect he doesn't need Jesus as Savior.

The problems in the church at Corinth were not overlooked. Paul was guided by the Holy Spirit to correct their sins by the letter he wrote (1 Cor. 5:9-11). Some churches will not stand for the kind of preaching Paul instructed Timothy to do (2 Tim. 4:1-4). "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (NKJV).

Peace among brethren is a wonderful thing. However, the Lord demands unity. How can the church enjoy unity and peace? There is only one way! "Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind" (Phil. 3:16). As long as we walk by the same rule, i.e., the New Testament, we can have unity and peace. If a brother or sister departs from the teaching of the New Testament Pattern we are taught to mark him/her and have no company with them (2 Thess. 3:14). If this were practiced diligently every time departure from the divine pattern appeared we could maintain unity.

But today such is seldom practiced and churches are filled with unbelievers, fornicators, thieves, adulterers, and worldlyminded people. The church at Corinth is a good example of that.

My brother and sister, there is a time to fight for the truth, even between brethren (Gal. 2:11). Paul said, he withstood Peter to the face "because he was to be blamed." Paul spoke of battle with false brethren in Galatians 2:4. Yes, there is a time to fight, and that time is when the gospel is being perverted.

Should we just ignore problems in the church? Shall we just pretend they do not exist? Will they get any better by our ignoring them? Will sin correct itself? Do you want preachers to preach only about the sins of the world and ignore the sins of the members of the church?

Back-patting, mushy-mouthed, spineless Christians are the product of preachers preaching to please men. The only remedy for sin is the gospel (1 Pet. 1:22). I thank Almighty God for gospel preachers who will preach the gospel!

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# Jeremiah and Archaeology

### It's one of the dramatic occasions of the Old Testament: Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, lowered into a cistern where he was left standing in mud (Jer. 38:1-13). It reminds us of how Joseph was treated by his brothers (Gen. 37). Jeremiah was prophesying words which the people of Judah, and their king Zedekiah, did not want to hear.

"Thus says the LORD, 'Do not deceive yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will surely go away from us," for they

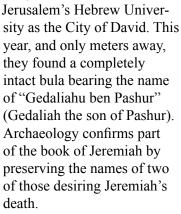
will not go. For even if you had defeated the entire army of the Chaldeans who were fighting against you, and there were only wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would rise up and burn this city [Jerusalem--SPW] with fire"" (37:9-10).

During a break in the Chaldeans' siege, Jeremiah tried to leave Jerusalem for Benjamin where he had property. Instead, he was ar-

rested and put into the jail. The NASB reads, "For Jeremiah had come into the dungeon, that is the vaulted cell; and Jeremiah stayed there many days" (37:16). The footnote for dungeon is, "house of the cistern-pit." Fortunately King Zedekiah rescued Jeremiah and brought him into his own guarded house where the prophet was provided a loaf of bread each day.

This did not sit well with certain officials who are named in 38:1, "Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah and Pashur the son of Malchijah." These demanded the death of Jeremiah (38:4). Malchijah, one of the king's sons, is the one who had the empty, but muddy cistern where they put Jeremiah. The names of two of those people named in 38:1 have been found in archaeological digs, their names each appearing on a seal impression called a *bula* (plural, *bullae*). This is a lump of clay or mortar which had been pressed by some sort of signet device, leaving their names.

"Yuchal ben Shlemiyahu" (Jucal the son of Shelemiah) was found three years ago, inside a stone structure near the entrance of the area proclaimed by Professor Eilat Mazar of



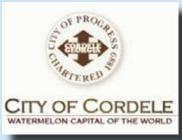
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Professor Mazar said, "How absolutely fantastic and special this find is, can only

be realized when you hold in your hand this magnificent one-centimeter piece of clay and know that it survived 2,600 years in the debris of the destruction, and came to us complete and in perfect condition" (www.israelnationalnews.com).

Two footnotes to this account: three other bullae from that time period (597-586 BC) have been found with the name of people in Jeremiah 36, including Jeremiah's scribe Baruch. By the effort of "Ebed-melech" (or, servant of the king), an Ethiopian eunuch, Jeremiah was rescued from the miry pit and taken again to the king's guard house.

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### Crisp County Church in Cordele, Georgia

On June 10, 2007, the Crisp County church was established in southwest Georgia. Jimmy Tuten is preaching for them. The congregation leased a building at 120 Emmaus Road (Hwy. 90), about 3.7 miles south of Hwy. 280 (16th Avenue). The church received a gift of pews, communion table, and pulpit. Their first meeting in this location occurred on August 12, 2007 with twenty-four present.

Jimmy Tuten is preaching for them but is needing additional support. The local church is only able to provide \$350 per week in support. With rising gas prices and utility costs, he needs an additional \$1200 monthly. Those who might be interested in supporting him in this work may contact him at 403 E. 27th Avenue, Cordele, GA 31015 (phone: 229-271-1964; e-mail: jttoot@aol.com).

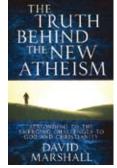


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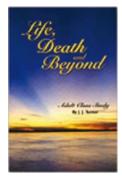
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**The Truth Behind the New Atheism.** David Marshall. Harvest House, 2007. 236 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-7369-2212-8 \$12.99

There have been those down through time who have denied and attacked the existence of God. Today, these so-called "new atheists" have come forth with even more vigor to assault our belief in God. Men such as Oxford

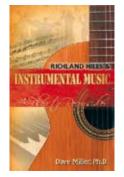
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Richland Hills & Instrumental Music: A Plea to Reconsider. Dave Miller, Ph.D. Apologetics Press, Inc., 2007. 148 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-60063-004-0

Like God's people of old who cried, "Give us a king...," many among churches of Christ today are crying, "Give us instrumental music." There are those among God's people who simply will not resist the desire for con-

formity. They want to be like the world around them. One recent example of this desire for conformity is found at the North Richland Hills church of Christ located in Texas. This congregation, which claims to be the largest church of Christ in America, recently incorporated instrumental music in their worship service and a Saturday Lord's supper. Their preacher, Rick Atchley, attempted to defend these innovations in three sermons ("The Both/And Church," December, 2006), and a review of these sermons was later written by Dave Miller and put into book form. Richland Hills & Instrumental Music: A Plea to Reconsider, is Miller's detailed and critical review of the instrumental music practice at Richland Hills. Miller does a superb job of answering Atchley's arguments in favor of instrumental music in worship. Some of Atchley's erroneous arguments have been made many times before and some are newer (like Atchley's appeal to Psalm 18:49, Psalm 45:6-8, and Luke 15:25). Miller answers each false argument using Bible word studies, examination of the context, and a proper appeal to Bible authority. A Plea to Reconsider is recommended reading for all who want ready answers to the instrumental music question among us today.

### I Must Be Regarded as Holy

In Leviticus chapter 10 we find the account of Nadab and Abihu. Most Bible students recall that these were the sons of Aaron who offered "profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them" (v. 1). This is a wonderful place to show the necessity of doing things just exactly as God has commanded them to be done. However, for the purposes of this article, it is verse 3 we want to focus on as Moses informs Aaron what God had said to him concerning the reason for his shocking punishment of Aaron's two sons. God's words in that verse are, "By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified." It is this idea of God's holiness and our response to it that will be the theme of this article.

I do not believe that it is over estimating the case to say that this element of Deity (God's holiness) overshadows all the others (Ps. 99). God is separate from everything and everyone else in his wisdom, power, knowledge, love, presence, his everything. This is the idea behind God's holiness. I am reminded of God's words in Isaiah 40:18, 25. "To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him . . . To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal? says the Holy One." Read the entire chapter for yourself and you'll see immediately that answer is "No one!"

But his holiness goes even deeper than this because it also encompasses his absolute moral perfection. I don't care who it is, if you spend some time with someone eventually you are going to come across an imperfection of some sort. Who has found God's imperfection? Who has found God's blemish? No one has and they never will for the simple fact that one does not exist! Notice how acutely Isaiah felt his own imperfections in the presence of true perfection. "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 6:5; read also vv. 1-4, especially v. 3).

In 1 Peter 1:14-16 Peter says to Christians, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all your behavior; because it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'" As children of God, we are to reflect God's holiness in our lives through our words and actions. This has always been true for God's people, both in the Old and New Testaments. Notice what is said in the last part of verse 7 of Amos 2: "And a man and his father resort to the same girl in order to profane My holy name." In the New Testament, in 1 Thessalonians 4:7, we read, "For God did not call us unto uncleanness, but in holiness" (NKJV). Obviously, if the Christian's conduct tends toward uncleanness, then he is profaning the holy name of God. Consider Peter's words in 1 Peter 1:14-16 and then let us consider our own personal conduct. Are we striving to be holy as the Holy One who called us?

Let's consider this now from another perspective. It is not uncommon in congregations all around this country to

witness Christians coming into the assembly either right when services begin or a few minutes after, wearing clothes that look slept in or at the very least picked up off the floor that morning, yawning every step of the way, and collapsing into a pew to put in their time. They hardly crack their lips to sing praises. they do not follow along in their Bibles, and they leap up (showing their first and only excitement of the morning) at the closing prayer and hustle

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to the nearest exit. I could wish it to be otherwise but these "Christians" are going to have to answer for that when they stand before the Lord in judgment. "By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy."

Yet there is more we need to consider. The hardest working people I believe that I have ever met have been some of my brethren. I have known Christians who seem to work all day, every day and yet they still manage to attend each and every service. They are to be commended for this because that does require some effort and some faith. However, I have a suspicion that we as Christians sometimes get the feeling that God will be pleased with our leftovers. There is a lesson that we must learn if we wish ever truly to be pleasing to God: He, not our jobs, not our finances, not our homes, not our hobbies, and not even our families, must get the very best that we have to offer. Does this mean that we ignore all

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of these other things? Of course not—yet God must come before them all.

I would like for you to read the following words from Malachi 1:6-10 very carefully for then you will be able to see the application that will follow.

A son honors his father and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect, says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, How have we despised Your name? You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, How have we defiled You? In that you say, The table of the Lord is despised. But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly? says the Lord of hosts. But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly? says the Lord of hosts. Oh that there were some among you who would shut the gates,

that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you, says the Lord of hosts, nor will I accept an offering from you.

Brethren, can we not see how offering to God any less than the best that we have in our worship and in our daily lives is the equivalent of offering to him the blind, lame, and sick? If he would not accept that type of worship from his people under the Old Law, how much more will he refuse to accept such from Christians, who have something so much better and today worship in spirit and in truth? There are an innumerable host in heaven worshiping our God and one of the beautiful statements that they repeat endlessly is recorded in Revelation 4:8, which says, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, Who was and Who is and Who is to come." That is the God that we worship and serve and he must be regarded as holy by those who approach him. Is that how you consider God? If not, dare you approach him? Think about these things.



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### The Lord's Church in Barcelona, Spain

In Badelona, a northern suburb of the crowded city of Barcelona, Spain, a church regularly assembles. The steep, narrow streets in the area of its meeting place are challenging to the stranger but regularly traversed by all who live or work in the area, among them the brethren who make up this church.

This church was under the influence of our institutional brethren for many years until the late 1980's. Brethren there told how the church used to have social meals and classes to teach English in their meeting place.

Brother Efrain Perez moved to Barcelona in 1989





to labor with this church and was in Spain a number of years. Though he mainly worked with this church, brother Perez also worked to spread the gospel and build up churches in other places in Europe. Currently, brethren from the church there and another brother from outside Badelona share the preaching responsibilities.

The church in Badalona has prospered over the years in spite of the loss of past members and coming of new ones. This writer visited the church there around 1990. During a recent visit no current members were found who dated back to this earlier time. Twenty-one people were in attendance on the Lord's day we visited. Almost all of them were members. They sometimes have interested visitors from denominations in the area as well as Christians from other countries.



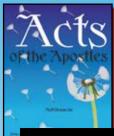
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The brethren want sound preaching. It was encouraging to learn that they have taken a stand against those who teach the theory of a billions-of-years-long creation week. Some of the men have contact with brethren Bill Reeves and Ruben Amador, and have gained from material these men have been able to send them. This writer was welcomed during his visit there and preached several times through a translator. I encourage sound

preachers who have opportunity to visit Barcelona to contact the church there in advance. The brethren there are happy to have visiting preachers speak for them. However, sufficient notice is necessary in order for them to secure a translator. Let us hold up the hands of these brethren who are seeking the old paths in a difficult place.

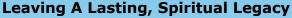
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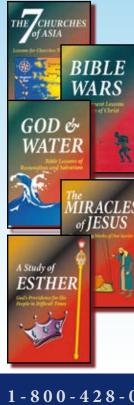
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### This Ain't the Church Your Grandparents Attended

In a newspaper article in the Oklahoma City *Daily Oklahoman*, dated Saturday, January 26, 2008, Carla Hinton, Religion Editor, wrote an article entitled "Quail Springs Church of Christ will add service with musical instruments." In this article, Hinton interviewed Mark Henderson, the minister of Quail Springs Church of Christ.

Hinton asked the question, "Please explain the position that Church of Christ congregations typically take regarding using instruments in worship services." Henderson's answer is as follows:

"Historically the position was — and there's different

parts of it — but I think the primary piece of it was that there is no New Testament authority for using instruments in worship."

"You have a lot of Old Testament references to it, but when you look at references you might attribute to worship in the New Testament, you don't see them mentioned, and people interpreted that silence as intentional. Therefore, it was restrictive."

"So, the position was it's wrong to use instruments in worship because if you use them, you're basically adding to what the New Testament teaches — it's unauthorized."

"So the historic position has been there's no authority to use instruments in worship, therefore we don't do it, and those who use instruments are sinning and really out of step with God, and therefore we don't fellowship with them."

Notice how Henderson answered the question. He pointed out that "instrumental worship was not found

in the New Testament," and "the position was that it is wrong to use instruments in worship because if you use them, you're basically adding to what the New Testament teaches—it's unauthorized."

In essence, Mark Henderson is saying there is no authority for instrumental music in worship, but we don't care—we are going to do it anyway! In cases where churches have gone to instrumental worship, they all say "we have studied and prayed about this for a long time, and came to this conclusion." Isn't it interesting that they studied about it, but not from the New Testament because it is not mentioned in the New Testament, and they

> prayed to God for permission to do something not found in the New Testament, and their conclusion was, "Let's do it anyway."

Notice the quote, "and people interpreted that silence as intentional. Therefore, it was restrictive." From this statement, we see that Henderson and the elders of the Quail Springs church of Christ have decided that the silence of the Scriptures is not prohibitive, but gives permission to proceed as they see fit.

Notice also that Henderson said, "it was restrictive." Now if it was restrictive, it is still restrictive. The word "restrictive" means to limit or prohibit. Henderson's point is that at one time God limited and prohibited the use of instruments by virtue of the silence of the Scriptures, but now the Scriptures are interpreted to allow instrumental music in worship, rather than prohibit it. Using the same logic (illogic) the church at Quail Springs could have hamburgers and cokes on the Lord's table for communion, practice sprinkling for baptism, open up businesses to fund the work of the church, have women preachers and elders, and a host of other things because the Bible

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does not say not to have these things. The folks at Quail Springs have abandoned the "silence of the Scriptures" and in doing so, "speak where God has not spoken." These folks desperately need to read the following Scriptures.

2 Samuel 6:7— Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God. (Notice, God didn't say not to carry the ark on an ox cart.)

Colossians 3:17— And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 Corinthians 4:6—Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

1 Peter 4:11—If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### A WAKE-UP CALL TO CHURCHES OF CHRIST

There is a storm of change and liberalism blowing a tempest of division closer and closer to churches of Christ. The winds of liberalism are never abated, but grow stronger with each passing season. The time is ripe for division in main stream churches of Christ. I do not say this with anticipation or joy, but with deep sorrow that churches are going into further digression. The brotherhood that was in existence a lifetime ago is splintered and destroyed, probably never to be enjoyed again.

Main stream churches of Christ, who for so long have gloried in numbers and success are about to experience the "atomic bomb" of division, with churches and fellowship being blown apart with change. The shaky foundation of many of these churches is a result of leaving the authority of the Scriptures many years ago and not building on the word of God.

The great division on the horizon is over instrumental music. It is becoming more and more common as churches, one by one, hold their news conferences and announce a "change in worship." For example, the Richland Hills church in Texas, and most recently, as mentioned above, the Quail Springs church in Oklahoma, have added instrumental worship services. And folks, instrumental music in worship is coming to a church of Christ near you! When I read about

a survey conducted by two professors at Abilene Christian University that reported that ninety percent of teenagers surveyed saw nothing wrong with instrumental music in worship, I knew the main stream (institutional) churches were on a collision course with destiny.

Another division in main stream churches of Christ on the horizon is over church sponsored recreation. Keep in mind that there is as much authority for instrumental music in worship as there is for There is a storm of change and liberalism blowing a tempest of division closer and closer to churches of Christ.

church sponsored recreation. Both are a digression from the Bible and no scriptural authority has been established for either. Since many already have recreation without authority, there will not be much of a leap to the next point of digression—instrumental music in worship. The churches with the gyms will be the first to have the instrument. "It will never happen," many will cry. This was said about church sponsored recreation twenty years ago, but it has happened. And many of those who said, "It will never happen in this church," have eaten crow and stood by and watched a younger generation bring in things to the church that would have never been dreamed of a few years ago.

I predict that in the next several years we will have many, if not most, churches of Christ worshiping with musical instruments. I also predict the following division in main stream churches of Christ.

Main stream (institutional) churches of Christ will divide into (1) acappella churches of Christ, and (2) instrumental churches of Christ. However, many of the instrumental churches of Christ will change their name,

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dropping "of Christ" so as not to prejudice anyone that might be a potential member. (The argument is made by the instrumental group that the name "church of Christ" often limits potential membership.) Most will probably adopt names like... "The Family That Meets At First and Maple Street," or, "The Church at First and Maple Street." Neither group will use the "institutional" title as a descriptor, since most churches of Christ are institutional.

Acappella (anti-instrumental) churches of Christ will also divide. They will not call themselves antis (antiinstrumental) because they have used this term as a term of derision and demeaning toward their non-institutional brethren for so many years. It will be an unpleasant taste in their mouths. But they will divide into (1) acappella, non-recreational churches of Christ, and (2) acappella, recreational churches of Christ.

Churches are evolving into something completely foreign to the church found in the New Testament.

This will result in the main stream churches of Christ having three prominent groups: (1) instrumental churches of Christ, (2) acappella, recreational churches of Christ, and (3) acappella, non-recreational churches of Christ. My prediction is that the percentages for each group will eventually be approximately 50 percent (or more) instrumental churches of Christ, 30 percent acappella recreational churches of Christ, and 20 percent acappella non-recreational churches of Christ. (Notice the percentages decrease as the groups become

more conservative.)

The two acappella groups will continue limited fellowship as they do at present. Even though the nonrecreational churches of Christ believe the recreational churches of Christ have no authority for providing recreation, they have been so closely aligned with them over the years, that they will not completely break fellowship.

This gives rise to the question of where the colleges will stand. Already I hear main stream brethren talking

about liberal colleges and conservative colleges. For the most part, conservative institutional brethren have come to the conclusion that Freed-Hardeman University is the only conservative college left that is associated with these churches. And many of these conservatives are afraid they will lose Freed-Hardeman and be without a college. The other colleges and universities, through their liberal teaching and lack of respect for biblical authority, are entrenched in liberal doctrine and are considered apostate institutions.

Still other problems must be addressed by these three divisions. They include: (1) A change in the Lord's Supper, where many churches are making the Lord's Supper a common meal instead of a spiritual meal. (2) The changing role of women in churches of Christ. Many churches now have women elders and deacons, along with "ministers" that are women. (3) A change in praise worship is another area of concern. What used to be called the "song service" is now "praise worship" with "praise leaders" that includes the waving of hands and swaying of hips.

### **COME ON BACK HOME**

With so many churches moving to greater degrees of liberalism, it is more and more difficult to see even a remnant of the New Testament church. Churches are evolving into something completely foreign to the church found in the New Testament. I remember as a boy, preachers using Floyd Decker's tract on *Why I Left The Christian Church*. Let me remind you of the points made by Decker:

1. The Christian Church has women Counselors, Directors and Lecturers; the church of Christ does not (1 Tim. 2:11, 12; 1 Cor. 14:34).

2. The Christian Church has Educational Directors, Associate Ministers and Youth Directors; the church of Christ has elders, deacons, evangelists, and teachers (Eph. 4:11; Phil. 1:1).

3. The Christian Church has Missionary, Benevolent and Educational Organizations to execute the work of the church; the church of Christ does not (Eph. 4:4; 3:10, 21).

4. The Christian Church celebrates days of heathen worship, such as Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas; the church of Christ does not (Gal. 4:10).

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5. The Christian Church fellowships various denominations in their activities, leaving the impression that all are brethren; the church of Christ does not (2 John 9-11; Gal. 1:6-10).

6. The Christian Church seeks to get crowds with Youth Meetings, Campaigns for Christ, Rallies, Drives and Promotions; the church of Christ does not (Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:18, 19).

7. The Christian Church emphasizes society and the physical man by appealing to the carnal nature, with church carnivals, bands, plays, choruses, dramatics, church kitchens, church camps, and elaborate fellowship halls; the church of Christ does not (1 Cor. 10:7; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 11:22, 34).

8. The Christian Church elevates its preachers above the rest of the members by using such titles as Pastor, Superintendent, President and Doctor, but the church of Christ does not (Matt. 23:5-12; Job 32:21, 22). Also, the Christian Church has forced its ministers into the denominational "Pastor System" by hinting, suggesting, complaining, and even demanding that its preachers run after the members, taxi the people here and there, and hold hands of the sick. The church of Christ does not expect this and God does not expect this sort of treatment from those who have been called to preach the gospel.

9. The Christian Church misuses the name "Christian," which is a noun, by speaking of "Christian nations," "Christian schools," and "Christian Church." The church of Christ does not (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16).

10. The Christian Church takes up collections at services other than on the first day of the week, and uses unscriptural means such as suppers, property rentals and special collections to raise money for the church; the church of Christ follows 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2 by having each member lay by in store on the first day of the week. This is its only way of raising money. 11. The Christian Church owns and operates Publishing Houses, Radio Stations, Hospitals, and other Benevolent Societies; churches of Christ build nothing but churches (Eph. 3:21).

12. The Christian Church owns, supports and operates schools for secular education through theological schools; the church of Christ does not (1 Tim. 3:15).

13. The Christian Church has a compromising spirit, will not defend its doctrine, is nothing but a man-made denomination, has no regard for the authority of the Bible, bases its practice on the silence of the Scriptures, and appeals to the traditions of the elders rather than to the simple unadulterated gospel of Christ. The Christian Church is not part of the New Testament church and should not be regarded as a friend of Christ nor of the truth.

As you look over these points, how many are no longer true of the church of Christ near you? What has happened to churches of Christ since the 1940's when Floyd Decker, a Christian Church preacher, converted to Christ and His church? The answer is obvious from looking at his reasons for leaving the Christian Church. When instrumental worship comes to a church of Christ near you, ask the question, "What is the difference between the Christian Church and the Church of Christ?" The honest answer will be, "Not much, if any." This ain't the church your grandparents attended.

For those who still have an interest in New Testament Christianity, keep in mind that there are still churches striving to follow the New Testament pattern. They seek to "speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent." They demand scriptural authority for what they practice. They seek to glorify God and not man. They seek to emphasize that the church is a spiritual institution and not a social club. The great problem is that there is now a whole generation that cannot remember the church the way it used to be. Come on back!

### **MEETING TIME AVAILABLE**

Connie W. Adams has informed me that he still has some time for meetings in 2009 that has not yet been booked.

If you would like to get in touch with Connie, you can contact him via e-mail at *conniewadams@insightbb.com* or by phone at 502-762-1180 (home) or 502-741-8804.

As most of our readers know, brother Adams has worked in meeting work for many years and continues to accomplish must good in such efforts. His zeal for evangelism has not waned through the years but continues to be just as strong today as it was the first time I was privileged to meet him.

-Mike Willis

# **Do Not Fear**

What is the command that God repeats the most in the Bible? Perhaps you think it would be to love God and love your neighbor, or to have faith in Him. None of these would be correct; God commands His people to not fear more often than any other command. Perhaps the reason that God commands it so often means that fear is something with which we struggle, even if we do not think about it. Fear is one of the major difficulties of the Christian.

But is it not true that God commands us at times to be afraid? There are some

passages that do teach that we should fear God, including Matthew 10:28, Hebrews 10:31; Luke 1:50; Acts 9:31; 13:26, and 2 Corinthians 5:11. Some of these commands are designed for unbelievers or sinning believers, and such persons have good reason to fear the wrath of God on the day of judgment (cf. Rom. 12:19-21); the rest of them involve fear not as terror but as respect or reverence. We, as Christians, must revere and respect God.

When God tells us to not fear, He is not speaking in these senses. When God commands us not to be afraid, He does so sometimes so that people will not be startled, especially when He manifests Himself to them (e.g. Matt. 14:27; 17:7). Most often He commands us to not fear so that we will not give in to feelings of doubt, apprehension, or insecurity (e.g. Luke 1:13; 30). Why is it that God does not want us to fear?

Whether we wish to admit it or not, fear is a major motivation in the way humans act. Consider all the different types of "phobias" out there, including acrophobia (fear of heights), agoraphobia (fear of open spaces), claustrophobia (fear of enclosed spaces), or even triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number thirteen)!

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While some of these fears hinder people in life, most are not very harmful. Nevertheless, there are many fears that are common to man and are quite debilitating. How many times do people fear rejection, hostility, or harm? How many times do people show fear because of a lack of confidence in their own abilities? How many times are people afraid of trusting in others because they lack confidence in them?

> How much sin is motivated by fear? Consider a list of sins like in Galatians 5:19-21. How much sexual immorality or lasciviousness is committed because those involved fear being rejected, or are afraid that they will not be attractive unless they

do such things? How much conflict exists in relationships because people are afraid to trust one another? How many times have people lied because they feared the consequences of the truth? While fear is not the only motivator of sin, it surely is one of the greatest!

How many times does fear hinder us from doing what is right? To leave the right thing left undone is as bad as doing the wrong according to James 4:17. How often do we fail to show love, mercy, or compassion because we are afraid of being hurt (cf. Gal. 5:22-24)? How many times do people shy away from bearing the burdens of other Christians because of a lack of trust (Gal. 6:2)? How many times do we shrink away from teaching and preaching the Gospel because we fear rejection, persecution, or even just making mistakes (Rom. 1:16)? As we can see, fear can paralyze and debilitate us, compelling us to choose the wrong and forsake the right!

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How can we overcome fear? We must learn that perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). If by the love of Christ we have no more need to be terrified of God, why should we be terrified of anyone else? As Paul asks

Whether we wish to admit it or not, fear is a major motivation in the way humans act. in Romans 8:31, if God is for us, who can be against us?

Jesus identifies fear with a lack of faith in Matthew 8:26. If we truly trust in God and lean on Him, we will recognize that there is nothing on this earth that is worth fearing. God is in control; God is the One who justifies and condemns; we have the victory through Jesus Christ and no external force can separate us from God's love (Rom.

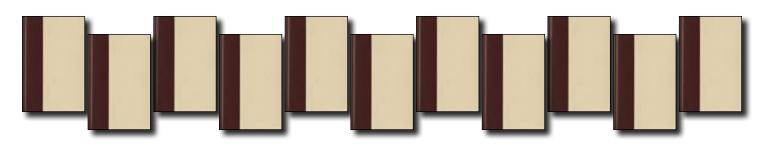
8:31-39). When we grow in faith, we can grow in confidence (Eph. 4:11-15; Heb. 5:14)!

The opposite of fear is courage; Jesus tells His disciples not to be afraid but to take heart, or take courage, in Matthew 14:27. This is why encouraging our brethren is so important—when we take courage, we can drive out fear (Heb. 10:24-25)!

In Jesus Christ we have every reason for confidence. It is through His blood that we can enter the holy places with confidence (Heb. 10:18-20). It is through Him that we can stand firm against the Evil One (Eph. 6:10-18), and it is through Him that we will have the victory on the final day (1 Cor. 15).

Fear is a great hindrance in the life of a Christian. Fear persuades too many that they are too weak, too inexperienced, and too inept to serve God and promote His Kingdom. Fear leads many to fall into despair and sin. It is little wonder that God must tell His people over and over to not be afraid! Let us not fear, but take courage in faith, hope, and love, and overcome the powers of darkness!

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### Theme

When Solomon became King of Israel, he asked God to give him wisdom. God made him the wisest man of his time. He wrote many proverbs or short lessons to make people wise. To be wise means to know how to live the right way to please God and enjoy His blessings. A fool is a man who does not want wisdom. In the book of Proverbs, Solomon shares his wisdom with us to guide our lives. What a wonderful gift!

Proverbs 1 teaches it is wise to fear or respect God, and to listen to our parents. Solomon gives advice for choosing friends: We must choose our friends carefully. If we have wicked friends, we will learn to do bad things. It is wise to choose friends who love God and we will avoid many dangers.

Here are some lessons Solomon taught to make us wise: Be humble and listen to God's Word, do not be proud and stubborn (Prov. 3). Our parents were children in the past years, and that is why they can teach us many good lessons they have learned (Prov. 4). When we marry, we should love our own wife and not go with another woman (Prov. 5). We must learn to work hard like the ants and not be lazy (Prov. 6:6-11). God is angry when we tell lies and cause fusses and fights (Prov. 6:16-19). Drinking wine and beer is not wise but foolish (Prov. 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35).

The last lesson tells about a wonderful wife and mother. "Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Prov. 31:28). Let us thank our mothers for teaching us wisdom.

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Memory Verse "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10).

| Activity – M      | atch the Verses   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. Proverbs 4:1-9 | A. Parents discipline<br>children they love as<br>God disciplines His<br>children |
| 2. Proverbs 3:12  | B. The beginning of<br>knowledge  |
| 3. Proverbs 1:7   | C. Listen to a father's<br>instruction to get<br>wisdom                           |
| 4. Proverbs 23:14 | D. Parents discipline<br>a child to save his<br>soul from hell                    |

Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and list two bad things God teaches children and all people not to do:

- 1.
- 2.

Review Memory Verse from Psalms: "Blessed be \_\_\_\_\_ for

. Amen and

(Psalm 89:52).

### Hold the Traditions

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traditions passed down from one generation to another in the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Baptist, and Methodist creeds, manuals, and disciplines. They teach such things as salvation by faith only, baptism can be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, once saved/always saved, the papacy, presbyterian and episcopalian forms of church government, etc. Such traditions need to be rejected by men as false doctrine. But there have also been some human traditions circulating among the churches of Christ. Alexander Campbell and others introduced the church support of human institutions in starting the American Christian Missionary Society. The same principle was reintroduced by another generation in the 1950s when brethren clamored for church support of benevolent societies (orphan homes, old folks homes, unwed mothers homes, medical missions, etc.) and sponsoring churches. These traditions of men also need to be rejected as false doctrine.

But not all of the human traditions were forms of liberalism: other traditions were factional. Some factional traditions that have troubled churches of Christ are: one cannot use uninspired literature, women cannot teach other women and children, one must use only one cup when serving the communion, a church cannot have a located preacher, only the church can teach the Bible (therefore, no human institution—that is, a college [whether operated by the State, such as Indiana University, or private individual contributions, such as Florida College, both in its classes and its lectures] can teach the Bible. Others extended the application from colleges to other collective activities, such as Bible classes taught at individually supported youth camps or the Truth Magazine lectures. Such traditions of men need to be avoided. If one wishes to hold his opinion as his private interpretation, he may do so, but he has no right to make his opinion a condition for salvation and fellowship.

### THE TRADITIONS OF CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES

The traditions which Paul had in mind that one should keep are those who have their origins in divine revelation. He wrote,

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the *tradition* which he received of us (2 Thess. 3:6).

There are things that have been handed down to us from Christ and the Apostles, to which we must cling. These are things Paul commanded the Thessalonians to stand fast in and the hold to. The verb *paradidomi* is used in two other passages to refer to a divinely delivered tradition:

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment *delivered* unto them (2 Pet. 2:21).

And as they went through the cities, they *delivered* them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem (Acts 16:4).

There is a danger that men throw out all traditions, not only those which are unauthorized of God, but also those

which rest on divine revelation. No wonder Paul exhorted, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). Christians have a divinely given responsibility to pass the faith down in its purity from one generation to another. There is

There are many traditions of men that threaten the church today, just as certainly as human traditions threatened churches in the first century.

a divinely given tradition that needs to be passed down.

The temptation to do things different and "really shake things up around here" faces every generation. There are things that may need a bit of shaking. The danger of allowing our worship to degenerate into rote ritual is real. If a church decides to change its order of worship from two songs and a prayer to a prayer and three songs, no commandment of God has been broken. If the brethren in a congregation decide to meet at 9:45 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. (or 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.) or choose to have one service on Sunday rather than two that is their business. If a congregation decides to have mid-week service on Thursday instead of Wednesday, or no mid-week service at all, that is their business. If a church decides to sing ten songs before preaching instead of three, devote more than two minutes to the devotions to prepare our minds to partake of the Lord's supper, or meet thirty minutes early for a spe-

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cial prayer meeting, the truth has not been compromised. Brethren ought not to castigate a group because they do something differently. But the innovative spirit frequently does not stop at changing legitimate things. Sometimes it builds up a head of steam and runs right past the boundaries imposed in God's word.

For example, there is a pattern for worship. God has commanded His children to worship Him and given them a pattern for how to worship him (the alternative that there

God has commanded His children to worship Him and given them a pattern for how to worship him... is no pattern for worship leaves one with the conclusion that anything—from idolatry to human sacrifice-is acceptable worship). Those who reject the Bible as a revelation from God are left with the conclusion that all religious acts of worship are equally useful or worthless, depending upon the mind set of the person judging them. But those who believe the Bible is inspired of God and prof-

itable for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16-17) are forced to the conclusion that there is a pattern for worship. Recognizing that there is a divine pattern for worship, one is compelled to seek out that pattern and to stand fast in and hold firm to it.

One reads where large churches of Christ have made public announcements that they are going to start using mechanical instruments of music in their worship; that special singing groups (duets, quartets, choruses, etc.) give performances at the worship assembly; that women will be used to make announcements, lead prayer, serve communion, and even preach to mixed assemblies; that communion will be preceded by members (both males and females) testifying to what Christ has meant to them during the preceding week; that the Lord's supper should be tied to a common meal; that non-institutional churches are using their first day of the week collection to provide benevolence to non-Christians; that sermons have very little biblical content and are filled with anecdotes rather than Scripture; that sermons have little or no doctrinal content; etc. These things are evidence that the biblical "traditions" are not being preached and that a new generation has decided not to stand firm in and hold onto the traditions that they received from Christ and his apostles.

If a Christian is not aware of these changes occurring among churches of Christ, he is not obeying the Lord's command to be watchful and sober (1 Thess. 5:6). Elders who bury their heads in the sand and are unaware of dangers facing the flock are not vigilant (1 Tim. 3:2). Preachers who resolve to be absorbed in their local work and make no effort to keep abreast of the dangers lurking outside their local church which might worm their way into the local church are not "watching" (2 Tim. 4:5) as the Apostle commanded them to do. Paul warned the Corinthians not to be ignorant of Satan's devices (2 Cor. 2:11). The exhortation was not limited to Christians in the first century.

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|   | LONG BEACH, CA<br>Church of Christ<br>3433 Studebaker Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:550 A.M.<br>Worship 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Lonnie Fritz (562) 420-2363<br>Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577       | PAGOSA SPRINCS, CO<br>Church of Christ<br>Community Center<br>451 Hot Springs Blvd.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.<br>No Evening Worship<br>No Wednesday Bible Study<br>Evangelist: Eddie Campbell<br>(970) 264-4236   | FORT MYERS, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>200 Pine Island Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:15 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Vernon E. Ford<br>(239) 567-0819   | KISSIMMEE, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>2431 Fortune Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Mark Copeland<br>(407) 931-1725 or 348-0300   | PALATKA, FL<br>Palatka Church of Christ<br>505 Third Ave.<br>(Third Ave. intersects Hwy. 19 one<br>block south of Hwy. 20)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evening 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Robert Skomp<br>(386) 326-3952 or 546-5689 | ZEPHYRHILLS, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>5444 4th St.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Assembly 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>(813) 788-9587  |
|   | OCEANSIDE-VISTA,CA<br>Church of Christ<br>2020 Sunset Dr.<br>Bible Study 9:45 A.M.<br>Worship 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Lowell C. Bell<br>(760) 940-8003                     | DOVER, DE<br>Kent-Sussex Church of Christ<br>2041 South DuPont Hwy<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(302) 672-7087<br>www.delawarebiblestudies.com  | FORT MYERS, FL<br>Southside Church of Christ<br>13641 Learning Ct.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: David P. Schmidt<br>433-2838 or 482-2158                              | LAKELAND, FL<br>Lakeland Hills Blvd.<br>Church of Christ<br>2510 Lakeland Hills Blvd.<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 9:50 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelists: Marc W. Gibson<br>Don Hastings (863) 688-4336   | PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL<br>Beach Church of Christ<br>8910 Front Beach Rd.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Ben Liggin<br>(850) 234-2521 or 234-1368  | CENTERVILLE, GA<br>Centerville Church of Christ<br>250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams<br>(478) 922-1128  |
|   | ARVADA, CO<br>(Denver)<br>Northgate Church of Christ<br>(Lincoln Academy Charter School)<br>6980 Pierce Street<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Afternoon Class/<br>Worship 1:30 P.M.<br>(303) 456–4895 | ALACHUA, FL<br>Santa Fe Hills Church of Christ<br>Hwy. 441, 1/2 mile west of 1-75<br>(Exit 78)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: James L. Yopp<br>(386) 462-4325 or (352) 333-7003<br>www.geocities.com/jameslyopp | FT. WALTON BEACH, FL<br>6 Lane Dr.<br>Mary Esther, FL<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 PM.<br>Wednesday 7:00 PM.<br>Evangelist: Joey Rankin<br>(850) 244-9222  | MERRITT ISLAND, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>512 Plumosa St.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>(321) 453-3320   | PANAMA CITY, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>3339 Florida Ave.<br>(Between Baldwin Rd. & Hwy. 390)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Marvin Hudson<br>(850) 265-6539  | CONYERS, GA<br>Rockdale Church of Christ<br>East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932;<br>Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987;<br>Bob Tuten, elder (678) 475-7212;<br>Building (770) 929-3973 |
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|   | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO<br>Northeast Church of Christ<br>6660 Galley Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>(719) 597-6661                                       | BROOKSVILLE, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>604 W. Fort Dade Ave.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:50 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 PM.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: V.C. McCormick<br>(352) 796-9803   | GENEVA, FL<br>Geneva Church of Christ<br>Ave. C and 2nd St.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>(407) 349-9998   | MIAMI, FL<br>Church of Christ<br>12780 Quail Roost Dr.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Clark Pace<br>(305) 233-9590 or<br>(954) 430-1437  | PENSACOLA, FL<br>Northside Church of Christ<br>4001 N. Ninth Ave.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Joseph R. Mazter<br>(850) 432-0736  | PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA<br>Church of Christ<br>Route 116 (near<br>Callaway Gardens)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas<br>(706) 628-5117 or 628-5229  |
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|   | GRAND JUNCTION, CO<br>Valley Church of Christ<br>491 Sparn Road<br>P.O. Box 40531<br>Bible Study 9:45 A.M.<br>Worship 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Bill Bohannon<br>www.ValleyChurchofChrist.net       | DELAND, FL<br>North Blvd. Church of Christ<br>823 N. Woodland Blvd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jack Owen<br>(386) 734-6907 or 734-4311   | JACKSONVILLE, FL<br>Julington Creek Church of Christ<br>1630 State Rd 13N<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>(904) 230-3332 (Bldg.) or<br>268-9638 (Wendell Bowman)<br>jimbell007@netzero.net<br>www.jccoc.com | ORLANDO, FL<br>Pine Hills Church of Christ<br>890 Hastings St.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evennegi 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Ray West<br>(407) 293–2851 or 290–8650   | PLANT CITY, FL<br>Plant City Church of Christ<br>315 N. Wilder Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 PM.<br>Wednesday 7:30 PM.<br>Evangelist: Gary M. Ogden<br>(813) 752-2227 or 752-2771   | VALDOSTA, GA<br>Church of Christ<br>4313 North Valdosta Rd.<br>(Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off 1-75)<br>Worship 9:00 A.M.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>(No evening worship)<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(229) 244-8630   |

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| FREMONT, OH<br>Church of Christ<br>3361 W. State St.<br>1 mi. W. of Fremont on U.S. Rt. 20<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(419) 849-3340 or 849-3686<br>www.amplex.net/churchofchrist  | NORTHWOOD, OH<br>(Toledo Area)<br>Church of Christ<br>4110 Frey Rd.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evengelist: Donald Jarabek<br>893-3566 or 691-0688  | PHILADELPHIA, PA<br>Church of Christ<br>7222 Germantown Ave.<br>Bible Study 10:15 A.M.<br>Worship 11:15 A.M.<br>Tues. night 8:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: James H. Baker, Jr.<br>(215) 248-2026<br>www.mtairychurchofchrist.org  | COLUMBIA, TN<br>Jackson Hts. Church of Christ<br>1200 Nashville Hwy.,<br>Hwy. 31N<br>Bible Study 9:15 A.M.<br>Worship 10:15 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Andrew Roberts<br>(931) 388-6811   | MEMPHIS, TN<br>Rocky Pt. Road Church of Christ<br>516 E. Rocky Point Rd., Cordova<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00P.M.<br>Contact: Mitch Stevens<br>(901) 372-5580 or 758-4006   | ROCKWOOD, TN<br>Church of Christ<br>Highway 70 East<br>5080 Roane State Hwy.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Cecil Belcher<br>(865) 717-3654  |
| HAMILTON, OH<br>Westview Church of Christ<br>1040 Azel Ave.<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 9:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: David A. Stansberry<br>(513) 868-9988   | UHRICHSVILLE, OH<br>Church of Christ<br>638 Parrish Street<br>Bible Study 9:45 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Mid-week 6:30 P.M.  | To make changes<br>to your ad,<br>contact us at<br>andyalex@bellsouth.net   | COLUMBIA, TN<br>COLUMBIA, TN<br>Mooresville Pike Church of Christ<br>417 Mooresville Pike<br>(.8 mi. N. of Hwy. 50/Jas. Campbell)<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(931) 388-5828; 381-7898; 380-1226<br>www.mooresvillepikeco.com | MURFREESBORO, TN    Cason Lane Church of Christ    1110 Cason Lane    Bible Study  9:00 A.M.    Worship  10:00 A.M.    Evening  5:00 P.M.    (615) 896-0900 (Building)  (615) 653-1828 (Wilson Adams)    (615) 895-3484 (Phil Cavender)  www.casonlancchurch.org                            | Savannah Heights Church of<br>Christ<br>230 Harrison St.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jonathan Ellis   |
| HILLIARD, OH<br>Church of Christ<br>4840 Cemetery Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>(614) 876-4089   | WAVERLY, OH    209 Mullins St.    Church of Christ    Bible Study  10:00 A.M.    Worship  11:00 A.M.    Evening  5:30 P.M.    Wednesday  7:30 P.M.    (740) 947-7122 or 289-3401  | BEAUFORT, SC<br>Church of Christ<br>2107 King St., P.O. Box 4<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Parris Island, 8:00 A.M., Sunday<br>Evangelist: Ronald Nelson<br>(843) 524-4400 or 524-4652              | DAYTON, TN<br>Main Street Church of Christ<br>250 Main St.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 2:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Contact: (423) 618-6250 or<br>332-4604  | HELP<br>VACATIONING<br>CHRISTIANS<br>FIND YOUR<br>PLACE OF WORSHIP  | SHELBYVILLE, TN<br>El Bethel Church of Christ<br>1801 Hwy. 41-A North<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 9:50 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Donnie V. Rader<br>(931) 685-1113 or 931-607-9099<br>dvrader@hughes.net                        |
| MANSFIELD, OH<br>Eastside Church of Christ<br>326 Grace Street<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 6:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: James Bond<br>526-2868 or 526-4739   | OKLAHOMA CITY, OK<br>Seminole Pointe Church of Christ<br>16300 N. May Ave.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: John M. Duvall<br>(405) 340-3189 or 513-6691<br>www.seminolepointecofc.org | HOPKINS, SC<br>Lower Richland Church of Christ<br>3000 Trotter Rd.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Wayne Seaton<br>(803) 776-0754   | DAYTON, TN    Rhea Church of Christ    1367 Market Street, Suite 2    Bible Study  10:00 A.M.    Worship  11:00 A.M.    Evening  2:00 P.M.    Wednesday  7:00 P.M.    (423) 285-7005 or (423) 334-4606  | MURFREESBORO, TN<br>Northfield Blvd. Church of Christ<br>2091 Pitts Ln. at Northfield Blvd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelists: David Bunting<br>(615) 893-1200  | TULLAHOMA, TN<br>Church of Christ<br>1625 W. Lincoln St.<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jim Mickells<br>(931) 455-0273 or 563-7312   |
| MANSFIELD, OH<br>Southside Church of Christ<br>687 Mansfield-Lucas Road<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 6:00 P.M.<br>Building: (419) 522-8982<br>Leon Bond: 525-3684<br>Glenn Bond: 522-1965         | TULSA, OK<br>Woodland Hills Church of Christ<br>9119 E. 61 St.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Ross Oldenkamp<br>(918) 252-1220   | NORTH CHARLESTON, SC<br>Ashley Heights Church of Christ<br>2605 S. Oakridge Cir.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(843) 553.4970<br>www.findthechurch.com  | JACKSON, TN<br>Sunset View Church of Christ<br>3618 Hwy 70 East<br>(Exit 87 off I-40, 7mi. @ Spring Creek)<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 PM.<br>Wednesday 7:00 PM.<br>Evangelist: Steve Wilkerson<br>(731) 987-2200 or 968-9851T                               | MURFREESBORO, TN<br>South Ridge Church of Christ<br>488 Barfield-Crescent Rd.<br>PO Box 2257, Zip 37133<br>(I-24, Exit 81, South 1.5 miles on<br>Hwy 231, turn right)<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(615) 494-96866         | ABILENE, TX<br>North Park Church of Christ<br>2958 Grape St. (3 blocks south of I-20)<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Wayne Goforth<br>(325) 677-6934 or 672-8026<br>E-mail: wgoforth@sbcglobal.net |
| MARIETTA/RENO, OH    Jct. St. Rt. 7 & County Rd. 20    Bible Study  9:30 A.M.    Worship  10:30 A.M.    Evening  6:30 P.M.    Wednesday  7:30 P.M.    (740) 373-0064 (Joe Schof) or  473-9028 (Steve Foutty)   | MEDFORD, OR<br>Church of Christ<br>1850 Spring St.<br>(Roxy Ann Grange Hall)<br>Corner of Spring/Valley View<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Dean Blackwell<br>(541) 773-2649                                | ORANGEBURG, SC<br>Southside Church of Christ<br>1502 Binnicker Bridge Rd.<br>(Grange Building - Hwy 70)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evangelist: Fred England<br>(803) 939-0672<br>www.southside-church.org                                     | JOHNSON CITY, TN<br>Brookmead Church of Christ<br>2428 Lakeview Drive<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Kevin Kay<br>423-282-6251 or 426-1836   | NASHVILLE, TN    Bell Road Church of Christ    1608 Bell Road    Bible Study  9:00 A.M.    Worship  10:00 A.M.    Evening  6:00 P.M.    Wednesday  7:00 P.M.    Evangelist: Robert Davenport  (615) 833-4444 or 331-7377  | ALLEN, TX    West Allen Church of Christ    1414 W. Exchange Blvd.    (2 miles w. of Hwy. 75)    Bible Study  9:00 A.M.    Worship  9:50 A.M.    Evening  6:00 P.M.    Wednesday  7:30 P.M.    Evangelist: Jerry King  (214) 504-0443 (972) 727-5355 (bldg)                   |
| NEW CARLISLE, OH<br>Church of Christ<br>235 Funston Ave.<br>(Near Wright-Patterson AFB)<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Randy Blackaby<br>(937) 849-1643 or 845-8467 (bldg.) | SWEET HOME, OR<br>Church of Christ<br>3702 E. Long St.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Building: (541) 367-1599  | SUMTER, SC<br>Woodland Church of Christ<br>3370 Broad St. Extension<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr.<br>(803) 499-6023  | KINGSTON SPRINGS, TN<br>Kingston Springs Church of Christ<br>350 North Main St.<br>Bible Study 9:000 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Dan King, Sr.<br>(615) 952-5720 or 662-7626  | NASHVILLE, TN<br>Hillview Church of Christ<br>7471 Charlotte Pike<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jerry Sayre<br>(615) 797-1114  | ALVARADO,TX<br>I-35 Church of Christ<br>(E. Service Rd. of I-35, N. of<br>Alvarado)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(817) 295-7277 or 790-7253   |
| NEW LEBANON, OH<br>Church of Christ<br>1973 W. Main St.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Glen Murphy, Jr.<br>687-2985   | AVONDALE, PA<br>Avondale Church of Christ<br>1606 Glen Willow Rd.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(302) 733-7920 or (610) 268-2088<br>Randy Farme (610) 869-4146                                 | TAYLORS, SC<br>(Greenville Area)<br>Taylors Church of Christ<br>400 E. Main St.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:50 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Bill Mosely<br>(864) 268-5224 or 877-2728<br>www.taylorschurchofchrist.com | KNOXVILLE, TN<br>Chapman Hwy. Church of Christ<br>7604 Chapman Hwy.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jack Wise, Jr.<br>(865) 573-6638   | NASHVILLE, TN<br>Perry Heights Church of Christ<br>423 Donelson Pike<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 9:55A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evening 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Johnny Felker<br>(615) 883-3118<br>http://perryheights.faithweb.com  | ALVIN, TX<br>Adoue St. Church of Christ<br>605 E. Adoue St.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Mark Mayberry<br>(281) 331-4953 or (832) 837–9038   |
| NEW RICHMOND, OH<br>Church of Christ<br>550 Washington St.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:20 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Contact: Dave Wylie<br>(513) 553-6414<br>www.nrchurchofchrist.com                             | EXTON, PA<br>Exton Church of Christ<br>217 N. Whitford Rd.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>363-8042  | WEST COLUMBIA, SC<br>Airport Church of Christ<br>4013 Edmund Hwy. (Hwy. 302)<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Brad McCleeary (803) 783-0079<br>Steven Hutchinson (803) 604-6011                         | MARYVILLE, TN<br>Smokey Mt. Church of Christ<br>2206 Montvale Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Harold Tabor (865) 977-4230<br>Lon Spurgeon (865) 380-5594<br>http://tinyurl.com/smchurch                                       | PIGEON FORGE, TN<br>King Branch Road Church of Christ<br>560 King Branch Road<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Facilities available for Sunday<br>evening services upon request.<br>Evangelist: Roger Williams<br>(865)430-5980<br>www.KingBranchRoadChur-<br>chOfChrist.org | ANGELTON, TX<br>Kiber St. Church of Christ<br>P.O. Box 1162<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:20 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Zeke Flores<br>(979) 849-8376   |

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| Pruett and Lobit Church of Christ<br>701 North Pruett St.<br>Bible Study 9:45 A.M.<br>Worship 10:40 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jesse Flowers<br>(281) 422-5926; (281) 515-8939;<br>(713) 818-1321                          | EL PASO, TX<br>Eastridge Church of Christ<br>3277 Pendleton Road<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(915) 855-1524  | (Southwest)<br>Murphy Rd. Church of Christ<br>2025 Murphy Rd., Missouri City<br>Worship 9:30 A.M.<br>Bible Study 10:45 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Gene Mabry<br>(281) 265-8071 or 261-5216                                  | McKINNEY, TX<br>Central Church of Christ<br>1805 White Ave.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jack Howard III<br>(214) 544-3035   | Pecan Valley Church of Christ<br>268 Utopia (I-37 S.E.<br>Exit Pecan Valley)<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Clyde W. Carter<br>(210) 337-6143   | NEWPORT NEWS, VA<br>Harpersville Rd. Church of Christ<br>315 Harpersville Rd.<br>Bible Study 10:000 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>(757) 595–9564   |
| To make changes<br>to your ad,<br>contact us at<br>andyalex@bellsouth.net   | FORT WORTH, TX<br>Woodmont Church of Christ<br>6417 Landview (at Altamesa)<br>Worship 9:30 A.M.<br>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.<br>Afternoon 5:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Jeff S. Smith<br>(817) 292-4908 or 426-2242<br>woodmontchurch.org | HOUSTON, TX<br>Spring Woods Church of Christ<br>9955 Neuens Rd. at Witte Rd.<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist (281) 794-0837   | MESQUITE, TX<br>(East Dallas)<br>Westlake Church of Christ<br>427 Gross Rd., 75149<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:00 PM.<br>Evening 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Ashley Sharkey<br>(972) 285-1610                       | SHERMAN, TX<br>Westwood Village<br>Church of Christ<br>314 N. Tolbert<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Fred Watkins   | RICHMOND (Metro), VA<br>Courthouse Church of Christ<br>Courthouse Rd. at Double Creek Ct.<br>(2.2 miles S of Rt. 288)<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Gene Tope<br>(804) 790-1629<br>www.courthousechurchofchrist.com |
| BAYTOWN, TX    East Side Church of Christ    3107 N. Highway 146    Bible Study  9:30 A.M.    Worship  10:30 A.M.    Evening  6:00 P.M.    Wednesday  7:00 P.M.    Evangelist: Kris Emerson  (281) 427-8729; 837-9259    422-8800; 573-1940  422-8800; 573-1940 | FORT WORTH, TX<br>West Side Church of Christ<br>6110 White Settlement Rd. 76114<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>(817) 738-7269   | HUNTINGTON, TX<br>Church of Christ<br>P.O. Box 858<br>One block north of U.S. 69<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:15 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:00 P.M.<br>(936) 422-4640  | MIDLAND, TX<br>Woodcrest Drive Church of Christ<br>1401 Woodcrest Drive<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 PM.<br>Wednesday 7:30 PM.<br>Evangelist: Danny Hooper<br>(432) 699-0955<br>(432) 694-3482                 | TEMPLE, TX<br>Leon Valley Church of Christ<br>4404 Twin City Blvd.<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Warren King<br>(254) 939-0682 or 228-5038<br>www.biblemoments.org   | RICHMOND, VA    Forest Hill Church of Christ    1208 W. 41st St.    Bible Study  10:00 A.M.    Worship  11:00 A.M.    Evening  6:30 P.M.    Wdnesday  7:30 P.M.    Evangelist: Jack Bise, Jr.  (804) 233-5959   |
| BEAUMONT, TX<br>Dowlen Rd. Church of Christ<br>3060 Dowlen Road<br>Bible Study 9:30 A.M.<br>Worship 10:30 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Evening 7:00 P.M.<br>Evangelists: Max Dawson<br>& David Banning<br>(409) 866-1996  | FRISCO, TX<br>(North Dallas-Plano)<br>4220 Preston Rd. (Holiday Inn)<br>Call for times of services.<br>Glenn Henderson (972) 378-3621<br>Rex Payne (972) 740-1486<br>Al Payne (972) 712-9274   | IRVING, TX<br>Westside Church of Christ<br>2320 Imperial Dr.<br>(closest to D/FW Airport)<br>Bible Study 9:00 A.M.<br>Worship 9:50 A.M.<br>Evening 6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Mark Roberts<br>(972) 986-9131<br>www.JustChristians.com      | Subscribe<br>Today!<br>Truth Magazine<br>1-800-428-0121  | TEMPLE, TX    Southside Church of Christ    2003 S. 5th    Bible Study  10:00 A.M.    Worship  11:00 A.M.    Evening  6:00 P.M.    Wednesday  7:30 P.M.    (254) 773-0931  | RICHMOND, VA<br>West End<br>4909 Patterson Ave.<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Evening 5:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.<br>Evangelist: Stacy Crim<br>(804) 358-7933   |
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| 4452 Hinsdale St.   | Bible Study 10:00 A.M.<br>Worship 10:50 A.M.   | Worship 10:30 A.M.                                    |  |
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| (757) 486-6639  | 304-342-3037                                   | 273-0261 or 273-3267                                  |  |
| BELLINGHAM, WA  |  | WELLSBURG, WV   |  |
| Mt. Baker Church of Christ                                    | CLARKSBURG, WV                                 | Charles St. Church of Christ                          |  |
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| Sunnyside Church of Christ                                    | MORGANTOWN, WV                                 | CANADA  |  |
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| Bible Study 2:00 P.M.   | Bible Study 9:30 A.M.                          | 803 - 20 A Ave. N.E.                                  |  |
| Worship 3:00 P.M.   | Worship 10:20 A.M.                             | Calgary, Alberta T2E ISI                              |  |
| Wednesday 7:30 P.M.   | Evening 6:00 P.M.                              | Sunday 10, 11, 6                                      |  |
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| W. Washington Ave.  | Roberts Ridge Church of Christ                 | Hamilton, Ontario                                     |  |
| Church of Christ  | Bible Study 9:45 A.M.                          | 126 Ottawa St. N.<br>Mailing Address:                 |  |
| 902 W. Washington Ave.  | Worship 10:30 A.M.                             | 33 Highcliffe Ave. L9A 3L3                            |  |
| Conservative<br>Bible Study 10:00 A.M.                        | Evening 6:30 P.M.<br>Wednesday 7:30 P.M.       | Bible Study 10:00 A.M.                                |  |
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| (509) 248-8190 or 248-5614                                    | Glen Dale, WV 26038                            | (905) 575-8437  |  |
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| Church of Christ  | PARKERSBURG, WV                                | CANADA<br>Batarbaraugh Ontaria                        |  |
| 522 Daugherty St.   | Marrtown Church of Christ                      | Peterborough, Ontario<br>The Board Rm., Parkway Place |  |
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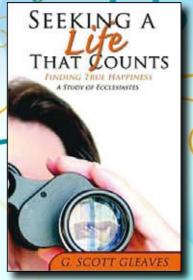
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