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## Editorial Briefs



MIKE WILLIS

### THE WAY OF ALL THE EARTH

As I write this article, two well known gospel preachers are lingering on the brink of death. Their passing cannot be far removed. When Joshua came to this stage in his life, he said, “Behold, this day I am going *the way of all the earth*. . .” (Josh. 23:14; 1 Kings 2:2). Indeed, only Enoch (Gen. 5:24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11) escaped passing through the shadow of death.

When Moses died, the Lord spoke to Joshua saying, “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel” (Josh. 1:2). The point of this exhortation to Joshua is that someone must step up to fill the shoes of him who is gone. Moses had departed and Israel needed someone to lead them into the land of promise. Joshua was chosen by God for that task and needed to step forward to assume that role.

As we witness the passing of that generation who brought us through the difficult times of division over church support of human institutions (orphan homes, colleges, old folks homes, unwed mothers homes, camps, etc.), the sponsoring church arrangement (remember the Herald of Truth), and church sponsored recreation (what began as “fellowship halls” led to gymnasiums), we are conscious of the need for young men to rise up and fill their shoes. Indeed, the generation that followed these men (my generation), is now well

advanced in years; I turn sixty-four this month.

What kind of leader will step forward? Will it be one who believes that we need a kinder, gentler approach to preaching, one that does not contrast the dogmas of men with God’s revelation? Will it be men who believe that teaching the lessons in *The New Testament Church* (by Roy E. Cogdill) or *Why I Am A Member of the Church of Christ* (by Leroy Brownlow) “converts men to the church instead of the Christ”? Will it be leaders who think this generation who taught the necessity of water baptism and the possibility of apostasy really did not understand God’s grace? Will it be a generation who believes fellowship can be extended to those who teach false doctrines on such subjects and divorce and remarriage, institutionalism, and instrumental music in worship? Or, will men step forward to lead who believe Bible authority is established by command, example, and necessary inference, who insist on adherence to the pattern of sound words (2 Tim. 1:13), who speak as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11), and who are resolved not to go beyond or detract from what God has revealed (2 John 9-11; Rev. 22:18-19)? Only time will reveal the choices that the coming generation will make.

### HOMOSEXUALS AND THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The April 3, 2011 issue of *The Informer*, a bulletin published by the conservative liberal church on Shelbyville Road in Indianapolis, features a front page article entitled

“HU Queer Press – Homosexuals at Harding University.” The article relates that in March, 2011 a group of homosexual students came together to produce *HU Queer Press* (<http://www.huqueerpress.com/>) and produced and distributed their self-published magazine, “The State of the Gay at Harding University.” The group swept through the campus and put a copy of their publication in every dorm and under almost every door. When the administration learned of this, they blocked their web site, addressed the student body, and either expelled the students or enrolled them into a therapy program. As one might expect, the story was picked up and distributed in a number of different publications including the *New Yorker*, *Arkansas Times*, *Jezebel*, and *Huffington Post*.

On April 19, 2011, *The New York Times* published “Gays fight for identity at religious colleges” ([http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42656837/ns/us\\_news-the\\_new\\_york\\_times/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42656837/ns/us_news-the_new_york_times/)). The article mentioned their “struggles” on such campuses as Belmont University in Nashville (Baptist) and Baylor (Baptist). Then it mentioned their efforts to establish a Gay-Straight Alliance on the campuses at Abilene Christianity University and the incident at Harding University.

As one witnesses these things happening among colleges supported from the treasuries of institutional churches, he wonders how it might affect Florida College. I

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# “Deliver Such an One unto Satan”



CONNIE W. ADAMS

**T**he church at Corinth had a problem. Evidently, they did not regard it as such, for they had done nothing about it and there was a manifest sense of arrogance and support for a brother engaged in immoral conduct. 1 Corinthians 5 gave instruction as to what to do about the matter. The future welfare of that church was at stake. Since similar situations arise among the churches now, with varying reactions (if any), it might be useful to take another look at this passage.

## THE SITUATION AT CORINTH

“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you” (v. 1) This was not just a case of idle gossip. The evidence was clear and well known. No such instruction as this would have been given on the basis of hearsay. Not only did fornication exist, but it involved incest wherein “one should have his father’s wife.” This was not to be passed over as a changing of social mores. It was not a sickness, nor just an “alternate life-style.” It was sinful before God and shameful before the world. Verse 2 shows that the brethren were swelled with pride so that there was no mourning over this sin.

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## THE PRESCRIBED REMEDY

Paul said he had “judged already ... concerning him that hath done this deed” (v. 3). The apostles were to sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. 19:28). The apostles delivered divine judgment or teaching for all God’s holy nation (spiritual Israel). Paul was not just giving advice. This was divine judgment directed by the Holy Spirit.

The action to be taken was public. The sin was “reported commonly” and the response to it was also to be public. They were to act “when ye (they) are gathered together” (v. 4). What were they to do when gathered together? “Deliver such an one unto Satan” (v. 5). Paul did not require them to do something which he did not practice. He said of Hymenaeus

and Alexander, “Whom, I have delivered unto Satan, that they might learn not to blaspheme” (1 Tim. 1:20). Whatever this action meant, Paul both taught and practiced it, and now urged the church at Corinth to do likewise.

What does it mean to deliver one unto Satan? Other expressions in the context help to explain it. In verse 2 he said, “that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.” Something was to be done which would isolate and ostracize this brother so that he would not be considered as “among them.” In verse 7 he said, “Purge out the old leaven.” This was an evil influence capable of spreading and contaminating “the whole lump.” They could not afford to ignore it. Sin, harbored, defended, or tolerated has an evil effect on the whole church. If only brethren everywhere could grasp that truth!

He further said, “But now I have written unto you *not to keep company*, if any brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one *no not to eat*.” They could not regulate the world at large, but they could, in their social dealing with one another, avoid such evil brethren. Welcoming him to such social events granted equal status to him and would cause him to be accepted in his sinful conduct. They were not to “keep company” nor even eat with him. In verse 13 Paul referred to this as “judging those that are within.” Then, in verse 13 he said, “Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.” Can there be any

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doubt as to the meaning of delivering one to Satan?

It was called this because brethren cut him off from them. This man had chosen to gratify the flesh and thus honor Satan rather than God. By putting him away from among them, purging him out, keeping no company with him, they simply recognized his choice and turned him over to it with all its frightful consequences. He could not walk with the Devil and with them at the same time.

Other passages bearing on the subject of corrective measures for the wayward show that such public denouncement should be prefaced by prayerful and careful effort to show the erring the folly of such a course and the end to which it leads. In the case of personal offenses, the action begins with a private setting, then moves to semi-private and then to public notice before the church (Matt. 18:15-17). “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1). Brethren who fall into sin are to be approached “in the spirit of meekness” and every righteous effort should be made to save him before it becomes necessary to “deliver him to Satan.” This rules out hasty, or vindictive action.

### WHY?

Some rationalize that it will do no good. That is not for us to decide. In fact, that very attitude is not far removed from unbelief.

1. The first reason this must be done is *because the Lord said* so. Why be baptized? The Lord said to do it. Why eat the Lord’s Supper? Because the Lord said, “This do.” Why deliver one to Satan? Because the Lord said to do this. But someone objects, “If we do that it will run him off, or drive him away.” No, no, brethren. He is already “off” and “away.” He made that choice and the Lord instructs us to recognize that fact and turn him over to his own choice. The public action of the church takes notice of the brother’s spiritual location and condition and registers its disapproval.

2. This action is designed to bring about “the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (v. 5) This strong medicine is to be administered to shake the sinful brother to his senses and lead him to bring his passions under control so that he can be saved at last. How could one who ever cherished the blessedness of walking in the light, of tasting the heavenly gift, and the uplifting influences of those of “like precious faith” ever be the same again when this is withheld? If, the sweet fellowship of the saints ever meant anything to him, such action, brought on by his own sinful choices, ought to bring him to his knees in sorrow. That is the goal of such action.

3. This discipline must be done in cases of the unrepentant for the *good of the church*. Paul said “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”

The health and welfare of the rest of the church must be protected. This cancer must be excised. It cannot be endured.

### A HAPPY ENDING

In the instance of the immoral brother at Corinth, let it be noted that the measures commanded by Paul, were taken and with good results. In 2 Corinthians 2:1-11, Paul spoke of the discipline administered by many and said that they should now “forgive” him lest he be burdened with “overmuch sorrow.” He said, “Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow” (vv 6-7). This is a clear reference to what was ordered in 1 Corinthians 5. The brother had repented. Paul would never have asked them to forgive and comfort him had he not repented.

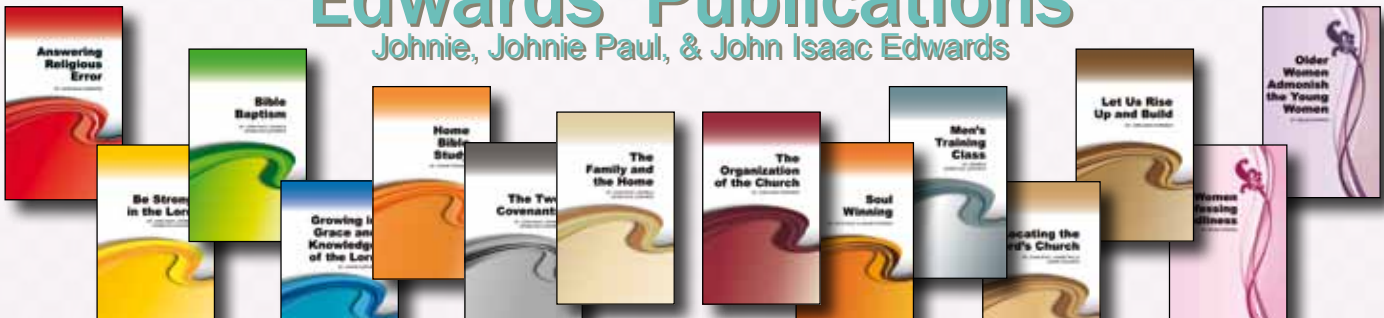
### A PRESENT NEED

Like Corinth, there are many congregations that need to do some house cleaning. Such would put sin in its proper light, manifest the indignation of the righteous against it, get the word out among all to whom such misconduct is known that the church does not approve of ungodly behavior, and would result in the saving of the souls of those thus corrected and rescued from the snare of the Devil. **TM**

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# Questions & Answers



## Question:

When a church already has elders, whose responsibility is it to appoint additional elders? Should this be done by the preacher, or is this a responsibility of the existing elders in their work of overseeing the church?

## Answer:

Information concerning the appointment of elders is not as prevalent in the New Testament as one might expect. There are, however, some pertinent passages along this line.

Some who were not elders (possibly deacons) were appointed by apostles in Acts 6, after the people in the church looked among themselves to locate men conforming to apostolic qualifications. When Paul and Barnabas returned to churches already begun and further developed them, they appointed elders (Acts 14:23). In Paul's writing to Titus, the apostle instructed him to appoint elders in each church (Tit. 1:5). In the latter two instances cited, the appointment done by apostles and preachers was something taking place after the choosing of the qualified men. We say this because of the distinction made between the choosing and the appointing in Acts 6. Without doubt it is right for preachers (evangelists) to tend to the appointing of elders.

Some think that elders already serving in a church can also appoint men to serve as elders. In fact, from the practice sometimes observed in certain congregations, they must also think that the elders can do the choosing and the appointing; but there is no authority for such to take place. Concerning elders simply appointing men already approved by the church, I would have no problem with this happening. After all, elders, as preachers of the word, would occupy the same relationship to the congregation and the men being appointed as the apostles/preachers did in Acts 6. The important idea to stress here is that the eldership is not a self-perpetuating entity, but one dependent on the church for its initiation and for its continuation. Current elders could join in the appointment of other elders, but such a right does not extend to their choosing the men on their own.

# Beware the Extremist

BARNEY KEITH  
(1920-2011)

A very versatile word in the English language is “extremist.” Much like “legalist,” “radical,” and “hobbyist,” it can be called into play whenever desired. It would seem that any man could be called an extremist — it just depends on who is doing the calling and where he stands at the time. A sure way to prejudice unthinking people against a certain viewpoint or matter of doctrine is to claim, “That is an extreme view!” An effective tool for poisoning people against a preacher is to claim, “You know, he is an extremist!” Immediately the dull-witted close their ears to what he says. They make no effort to investigate the Word of God to determine whether it is the truth. All of us need studious minds, desire for truth, willingness to study for ourselves, and fair-mindedness in considering any matter. Above all, we need respect for God’s Book!

## STRANGE BUT OFTEN TRUE

Some very significant factors enter into this matter of irresponsible use of words, “He is just an extremist.”

- Somehow, it is always the other fellow who is extreme — never the speaker.
- Frequently it is used by very “pious” men as a weapon to destroy another — as a prejudicial epithet.
- Often the speaker may not be overly concerned with the basic



question of right and wrong. Yet it is better to be extremely right by following the truth than to be extremely wrong by rejecting it.

- It may sometimes just be a self-protective device used by a person who is mortally afraid that he may be identified with the extremists. Perish the thought! So, in accusing the other brother of extremism he implies — for his own safety — “I certainly am not like that. I am no extremist.”

### NOT NECESSARILY SO

No one doubts that a man can be an extremist, but there are definitely some things that are not to be considered as marks of an extremist. If they are, the Bible is full of extremists (including God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the apostles, the prophets, etc.). Let us observe that:

- One is not an extremist because he insists on divine authority from Christ for teaching and practice. The Holy Spirit requires this (Col. 3:17; Heb 8:5).

- One is not an extremist because he rejects human traditionalism in religion — even though it may be “common practice of the brethren.” Jesus denounced such (Matt. 15:6-9).

- One is not an extremist because he refuses to encourage false teaching and teachers in any way (2 John 9-11). Fellowship with God is at stake here.

- One is not an extremist because he publicly challenges men to give authority for their practices. Jesus did (Matt. 21:24-27).

- One is not an extremist because he is willing to meet another in public encounter (that is, before an audience) and challenge a brother for his departure from the truth. Paul did so (Gal. 2:11-14; Acts 15:1, 2).

- One is not an extremist because he calls the names of men who teach the churches error and cause digression. Paul sets the example for this (2 Tim. 1:15; 2:15-18).




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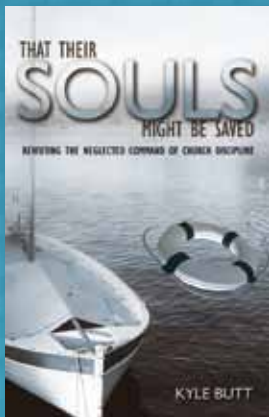
- One is not an extremist because he presses the truth with vigorous contention for the faith. The apostles did and we are instructed to do so (Jude 3; 1 Thess 2:1-2).
- One is not an extremist because he refuses to back away from the thick of a fight for truth. Paul says God has not given us “the spirit of fear” (cowardice) (2 Tim. 1:7-8). A gospel preacher should be ashamed to be a coward.
- One is not an extremist because he teaches faithful Christians to mark and avoid brethren who teach contrary to apostolic doctrine. This is demanded (Rom 16:17-18).
- One is not an extremist simply because his teaching causes division. Jesus’ sword – the word

of God – does some disturbing and dividing (Matt 10:34-36). Certainly not all division is laudable. Some of it is deplorable and sinful. It is always sinful to divide people by the preaching of error. On the other hand, division brought about by the proclamation of truth – division that results when some men take their stand upon a “thus-saith-the-Lord” and others rally to their human traditions – is to be expected. It was so in New Testament days. It is true today. Men are obligated to teach the truth. And men are obligated to separate themselves from error (Rom 16:17-18; 2 Cor. 6:14-18).

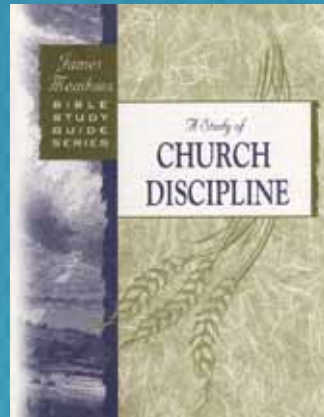
**THE REAL CONCERN**

The real concern of every Christian should be to determine

truth. If one searches the Scriptures (Acts 17:11) and learns that a thing is taught of God, this truth is extremely right, and he must believe it, regardless of what others may say or do. To refuse to believe it simply because others may consider it to be extreme is to dishonor the Author of truth. When problems arise and when questions are raised about any matter, our interest must lie in the Word of God as an infallible, all-sufficient standard of correct faith and practice. As was stated before: It is better to be extremely right by following the truth than to be extremely wrong by rejecting it (*East Florence Contender*, November, 1963). 




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## Jack Howard: He Has "Finished the Race"



BOBBY R. HOLMES



Jack Howard, long time evangelist in the Lord's work lost his courageous battle with cancer and passed away at his home in McKinney, Texas on April 2, 2011. I first met Jack and his good wife Wanda in about 1955 when he and I "tried out" for the preaching position for the long ago disbanded Page and Cumberland church in the city of Dallas Texas. Through the years, our families have shared a close and loving association in the Lord's work in preaching. Jack has preached in gospel meetings where I was located and I where he was located.

Jack was born in Greenville, Texas January 12, 1935 and met a young lady by the name of Wanda Carter in the spring of 1956 with whom he fell in love. On May 19, 1957, they were married. Into this union were born three children: Kenny, Diana, and Lorie. In his

early years Jack was introduced to Herman Sargent, a faithful gospel preacher in Greenville at the time working with the Walnut Street church, who taught Jack and baptized him. Brother Sargent began to train him to preach the gospel. His first sermon was preached for the church in Cash, Texas. He often said that, in that sermon, he "preached the whole New Testament; and it only took him five minutes." Through the years, Jack preached for the following churches: Campbell, Texas; Caddo, Texas; Page and Cumberland churches in Dallas, Texas where all three of the children were born. He then took the work with the Caddo Street church in Cleburne, Texas and afterward worked with the Josie Lane church in Carrollton, Texas. He was eleven years with the church in Wolf City and then worked with the Southside church in Greenville, Texas as an elder for a period of time. Afterward he accepted the work of a new congregation in Duncanville, Texas that later became the Whispering Hills church. He did an excellent job of building up the church there and remained there for twenty years. Part of that time, he served as both evangelist and elder.

He was approached by a preacher in the Dallas area about moving to McKinney, Texas to work with the new church there, known as the Central church of Christ. Jack visited with them and they offered him the work as full-time evangelist. Jack was not in good health at the time but gave it full consideration and finally decided to accept the

work and move. When he and Wanda made the decision to sell their house and make the move, each of their children who were also living in and near Duncanville and members of the church where Jack was preaching, made the decision to also sell their houses and move to McKinney to help support this new work. All of their children and grandchildren are faithful Christians. What a testimony for Jack and Wanda regarding their life of teaching in the home and living righteous lives! Jack had so many health problems that developed about this time. He had kidney failure that required a kidney transplant. His son Kenny gave one of his kidneys to his dad. He had open heart surgery requiring four by-passes and a bleeding ulcer, all in an eight-month period.

There was a faithful Christian lady in the church in McKinney who was a widow and was very pleased with the preaching Jack was doing and urged him to move there. She and some others had been instrumental in starting this sound work in McKinney and she wanted it to remain so. Her ultimate desire was to leave her inheritance to build a new building for the church to meet in. Sadly, she passed away before it could all come to pass. There was a big legal struggle with some brethren as to where her inheritance should go but with the kind help of brother R. J. Stevens, the money was finally turned over to the Central church of Christ and they did build the building.

## Jack Howard: He Has “Finished the Race”

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Jack did not want to die. It was not that he feared death but as he said, “He wanted to carry on with the Lord’s work there.” He wanted to preach until he died and he got his wish. Even in such illness and while undergoing Chemo treatments, he preached until three weeks before his death by sitting in a chair. Jack was always strong in his preaching with absolutely no compromise. Jo Ann and I visited him and his family many times in his recent illness and were at the hospital on Thursday when he was told there was no hope of recovery. We went to his home on Saturday where they had placed a hospital bed in the living room and put him


in the care of Hospice. We stayed until late evening and I told him we must go but would be back Monday after the Lord’s Day. As I left, I told him, “I’ll come back then if you have not gone home.” I told him to not fear death for angels would come

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and take him to Abraham’s bosom to await the Judgment. He was looking steadfast in my eyes as I spoke with him.

About 11:00 P.M. that night I received word he had passed away. Indeed, “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints” (Psa. 116:15). The address of sister Howard is as follows:

**Wanda Howard**  
**4105 Holly Drive**  
**McKinney, Texas 75070**

Sister Howard is in great need of financial help for Jack had no burial insurance and only enough life insurance to cover part of the expenses. Jack and Wanda gave themselves 100% to the Lord’s work and that included giving greatly in the support of the gospel. If any can help her, do what you can. 

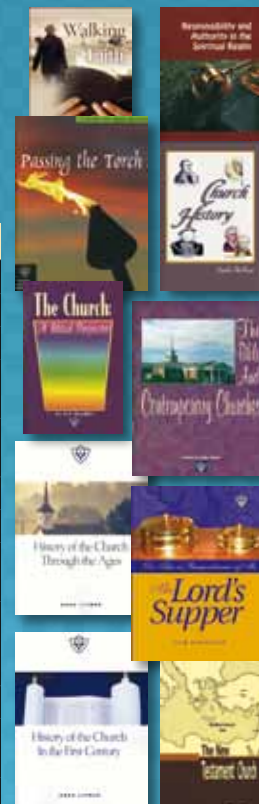
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# Why I Believe in Organized Religion



DICK BLACKFORD

**S**ome folks are fed up with the mega-church concept and have rejected “church” altogether. They believe they can “free-lance” and “free-wheel” their version of Christianity and have severed themselves from assembling altogether. Perhaps you’ve heard the old country song, “Me and God Got A Good Thing Goin’.”

God gave a simple plan of organization for his church consisting of elders, deacons, and saints (Phil.1:1), and we should

a number of “together” passages and “one another” passages that show there are some things He wants us to do that can be accomplished in no other way but “together.”

There is a danger in going from one extreme to another. We should not oppose the biblical plan of God’s organization. If one opposes all organized religion, then the only other kind left for him to favor is unorganized (or disorganized) religion.

**So here is why I believe in organized religion:**

**2. Because God wants all things done decently and “in order” (1 Cor. 14:40).** If there is an “order” then it is organized.

**3. Because unorganized or disorganized religion takes authority away from God and gives more to man.** Do you think God doesn’t know what man has up his sleeve in opposing organized religion?

**4. Because God wants us to know how to behave (conduct, NASV) ourselves in the house of God which is the church (1 Tim. 3:15).** If there is a certain way to conduct ourselves, then there must be some kind of order or pattern that God wants us to follow.

**5. Because unorganized or disorganized religion leads to a “free-for-all” as man chooses to do his own thing in religion.** Opposing organized religion is a copout and an escape mechanism used for man to have his own way.

If by “organized religion” one is opposing the hierarchy of elaborate “super-church” organizations with their headquarters and officers unknown to the Bible, then he (she) is right and should oppose *that*. But we must be careful that we don’t go from one erroneous extreme to another that is equally erroneous. If we would just let the church be the church like it was in the New Testament, we wouldn’t be having this problem. **TM**

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respect it and not oppose it. He had congregations established because He wants us to congregate. He wants us to assemble together regularly to worship Him and to edify, encourage one another, and work together (Heb. 10:24, 25). There are

**1. Because disorganized religion causes confusion and God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33).**

# “What Mary Could Not Do”

STEVEN J. WALLACE

There are many godly women in the Scriptures, but Mary holds a special place in our hearts, because it was her of whom the Savior came. However, some have built up ideas and exaggerations about this godly woman that are purely unfounded. In this short study, we want to simply look at some things that Mary could not do.

**1. Mary could not be the source of origin of the Son of God.** In other words, Jesus Christ’s existence did not begin with her. He existed before her as is implied by the statement that He is the “root” and “offspring” of her ancestor, David (Rev. 22:16). In fact, Jesus was in the beginning with God (John 1:2). Further, He is the One who created all things. He is the “firstborn of all creation,” an expression that is defined by Paul as, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” “Firstborn” is an expression of position and authority. As such, Jesus is the “beginning of the creation of God” (Rev. 3:14). John does not say that He is in the beginning of created beings, but rather the beginning, that is, origin, source, and governor of the creation of God. It is in this vein that the word is to be applied to Christ (cf. word usage “magistrates,” Luke 12:11; “power,” Luke 20:20; “rule,” 1 Cor. 15:24; “principality,” Eph. 1:21; “rulers,” Tit. 3:1; “first,” Heb. 2:3; 5:12; “domain” Jude 1:6).

**2. Mary could not ignore her maternal instinct.** As the Lord’s mother she cared very deeply about her Son. When He had

lingered in Jerusalem, He had become separated from her. She and Joseph were worried sick as to where He had gone. They searched everywhere from a day’s journey away among their relatives and then back to Jerusalem frantically looking for their Son for three days. Finally, they found Him in the temple. Jesus is likewise found today in the temple, the church of Christ. But while others were astonished at His understanding and His answers, she was perplexed with distress that she could not find her Son all this time. “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously” (Luke 2:48). Any parent could empathize with her. This would be the natural response of any loving and concerned mother. She would have equally been as emotionally upset as any mother would be when she stood before the cross watching her firstborn bleed to death (Luke 2:35; John 19:25). The cross and your salvation was not only costly to Jesus, but it was also to His mother. What we sometimes complain about as being “too hard” or “too difficult” in relation to doing the work of the church and representing Christ on earth embarrassingly pales in comparison to such a cost. Such statements that come out of the mouth of Christians only show an admission of frail discipleship where other things are competing with Christ, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Mark 8:34; “other things” see Mark 4:19).

**3. Mary could not disrupt the Lord’s mission.** After the episode, Jesus responded to her, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” (Luke 2:49).

Our Lord always places what is most important *first*. His business was to be about His Father’s business. When He was older, and after He appointed for Himself apostles, some of His relatives came apparently to rescue Him from fanaticism, “But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, ‘He is out of His mind’” (Mark 3:21). We find Mary and her sons outside seeking for Him a few verses later to which He responds, “. . . ‘Who is My mother, or My brothers?’ And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother’” (Mark 3:33, 35).

**4. Mary could not be a mediator between God and mankind.** She was in need of a savior as any man or woman is (Rom. 3:23). As she stood before the cross, she stood before her Lord and her Savior. Men have elevated Mary to a status which she never knew nor would she be willing to accept. “And Mary said: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior’” (Luke 1:46, 47). Praying to and through Mary is not only vain, but idolatry and insulting to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Peter stated boldly with the Holy Spirit, “. . . for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). “No other name,” means “not any other name!” The name of Jesus excludes the name of Mary, Mark, Matthew, Peter, and Paul (cf. 1 Cor. 1:12, 13). “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time” (1 Tim. 2:5, 6). **TM**

JEFF SMITH



## OBITUARY NOTICES

It is bittersweet to witness the passing of more and more old soldiers of the cross. General Douglas MacArthur was quoting a popular barracks ballad at his own retirement from active duty when he remarked, "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." Soldiers of the cross do indeed sometimes fade from public notice as their ability or opportunity to preach declines with the passing of the harshest years, but it is without the bitter finality of MacArthur's farewell. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15).

One such servant, **J.W. Hicks** of Liberty Hill, Texas departed this life on his eighty-eight birthday, February 20, 2011 after a short illness. Brother Hicks labored in the gospel for many years in Liberty Hill, but was born in the Cherokee Indian nation of Oklahoma before the Great Depression. He is survived by his son J. W. Hicks, Jr. and wife Mildred Cantrell Hicks and daughter Patricia Henry. Warren King commented about Brother Hicks: "I will miss his Texas-sized grin, but I suspect he is smiling even more now."

**Jack Howard**, who most recently preached the gospel in McKinney, Texas, departed this life at the age of 76 on Saturday,

April 2, 2011, following a long battle with cancer. Jack is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Wanda; a son, Kenneth; daughters, Diana Lyle and Lorie Ann Lambert and eleven precious grandchildren. Jack Howard will be remembered for many things, but chief among them is his unwavering commitment to preaching and living according to the truth of Jesus Christ, in addition to the faithfulness of his family. Both form an enduring legacy to Jack Howard and his faithful wife, Wanda.

Bobby Holmes, who helped officiate Jack's funeral, reports that he died with no burial insurance and only a small life insurance policy. "Funeral expenses took almost all of that even though the family bought the most economical plan available," Bobby adds. Although his family is doing all they can to help, if you would like to assist Wanda in dealing with these and related expenses, please contact her directly: Wanda Howard, 4105 Holly Drive, McKinney TX 75070.

**Cecil Douthitt**, preacher for the Hallsville church in Missouri, passed from this life on Friday, April 22 after surgery for a brain aneurysm first discovered in 2004. He is survived by his wife of nearly fifty years, Vera. Cecil was the grandson of the well-known preacher of the same name.

**Ed Dye** of Whitehall, Arkansas, a faithful brother and preacher, passed away on Monday, April 25 from cancer. "His family was by his side, and his passing was peaceful," writes Ed Harvey. Brother Dye is survived by his wife, Irene, and a daughter, Janet.

## TOM O'NEAL CONTINUES TO HOLD ON

At the time of this writing, brother Tom O'Neal continues to struggle in his health following a series of strokes and seizures while hospitalized in Florida. Brother O'Neal has been in serious condition for several months now, but through the effectiveness of prayer and love, has managed to defy medical prognoses to enjoy more time with his beloved wife, Carolyn. They continue to covet those ardent prayers in their behalf, appreciating

so much the evidence of their affection and effectiveness. Tom had brain surgery in November and has enjoyed slow improvement since; at this writing, he is in a nursing home under hospice. We continue to pray for Tom's recovery, accepting God's will, whatever it is. Tom and Carolyn have each done so much good in the Lord's vineyard and many can relate stories of the ways in which their love for truth and people's souls has touched their lives.

## OTHER NEWS

News from Japan following the earthquake and tsunami indicates that brethren were largely spared from the worst damage, but they continue to seek prayers as they participate in the rebuilding process. Preacher Robert W. Nichols reports from Japan that brethren there are coping fairly well following March's record-breaking earthquake. "I have received many emails of encouragement and offers of assistance. This has been greatly appreciated. By the grace of God, there are no Christians that I have contact with who have suffered harm or damage from the disaster."


**Tol and Dana Burk**, who have struggled with health problems the last few months have decided to return to the U.S. from Puerto Rico. **Joel and Anna Holt** will continue the work there, while the Burks seek to relocate to the Dallas area, with plans to continue traveling to the Caribbean to preach and teach. Tol also hopes to extend his travels into Central and South America. His hope is to do some preaching in the Metroplex, while being free to travel a great deal as well. If a congregation could use Tol in a secondary way on the local level, he can be contacted by email at [tolburk@gmail.com](mailto:tolburk@gmail.com) or by telephone at (787) 930-6341. The Burks could also benefit from assistance in making the move back to the U.S.

**Dennis Adams** has relocated to Shippensburg, Pennsylvania after nine years in Jacksonville, Arkansas. He is, however, having difficulty selling his house, temporarily leaving behind his wife to oversee that aspect of the move. Keep them in your prayers that this burden might soon be lifted and that the work in Shippensburg will prosper.

## SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR "NEWS OF YOU"

If you would like to submit news items for possible publication, please email them to Jeff Smith at [jssmith@electronicgospel.com](mailto:jssmith@electronicgospel.com) or mail them to 845 Edgehill Road, Burleson TX 76028.

Because I live in North Texas, news from this area tends to hit my desk first, but we want to do our best to collect news from brethren, not only throughout the United States, but from around the world. Although the printed word might not be the quickest form of communication, it continues to reach into places where the wire does not.

We are most interested in news of milestone wedding anniversaries, deaths of widely known individuals, debates scheduled, preaching trips planned, preacher relocations or retirements, congregations established, relocated, or merged; appointment of elders or deacons, and human interest or inspirational stories (Phil. 3:17). 




# Attalia or Antalya



MIKE WILLIS

**K**nown today as Antalya (Adalia), Attalia is a city on the coast of Pamphylia in south Asia Minor. It is located on the Catarrhactes river and served as the port for Perga, the capital of Pamphylia. The city is mentioned only once in the Bible in connection with Paul's return trip from his first evangelistic journey: "And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia: And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled" (Acts 14:25-26). Though not mentioned in Scripture, Paul probably also landed here when he traveled from Paphos, Cyprus to Perga (Acts 13:13).

Antalya was founded by Attalus II Philadelphus of Pergamum (159-138 B.C.). However, excavations in 2008 in the Dogu Garaji district of Antalya have uncovered remains dating to the 3rd century B.C., suggesting that the city was founded earlier than previously supposed. Antalya became part of the Roman Republic in 133 B.C. when King Attalos III of Pergamum willed his kingdom to Rome at his death. The city grew and prospered during the Ancient Roman period. The city is built on a limestone plateau about 100 feet above the river bed. It did not become a Roman colony until the third century A.D. The Anchor Bible Dictionary states that there are substantial archaeological remains of the walls and towers of the outer harbor. The city was formerly enclosed by a moat and portions of the Hellenistic defensive wall still stand. A triple arch built by Hadrian still remains as an imposing structure of antiquity in the region.

The city has a good museum which contains many of the statuary artifacts from Perga. 





JOSHUA MAHENDRANTH

## Update on Work in India

### **(Editor's Note:**

*Bobby Holmes sent me the following letter from Joshua Mahendranth, requesting that I publish it. Bobby approached Ron Halbrook, Tom Roberts, and me about publishing a request for funds to construct a meeting place for brethren in Bangalore, India. Significant progress has been made on this project, but more needs to be done. We are passing on the information to our readers, with the expectation that they will recognize that Ron, Tom, and I have not been to preach in India and that we are depending upon brother Holmes' knowledge of these men for recommending their work. We have confidence in brother Holmes' work based on his many years of experience, but do not have first-hand association with any of the good brethren in India. Though I have not spoken to the brethren mentioned in this letter from brother Mahendranth (Joe Price, Dan Torres, and Marc Smith), I am confident in their work as well, because of past contact with them.*

Thank you for your prayers and support for me and the Lord's work in India. I was busy with the Bible classes with brother Marc Smith and brother Dan Torres which were held from January 29th to 10th February. These classes are very important to help build up the faith in the new preachers and give them teaching on preaching plainly and boldly the gospel of Christ. We are so very proud of the preachers from America (Joe Price, Dan Torres, and Marc Smith) who give their time and work very hard preparing lessons for us. Our knowledge each year grows as we hear these lessons and we become stronger each year by our good fellowship in our classes and studies.

By the grace of God, the classes went well and brothers Marc Smith and Dan Torres' journey went well on their return home. The preachers' travel also went well in returning home.

Before that I was very busy to prepare for the Bible classes. Since it was planned for fifty preachers for each week, we had to find a good place for their accommodation and classes. This year we had a problem with the regular building (CWC) which we rented for the classes because, due to building demolition, we had to find another place for the classes (ISI).

As you all knew that we are praying for the church here in Bangalore to be able to buy land to build a meeting place for the church to meet and worship in. It has long been the dream of the church here to have a permanent meeting place. At the present, we meet in one of the rooms of the house of brother and sister Balaswamy and the room is very small for the church members to be. Brother Bobby Holmes, Joe Price, Ron Halbrook, Mike Willis, Tom Roberts, and so many are praying and raising funds for land first and then the material for the church building. At the same time we also are searching for a good place which we can purchase for a low price. Searching for the land and waiting for enough money to be available to buy it is of great concern to us for we are hoping we can buy the land before land prices go higher. Please continue your prayers for the church building in Bangalore.

We are regularly conducting our worship services on Sunday and visiting the houses for to invite people to hear gospel preaching (we will call it House Visiting).

We scheduled the Gospel Meetings at Bangalore church in April, because April and May months are summer holidays for children so parents are free from children home work, etc.

We are so thankful to your prayers and the financial support that are given in love.

# Lot Pitched His Tent Toward Sodom



JARROD JACOBS

**G**enesis 13 records the time when an uncle and nephew had to part ways. Abram and Lot had a large number of animals, and it became a hardship as Abram and Lot's herdsmen fought with one another (vv. 1-7). Abram's solution was that they would part ways so as to ease the tension between the servants (vv. 8-9). Lot agreed to this and then *"pitched his tent toward Sodom"* (v. 12). Tragically, this decision signaled the "beginning of the end" for Lot's family. While he traveled to the well-watered plain of Jordan outside of Sodom wealthy and happy, in a few short years, he would flee from this area with only the clothes on his back, having lost his material goods in Sodom, his wife, and his children except the two girls who committed incest with him (Gen. 19)!

When we read about Lot in Genesis 13, he seemed to have everything, but then he lost everything by Genesis 19! How could this happen? This happened because Lot *"pitched his tent toward Sodom."* An overview of Lot's life between Genesis 13 and 19 shows us that while Lot first *"pitched his tent toward Sodom"* (Gen. 13:12), it wasn't too many years until he was dwelling *"in Sodom"* (Gen. 14:12). Finally, we read about him sitting *"in the gate of Sodom"* (Gen. 19:1)! In addition to this, Lot went from being merely a stranger in the plains to a man whose children married citizens of Sodom (Gen. 19:14).

Sadly, this is not the end of the story. Lot's wife was killed for her disobedience the day after fleeing from the cities God destroyed (Gen.

19:17, 26). This left Lot and his two girls as the only survivors. Yet, there were more problems he faced. You see, though his children were out of Sodom, Sodom was not out of the children! Therefore, his girls plotted and committed incest with Lot (Gen. 19:31-36). The result was that Lot, Abram's nephew and "brother" (Gen. 13:18), ended up having descendants who were perpetual enemies to Abram's descendants (Gen. 19:37-38)!

Just think, this all began because Lot's herdsmen and Abram's herdsmen could not get along, and so when given the choice, Lot looked toward the well-watered plain of Jordan for his sustenance (Gen. 13:7, 9-10).

## WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TEACH US (ROM. 15:4)?

**First, this account teaches us that outward appearances are deceiving.** Just because something looks innocent does not make it so! Lot went to a well-watered plain (Gen. 13:10). This act in itself was not wrong or sinful. The grass and water did not bring temptations and sin. However, what was also on the plain would prove to be Lot's downfall! I wonder how many times in later years Lot wished he had never seen that plain, and had never left Abram?

People can be this way, too. The woman in Proverbs 7 was a *"flattering"* woman, she treated the young man in a kind way and enticed him with her *"fair speech"* (vv. 5, 21). It seemed "innocent" at the time. Yet,

*"she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death"* (v. 26-27). Satan is this way, too. He can transform himself *"into an angel of light"* (2 Cor. 11:14). This is obviously a transformation that is only "skin deep" (to borrow a phrase). He seems innocent. His lures and enticements seem harmless. Yet, when we give in to temptation and sin, then *"sin when it is full-grown brings forth death"* (Jas. 1:15)! Certain games and entertainment can be this way. Movies, television shows, and the like can "advertise" themselves as innocent forms of entertainment only to overwhelm us with sinful ideas and acts played out before us to entice us to want to take part. Is there any wonder David said, *"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes"* (Ps. 101:3)? It is time we applied that verse to ourselves! Can good, wholesome works be found in television and movies? Yes, but we have to look hard to find them, and cannot always trust the first thing we see! Similarly, in the last decade, the internet has invaded our homes and offices. There are good things to be found on the internet. Yet, there is much evil there as well! It appears innocent. Sometimes, the names of certain websites appear innocent, but a visit there will bombard us with sinful pictures and temptations. Beware! It is more pervasive than we like to admit!

**Second, the account of Lot and his tragedy teaches us that sin and evildoing do not stay static.** In other words, it grows over time.

## Lot Pitched His Tent Toward Sodom

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Though we may be as Lot and not engage in it ourselves, if we are not on our guard, sin can overwhelm us before we know what has happened. No doubt this is what happened to Lot. The unlawful deeds in Sodom *“vexed his righteous soul from day to day”* (2 Pet. 2:8). Yet, he was so involved with Sodom since he had moved into town and his children married into this culture, that he could not tear himself away when the time came to flee. The Bible says the angels had to take him and his family by the hand and drag them out of town before it was destroyed (Gen. 19:15-16). We see without question that sin does not stay static.

We observe this same truth in our lives. For example, we understand that the person who has lost all his money and has destroyed his family through drinking alcohol or drugs did not start out planning to do that! He started with one drink, with one “hit” off a joint, etc., just to get along, or to have fun, or to “relieve stress.” He did not begin with the purpose of going to work drunk or stoned. She did not start out with the intention of stealing prescription drugs to satisfy her “high,” but then getting caught and going to prison. Yet, this was the result because sin does not stay static!

Too, we know of some who have been unfaithful to their mates. It didn’t begin this way. It may have started with a chance meeting on the street, or with an innocent e-mail, but it grew into something more! No doubt many have cried, “I never meant for it to go this far!” Lot could have said the same thing. He did not

go to the plains in Jordan with the intention of living in Sodom! Let us remember the words of Scripture: *“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump”* (1 Cor. 5:6)! Sin does not stay static.

**Third, a point that can be overlooked is the impact our choices have upon our children.** At times, we hear folks making excuses that what they do with their lives is “their own business.” Some try to say what they do has no impact on anyone else. Yet, if they have children at home, the choices they make have a great impact upon their children’s souls. Let us never forget this. We parents have a greater influence on our children than, perhaps, we would like to admit. God says, *“And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”* (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21).

Let us also bear in mind that a child’s spiritual downfall can come at times, not from the influence from without (as in the case with Lot in Sodom), but from the influence within, if we, as parents, are not conscious of how we are treating our children and what we are teaching them on a daily basis! Parents, what are we teaching our children through our words and our deeds (Matt. 5:16; Tit. 1:16)?

Lot made a choice that resulted in his daughters marrying men of Sodom. When he tried to warn them and spare them from harm, *“he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law”* (Gen. 19:14). The sons-in-law, and his daughters ignored him and died in fire and brimstone!

Perhaps when at home, those girls would have listened to their father, but now it was too late (for them and him)! In addition to this, the two unmarried daughters, after having survived the destruction of the cities, conspired together to commit incest because they thought there was no one who would marry them (Gen. 19:31-32). In this case, we see that, though Lot’s daughters got out of Sodom, Sodom did not get out of Lot’s daughters!

Could it be that perhaps the sins observed by Lot that *“vexed his righteous soul from day to day”* (2 Pet. 2:8), had an increased burden to him because his children were going down a path that he did not teach them at home? This account in Genesis 13-19 ought to be an object lesson to those of us who are parents and grandparents (Rom. 15:4).

### CONCLUSION

Yes, Lot *“pitched his tent toward Sodom”* and ended up losing his goods, several members of his family, impregnating his own daughters while in a drunken stupor, and giving rise to two nations of people who were perpetual enemies to Israel. Can there be any clearer warning to us today of what sin can do in just one generation? Let us hear and fear. Let us make sure we are following what the Lord says (Col. 3:17; Rev. 22:14). Righteous living, godly decisions, and standing as Joshua (24:15) will result in a blessed life and a blessed family who will continue to do what is right for generations to come. **TM**

# A Spiritual Prostitute

JOHN A. SMITH

**T**he LORD said to me in the days of King Josiah: “Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore?” (Jer. 3:6).

Frequently throughout the Old Testament, Jehovah would accuse Israel of playing the harlot when she gave to idol gods what alone should have belonged to Him. At the outset of the commandments Israel had been charged not to share with idols devotion that belonged to Him and Him alone. *“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments”* (Exod. 20:4-6).

In spite of these and other clear warnings, Israel went “a whoring” after other gods. The dust of the Red Sea had barely been shaken off their feet, when they made for themselves an image of a golden calf like the gods they had left in Egypt (Exod. 32). Had it not been for the intercession of Moses, Israel would have been destroyed.

Are we any different today? It may not be a graven image of our own making before which we bow down, but are we nonetheless guilty of playing the spiritual prostitute

today? Have we sold ourselves out to another god and given to him what alone should belong to the Lord?

In April of 2011, Justin Monts, Steve Niemeier, and I were teaching in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The national director for the World Bible School acknowledged that there was no authority in the Bible for such church supported institutions. He said he would leave, but his family depended on the income that the WBS generated. Asked if he would leave for \$100 a month, he replied that this would not be enough, but that he would consider leaving for \$200 a month. Following that conversation another gentleman asked if we would find him support from the states for preaching. He said, “I will preach your Gospel if someone will pay me enough.”


Sadly, these two men were willing to make spiritual prostitutes out of themselves. They were willing to sell their loyalty to the highest bidder. Devotion and commitment were not for Jehovah God and Him alone, but for themselves and the mammon of this world. Jesus made it clear that *“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money”* (Matt. 6:24)

How many otherwise good brethren have sold themselves into spiritual prostitution by choosing wealth, fame, acceptance, or money over the Lord? They will take a job that leaves them little or no time in which to serve the Lord. When the pursuit of material riches is completed they are left with neither time nor energy for Jehovah God.

Are they really seeking first the kingdom and His righteousness or the harlot of money (Matt. 6:33)?

In pursuit of acceptance and popularity, many have forfeited their morality (or at least compromised their morality) and played a spiritual prostitute. They will go along with the crowd, dress like the crowd, and go to the places of the crowd because acceptance by their peers is more important than acceptance by their God. How many young people have chosen to go the prom because it is the popular and acceptable thing to do? Forget the immoral dress, lasciviousness, and sinful activities associated with the prom; acceptance by the god of “peer-dom” is more important than loyalty to Jehovah God.

We who preach are not immune from the temptation to become spiritual prostitutes. Whatever is popular, that some will preach. Call names? Never, someone might get mad and no longer like you. Whatever position the big donors take is the position that the local preacher will defend. Take a tough stand? Never, you might lose popularity. What God do you serve?

We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our commitment to the Lord cannot be shared or given to another. Jesus made it abundantly clear that to be one of His disciples requires our *total* commitment to Him (Matt. 10:38-39; 16:24-25; Luke 14:27-30). That commitment must not be compromised or shared, but must be for the Lord and the Lord alone. 

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## Without Him

**T**he song, *Without Him*, teaches us some great spiritual lessons. Take just a few minutes and think about the condition we would be in, Without Him!

**1. We Could Do Nothing.** Have you considered, “*For in him we live, and move, and have our being*” (Acts 17:28)? Want to try breathing without His air; living without His water and food? And this list could go on and on! But with Him, we can “do all things” (Phil. 4:13).

**2. We Would Surely Fail.** We are admonished to “look unto Jesus” (Heb. 12:1-2). Remember Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off the Lord (Matt. 14:22-31). Jesus left us an example to follow (1 Pet. 2:21). Failure is on the menu without Him.


**3. We Would Be Drifting Like A Ship Without A Sail.** A ship without a sail cannot be controlled. So our lives, without Him, would be tossed to and fro as Paul wrote about in Ephesians 4:14. But with Him, we can anchor our souls (Heb. 6:18-19).

**4. We Would Be Dying.** “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23; Jas. 1:14-15; Ezek. 18:20). Jesus came that we might have remission of sins (Luke 19:10; Rom. 5:8; Jas. 1:21; Rom. 8:1-3).

**5. We Would Be Enslaved.** Romans 4:1-7 teaches we don’t have to be in bondage but can be sons. We can “stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free” (Gal. 5:1).

**6. We Would Be Hopeless.** Without Him, we would be like the Ephesians in Ephesians 2:12: “*That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.*” Wow, what a condition to be in!

**7. There Would Be No Church of Christ.** He “purchased the church with His own blood” (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

**8. But With Him, Thank God, I’m Saved.** Christ is our savior (Matt. 1:21; Luke 2:11; 19:10; Heb. 5:8-9; Eph. 5:23). With Him, we are “made nigh, reconciled to God, are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God” (Ep. 2:13-19). What a song! Sing it. 

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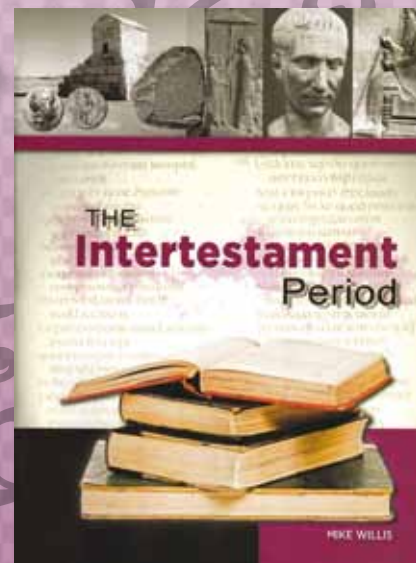
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# Building Up Again Those Things Which Are Destroyed

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In the book of Galatians, Paul answered the Judaizing teachers of his day who were demanding that the Old Law be observed in order to be saved. In Galatians 2:11-21, Paul rebuked Peter for his hypocrisy related to the Judaizing teachers. Peter had rightly associated with the Gentiles and ate with them on one occasion, but later wrongfully withdrew himself from them when some Jews came to town. Peter acted like he did not want to be with the Gentiles when he was in the presence of these Jews. Paul resisted Peter concerning this matter and charged Peter with not walking uprightly according to the truth. One important point that Paul made to Peter is found in Galatians 2:18. Paul wrote: *“If I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor.”* Paul was saying that, if he had acted hypocritically like Peter did, he would be building up again the wall of separation between Jews and Gentiles that had been destroyed in Christ. And, if he did this, it would be a transgression (sin) to do so. Peter acted hypocritically and stood condemned for his behaviour. Why? He built up again what God wanted destroyed. Let us take a closer look at this spiritual principle and what it means for us today.

## THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE DESTROYED

Peter destroyed the Old Law on Pentecost and afterward when he preached the gospel of the resurrected Christ (Acts 2-5). Peter once again destroyed the Old Law in the home of Cornelius when he preached faith in Jesus Christ and remission of sins (Acts 10: 1–11:18). Peter destroyed the Old Law again in Jerusalem when he answered the Judaizing teachers who were

binding circumcision as a condition of salvation (Acts 15:6-11). Later, after all this, Peter acted hypocritically and built up again the Old Law which he had destroyed years earlier (Gal. 2:12).

Today, there are a number of things that have been destroyed in the life of a Christian. For example, the Old Law has been destroyed and it is no longer a binding covenant for the Christian (Eph. 2:14; Col. 2:14). Other things contrary to Christ like sins, philosophies, errors, plans of men, etc., have been destroyed through the teaching of the gospel (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

The question that remains is this: Are we building up again those things which are destroyed? For example, denominationalism was once destroyed in the early 1800's by restorationists who sought to be New Testament Christians. However, some among brethren today are building up again those things which are destroyed and are rebuilding denominational structures contrary to the teaching of Ephesians 4:4-6. Some among Churches of Christ are rebuilding denominational practices like instrumental music, the Lord's Supper on a weekday, the observance of Easter and Christmas as a religious holiday, etc. Others among Churches of Christ are rebuilding denominational errors like Calvinism, premillennialism, pentecostalism, etc.

Worldly ways are also destroyed when a person becomes a Christian, but some are rebuilding those worldly ways later in life (Gal. 5:19-22; Eph. 4:17–5:5; Col. 3:5-9). Division is destroyed when a person becomes a Christian, but some are rebuilding that division later in life (Phil. 2:2-3;

4:2-3). Putting self first is destroyed when a person becomes a Christian, but some Christians are rebuilding that selfishness later in life (3 John 9; Rev. 2:4; 3:16). Are you one of those Christians who is “building again those things which are destroyed”?

## DO NOT BUILD AGAIN THE DESTROYED OF GOD

Friend, let me encourage you to leave destroyed those things that God wants destroyed. Do not resurrect and rebuild them in your life! They will do you no good. Leave them dead and destroyed! Denominationalism, worldliness, and other sins that are to be destroyed in your life should stay destroyed. First, do not let the pressures of the world cause you to rebuild the destroyed of God (Gal. 2:11-14). Peter gave into the peer pressure around him which caused him to build up again the wall between the Jew and Gentile. He feared *“them of the circumcision”* and acted hypocritically. Don't fear what the world thinks or says, just please God. Second, remember it is a sin to rebuild the destroyed of God (Gal. 2:18). One is a *“transgressor”* who rebuilds the destroyed of God. Peter *“stood condemned”* and he *“walked not uprightly according to the truth.”* Christians today who build up again that which is destroyed of God also sin. Finally, focus on being right with God and serving Christ. Paul wrote at the end of his message to Peter: *“... it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me”* (Gal. 2:20). When a Christian focuses on pleasing God (Gal. 1:10), lets Christ live in him (Gal. 2:20), and glories in the cross of Christ (Gal. 6:14), he will not fear the world around him and he will not build up again those things which are destroyed. **TM**

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# Some Lessons from a 12-Year-Old

Luke 2:40-52



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*“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6).*

Consider learning lessons from a single incident recorded from the boyhood of Jesus. Here is a wise, precocious twelve-year-old who can teach us all — whether child or adult — a few things, if we will but listen. As we read the Gospel narrative, this twelve-year-old shows us wisdom, purity, and grace; a deep desire to please and do the will of the Heavenly Father in all things; and skill in the use of the knowledge of divine law. From the inspired text, Luke shows us the holiness of Jesus radiating from what mankind would view as a twelve-year-old boy. Jesus, at twelve years old, is a lovely example for all. Here is a perfect twelve-year-old who will teach us spiritual lessons about purity, obedience that is both loving and unreserved, and how to patiently wait on the Lord.

**Jesus grew strong.** Many commentaries cite that the child Jesus grew and developed intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. While Jesus’ natural human growth and development were the same as every other child, it was also very different: *“And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him”* (Luke 2:40). While Luke 2:52 says that Jesus as a child *“increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men,”* I do not understand this scripture to mean that He was ignorant and was left to follow the

same growth patterns as every other child. No, even Mary (Luke 2:19, 48, 51) and those at the temple (Luke 2:47; cf. Psa. 119:9) saw Jesus as very different. Spiritually speaking, He was different to be sure!

Jesus grew strong — He naturally developed like other boys — yes, He “experienced” things like other boys do, and He obeyed like other boys should. But Jesus’ learning and obedience were *far superior* to the typical behavioral patterns of other children. Perhaps the meaning of Jesus growing spiritually might be better considered in light of the words of John the Baptist, *“He must increase”* (John 3:30). What grew strong was the manifestation — the declaration of who He is — the Son of God — Deity! And of course, it was at the right time that He was manifested to Israel and all mankind!

Think about it — I can’t imagine a child *never* saying “No!” or rebelling in some way, or talking back or smarting off, etc.; yet Jesus *never* smarted off to His parents, never rebelled, never fought or argued with His mother and adopted father, or even His siblings! Jesus was very different — He was Deity. But, *He is a role model for every child to live up to!*

**Jesus was a child who did not hassle or worry His parents.** Mary and Joseph did not fret, starting out from Jerusalem, seventy-five or eighty miles back to Nazareth, not knowing exactly where Jesus was. It is reasonable to assume that up to this point in his life, the Boy Jesus had never caused them any

grief, had never disobeyed them, had never even been thoughtless to them, so they did not fret about starting on their journey back home.

### **Jesus appreciated the spiritual.**

Jewish law stated that at age twelve, a child became a “son of the law,” and began to observe its requirements and feasts, etc. (vv. 41, 42; Exod. 23:14-17; Deut. 16:16). At this point in His development, we find Jesus in the temple, where He is considered of age to have learned enough to sit with the temple teachers. In this text we see that Jesus clearly understood and declared: (1) God as His Father (v. 49; cf. Matt. 10:37); (2) His spiritual obligations (v. 49; cf. Matt. 6:33); (3) His purpose in life was to be doing His “Father’s business” (v. 49; cf. Eccl. 12:13); (4) the importance of assembling for worship (vv. 41-42; cf. Heb. 10:25); (5) the importance of Bible study (vv. 46, 47; cf. 2 Tim. 3:15); and (6) showing joy in and for worship (vv. 42-43; cf. Psa. 122:1).

**Jesus had moral alertness.** The situation of the twelve-year-old Jesus at the temple is important because it reflects Jesus’ awareness of His unusual relationship to God and to the religion of Israel and temple service at an early age. The Lord, even at age twelve, had a deep and passionate concern about the Scriptures, as is witnessed by Him discussing Scripture with the temple teachers (Luke 2:47). Most children at this age are just coming into the age of accountability. At age twelve,



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most children are just becoming aware of their moral culpability for their sins, as well as the need to repent and have their souls cleansed of sin.

If you are a young person reading this article, and you understand the Bible, sin, and your need to come unto God, then repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins! If you have already become a Christian, then grow in wisdom and knowledge, and be faithful to God in all things — because this was the example of our Savior, even at such an early age!

### Jesus understood the meaning of Scripture and life.

At twelve years old, Jesus had a grasp and a comprehension beyond anything those teachers at the temple had ever seen. Mary and Joseph were also astonished when they found Him amazing the scholars. At age twelve, Jesus was talking, teaching, and even correcting! Here Jesus is at age twelve, and if He was the typical human boy, some might think He needed to keep His mouth shut, put His listening ears on, and keep them open to the older, educated men. That would have been true if He were just like any other human child.

All of us have a need to be taught many things at twelve years old. Those young people who have obeyed the Gospel still need to be taught further about the world, sin, God, worship, and our responsibilities before both God

and mankind. In other words, those twelve-year-olds who have obeyed the Gospel are just beginning their advanced, continued teaching, and it will be a lifetime of learning. We need to be taught, but many of us learn so poorly. We read, but we do not understand it all. Even as we

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read, we often forget. Our minds are limited and worse still, our devotion is limited, our attention is distracted, and our interest is divided. But not so with the Eternal Word — the Lord Jesus, even at age twelve!

At age twelve, most of us are just starting to think we know everything and we think, in our rebellious attitudes, that we even have something to teach and tell to our parents and other adults (because they don't know anything!). But, *Jesus was not rebellious or arrogant!* And Jesus *did not smart off* to His ignorant teachers or His ignorant parents! There was Jesus (who was sinless, perfect, and with perfect knowledge) asking and answering questions in the temple in an equal

setting (parallel, not under) with the temple's teachers. When Mary and Joseph told their son it was time to leave, He went home with them. So if Jesus, who was perfect, treated imperfect adults this way, how much more should imperfect children (and that is every one of us, Rom. 3:23) treat adults — even their imperfect parents?

**Jesus was misunderstood.** Parents (and especially mothers) often have a problem coping with the changing relationship with their children. This challenge must have been multiplied many times over for Joseph and Mary. Parents often lose track of time during the developing years. Parents mark their children's development by progress reports from the doctor (weight and height), report cards, or progress reports from school, and yearly photographs.

Perhaps Mary thought, "I was changing his diapers just yesterday!" It is hard for parents to comprehend the relatively quick growth and development of those who were once totally dependent upon them for everything — physically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially — just a "few days" before. Parents are to teach, train, provide for, and protect their children; and Jesus too was taught, trained, provided for, and protected. Thus when Mary said, "*Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously*" (Luke 2:48), she was thinking as a mother, as one still in training and protection "mode." But Jesus had progressed and matured

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beyond her realization, and He had to kindly remind her who He was and what His work was (v. 49; cf. to Mary – Luke 1:35; 2:11-19; to Joseph in Matt. 1:21-25).

Mary had trouble grasping the moment and the statement; she did not understand (v. 50). Parents know children will become mature and independent — Mary knew (Luke 1:30-31, 32-33; cf. John 2:3-5). But in the process of growth and maturity, reality and timing are often problems. A child typically perceives his progress to be more advanced than it actually is. In time, the child often resents being treated as a child. Granted, parents sometimes have difficulty seeing progress. Jesus was just beginning to fulfill His role. This evidence of His “increase” caught His mother by surprise. But still, Jesus never mistreated nor was condescending toward His earthly parents.

**Jesus was submissive and obedient in all things.** In spite of being misunderstood (v. 48), Jesus was “in subjection” to His earthly parents (v. 51). Here He is at the temple doing the Father’s work, but as He was still a child — so it was necessary for Him to obediently go home and continue His growth to adulthood. Being the earthly son of Joseph and Mary, Jesus was obedient to them. He stopped His discussion with the teachers and went home with His parents. This is a beautiful example for every young person to follow! The same kind of submission is required of all children and is taught in Scripture by the phrases: “*this is right*” (Eph. 6:1) and “*in everything*” (Col. 3:20). Later in life, Jesus’ submission to authority (even toward authority that was ignorant or abusive) was cited by

Peter as examples for our behavior (1 Pet. 2:18, 21; 3:1).

One might ask, why did the Eternal Word take on the form of flesh and live as a baby, a child, a teenager, a young adult, etc. before engaging in His ministry, which then led Him to His work, and ultimately to the cross for the sins of mankind? It was for the furthering of God’s Scheme of Redemption. What connection was there in waiting another eighteen years — for a child to become a man? Because God said so, to fulfill all righteousness (remember His baptism of John — Matt. 3:15), and to teach us lessons of obedience in all things, even when we do not understand. Why? The answer is clear: “*though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him*” (Heb. 5:8, 9).

**Jesus knew His mission and purpose.** At age twelve, Jesus knew His mission (Luke 2:49), and was able to accurately convey it to His mother and adopted father, and to us. Jesus recognized that He had a high and holy mission that set Him apart from the normal regulations of a home. But being in the body of a twelve-year-old, He was not ready to engage in His great mission just yet. Thus we also see that *Jesus was patient — He bided His time*. And so He went home with Joseph and Mary and was *obedient* to them in everything.

At twelve years old, even as Jesus was God (Creator of man), He did not look down on His human “sinful” parents with contempt and scorn. He was the perfect child! The very fact that Jesus was the Son of God, Deity walking here on earth, made Him

the perfect child for human parents in every way. Again, rather than looking down on His humble and loving parents, the gentle Mary and the hard working Joseph, Jesus went home and He was *obedient* to them. *If a perfect Jesus was obedient to His imperfect human parents, then we must also be obedient to our parents in all things!* Truly, the blessed Lord Jesus is the one we need to learn to emulate in all things (1 Pet. 2:21-24; Heb. 5:8-9). Most of us want to be adults, living as adults — even before our time. It should occur to us that the sinless (Heb. 4:15) Son of Man showed us all up, even when He was twelve years old. This was an age of learning and submission (Luke 2:51; Heb. 5:8).

**Jesus grew in favor and service.** The word “favor” can also be translated as “grace.” In Luke 2:52, growth is gradual and receives the approval of both Jesus’ neighbors and God, for they all benefitted from the service He was able to give. Jesus, as a developing child, was *approachable, kind, loving, and compassionate* — qualities and attributes that need to be instilled in each child, and those which we as parents and adults should cultivate in each of our own lives. These are qualities of strength that drew men, women, and children to Him.

**Jesus honored His parents.** The Holy Spirit has Luke to end this particular beautiful Gospel story with this statement: Jesus “*continued in subjection*” (Luke 2:51, NASV). “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men*” (Luke 2:52). As we have already noted, He *submitted* even

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when He was misunderstood. This conduct is the highest form of honor (not just mere lip service). Jesus “continued” to be in subjection until His death (John 19:26). Children are commanded to honor their parents (Eph. 6:2). Honor and respect are required when children are disciplined (even when they feel it

is unjustified) (Heb. 12:9). Children must speak and act with respect (Matt. 15:4), and a child’s obligation continues long after the childhood years with respect to honoring and caring for their parents (1 Tim. 5:4).

The Son of Man, as a twelve-year-old, taught some lessons we need to think about, learn, and

apply. We have looked at some practical lessons regarding how to keep ourselves pure, how to “trust and obey, for there is no other way” and how to “wait on the Lord” (Psa. 27:14). “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Matt. 11:15). **TM**

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# Not Far From The Kingdom

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## INTRODUCTION

The kingdom of God was a focal point of prophecy. Jacob said that the scepter would not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between His feet, until the coming of Him to whom authority belongs (Gen. 49:8-10). Isaiah said that the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, would reign on David's throne, thus establishing a just and righteous government (Isa. 9:6-7). Daniel said that in the days of the Roman empire, God would establish a kingdom that would never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44-45).

As the time drew nigh for God's purpose to be fulfilled, both John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1-2) and Jesus Christ (Matt. 4:17) preached that "the kingdom of God is at hand." In other words, its establishment was imminent. After centuries of preparation and anticipation, the Messianic kingdom would soon be inaugurated (Matt. 16:28; Mark 9:1).

Not only was the kingdom of God near unto men, but the Bible also speaks of men who were near unto the kingdom. During His last visit to Jerusalem, Jesus paid a very high compliment to one of the scribes

who had questioned Him. He said to the scribe, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Mark 12:28-34).

While the scribe had been appraising Jesus, Jesus had been appraising the scribe. His discreet answer led Jesus to say that he was not far from God's kingdom. Clearly, the distance to which Jesus referred

When Scripture speaks of the kingdom of God, it describes a monarchical form of spiritual government. The Christian religion is not a democracy where the will of the majority holds sway; rather, Christ is our King (Luke 1:31-33), and His Word is our final source of authority (Col. 3:17). Furthermore, we must be loyal and obedient citizens (Eph. 2:19-20).

*church of Christ*  
*the kingdom of God*  
*the body of Christ*  
*the temple of God*

*the bride of Christ*  
*the household of God*  
*the vineyard of the Lord*

Furthermore, "the kingdom of God" and "the church of Christ" refer to the same spiritual realm. Some argue that the "kingdom" and the "church" are distinct from one another. Premillennial teachers say that Jesus came to establish His kingdom, but was

was not physical but spiritual. As we shall see, this individual had a grasp of spiritual truths, which, if pursued, would lead him into the kingdom of God.

## THE NATURE OF THE KINGDOM

The New Testament uses various phrases to describe the people of God. These include the church of Christ, the kingdom of God, the body of Christ, the temple of God, the bride of Christ, the household of God, the vineyard of the Lord, etc. Each of these expressions portrays different spiritual relationships and responsibilities.

rejected by the Jews. They say the church was set up as an afterthought or substitute measure, and the kingdom will be established later. However, a careful examination of Scripture reveals that this is a false distinction (Matt. 16:16-19; Col. 1:13-14, 18; Heb. 12:22-24, 28-29; Rev. 1:4, 6, 9).

## THE DIVIDING LINE

In the New Testament the kingdom of God is represented as both a rule unto which man must

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submit (Luke 17:20-21; Rom. 14:16-17) and a realm into which man must enter (Luke 16:16; Matt. 4:23-25). In either case, we may be near unto or far from God's kingdom, depending upon our attitude and disposition.

God's purpose in establishing the kingdom/church was to bring men and women into full submission unto Christ. He removes us from the sinful realm of darkness and translates us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13-14). The New Testament reveals the conditions for citizenship in this spiritual kingdom. We are saved through an obedient faith (Matt. 7:21-23). The Lord adds people to His church as they are saved (Acts 2:46-47). It all boils down to one simple question: "Are you willing to do what God has said?" This is the dividing line.

### THE QUALITIES OF NEARNESS

Many are far from the kingdom of God: Romans 3 describes the state of fallen humanity. Mankind is lost and undone. Their hearts are corrupt and defiled. Ignorant of God's word and lacking spirituality, they are self-righteous, self-seeking, self-destructive, self-condemned (Rom. 3:10-18).

Others, like this scribe, have progressed spiritually to the point that they are near unto the kingdom of God. The difference is one of attitude. When Jesus saw that the scribe **answered wisely**, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Mark 12:34). The Greek word translated "wisely/intelligently" is defined as "sensibly, discreetly" and is descriptive of action that is "wisely, thoughtfully" pursued [Thomas, BDAG].

**1. Knowledgeable.** In the context, Jesus had been discussing the true nature of devotion. He was asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Our Lord answered that the first commandment is to love God supremely and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:28-31). This scribe expressed full support for Jesus' statement. He understood man has a tendency to substitute ceremony for substance. Without belittling the importance of divinely-ordained sacrifices, this man clearly understood that love for God and one's fellowman is at the heart of genuine religion (Mark 12:32-33). Obviously, he possessed a knowledge of God's Word and was sufficiently perceptive to make proper application.

Knowledge is essential. Hosea condemned the Israelites, saying that they faced certain destruction because of their lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6). Jesus affirmed that men are drawn to God as they hear, learn and are taught (John 6:44-45).

So far, so good. This scribe was on the right path, but he had not yet reached the kingdom of God. He still had further to travel. Knowledge, by itself, will not save a man. It will, however, make one a fit candidate for conversion.

**2. Open-Minded.** The scribes, Sadducees, and Pharisees generally opposed Jesus. However, this man was not governed by the herd instinct. The Jewish leaders constantly disputed with Jesus, listened only with a view to entrapping Him in His words, and summarily dismissed His teaching. Yet, this man listened with an open and receptive mind.

Let us learn from his example: Open-mindedness is essential. A wise son will incline his ear to wisdom and apply his heart to understanding (Prov. 2:1-5). Let us be like the noble Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so (Acts 17:11).

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**3. Courageous.** This scribe was courageous in speech. He was willing to acknowledge that Jesus spoke the truth. As a rule, the scribes and Pharisees did not believe on Jesus. Those that did believe were often afraid to confess Him (John 12:42). Yet, here was a man bold enough to acknowledge truth when he heard it. He courageously affirmed his agreement with the teachings of Jesus.

Courage is essential. Like David of old, we should be willing to openly speak of God's testimonies without shame or fear (Psa. 119:46). It is imperative that we have the courage to openly confess Christ before men (Matt. 10:32-33).

So far, so good. This scribe was on the right path, but he had not yet reached the kingdom of God. He still had further to travel. Courage, by itself, will not save a man. It will, however, make one a fit candidate for conversion.

**4. Humble.** Pride and arrogance were characteristic of the scribes

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and the Pharisees (Luke 18:11-14). Truth is hidden from those who are proud and preening (Luke 10:21). However, this scribe was different. He was humble in spirit.

Humility is essential. Jesus praised this disposition when He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3). We must walk humbly with our God (Mic. 6:8).

So far, so good. This scribe was on the right path, but he had not yet reached the kingdom of God. He still had

further to travel. You see, humility, by itself, will not save a man. It will, however, make one a fit candidate for conversion.

### THE TERMS OF ADMISSION

This scribe demonstrated the right attitude toward God, God's law, and his fellow man. Yet, attitude is not enough; it must be accompanied by action. Jesus' statement, "Thou are not far from the kingdom of God,"

must have been an invitation for him to come the whole distance. What good is it for one to remain at the border of God's kingdom? So near and yet so far. So near, and yet he was still lost.

To enter the kingdom of God, one must be born of water and the Spirit (John 3:1-5).

This involves faith in Christ (John 8:24), repentance from past sins (Luke 13:3), confession that Jesus is the son of God (Matt. 10:32-33) and

baptism into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27). If you have not been baptized, you have not put on Christ, you are not yet a part of His body, or a citizen in His kingdom, or a member of His church. You may be near the kingdom, but you are not yet in it.

### CONCLUSION

Many today are in the same condition as this scribe. How near have they come to the kingdom? In many cases they have been

brought near by the actions of others. They have been positively influenced by some faithful Christian. They are acquainted with the truths of religion. They have studied the Scriptures and have a basic understanding of the gospel of Christ. They respect the Bible as the Word of God. They admire the person of Christ, His moral purity, His teaching, and His compassion. They may even attend periods of Christian worship. They obey many laws of Christ, either from habit or conviction. Many times they have desired to go further. They may have even resolved to yield all to the Savior. And yet, they still have not rendered obedience.

How far are they from the kingdom? Men may travel a long distance in the right direction, and yet not complete the journey. They refuse to take the last few steps. They have yet to receive the gospel of Christ with their whole nature. The assent of the understanding must be followed by the consent of the will. They have not yet surrendered themselves to Jesus. Men may give much, but withhold more. Jesus demands our all, and He will not accept less.

Why remain on the outside looking in? Why remain on the borderland of God's kingdom? Christ stands at the door and desires entrance into your life (Rev. 3:20). Do not keep Him waiting in the cold. Do not stop short of full obedience. Come the whole distance. Act on your faith. Turn from your sins. Confess Christ before men. Be buried with Christ in baptism. Then be raised to walk in newness of life. Spend yourself in


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His service, and heaven will be your home.

Whether or not this scribe was ever born into the kingdom of God is not stated. Perhaps this man was eventually numbered among the “great company of priests” and other Jewish leaders who were obedient to the faith after the day of Pentecost (Acts 6:7). One hopes so. And yet, for all his nearness to

the kingdom of God, it may be that he never entered it. How tragic it is that many who are not far from the kingdom of God never actually enter therein. As someone once said, “On the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless thousands who on the threshold of victory sat down to wait; while waiting, wasted and died.” Therefore, if you believe, do not hesitate. Obey today!

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contacted H. E. "Buddy" Payne, Jr., President of Florida College, about what is happening at Florida College. He replied as follows:

To an astute observer it is clear that homosexual activists of our time will not be satisfied with mere tolerance of their lifestyle, or even special consideration as an oppressed minority. As evidenced by these latest actions to undermine the credibility of even private, religiously affiliated colleges, their determination is to stamp out the last vestiges of opposition from those who still believe that all forms of sexual immorality (including the homosexual lifestyle) are sinful.

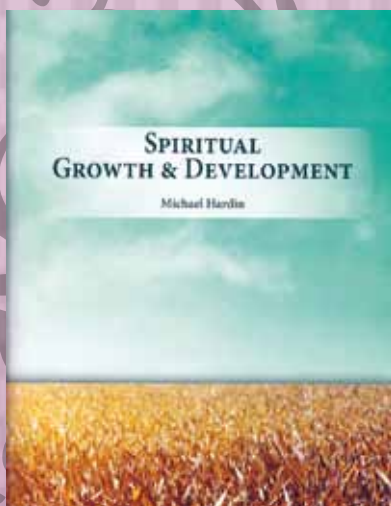
While Florida College has not yet felt the brunt of direct attacks from homosexual activists, we have experienced a direct hit on our finances because some companies have removed the College from the list of non-profits that are eligible to receive their matching grants because we are not willing to sign their non-discrimination agreement.

What the future holds for schools, colleges and churches in the wake of the powerful homosexual movement in our country only God knows. But wisdom says that those of us who believe firmly that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God and that God therein has revealed

His moral law which defines right and wrong as it relates to sexual behavior, best be prepared to face persecution and use every avenue at our disposal within the rights and privileges of our constitutional form of government to defend ourselves.

One does not need to be a prophet to see the handwriting on the wall. The homosexuals are bent on destroying any organization that condemns their behavior as sinful or deviant. Those who are Christians must be preparing themselves for the looming battle.

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<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>BROOKSVILLE, FL</b> Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803</p>	<p><b>GENEVA, FL</b> Church of Christ Ave. C and 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. (407) 349-9998</p>	<p><b>MIAMI, FL</b> Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437</p>	<p><b>PENSACOLA, FL</b> East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Stan Adams 479-2130 or 994-7749</p>	<p><b>CONYERS, GA</b> Rockdale Church of Christ East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932; Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987; Building (770) 929-3973</p>
<p><b>FT. COLLINS, CO</b> Foothills Church of Christ 1200 Raintree Drive Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:30 A.M. Call (970) 482-9690 for Wednesday Service (Meets in home.)</p>	<p><b>CHIPLEY, FL</b> Church of Christ 1295 Brickyard Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 638-2366 www.chipleychurch.com</p>	<p><b>HOLLYWOOD, FL</b> Harding St. Church of Christ 5828 Harding St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (954) 961-4112</p>	<p><b>truth BOOKS</b></p>	<p><b>To make changes to your ad, contact us at andy@truthbooks.net</b></p>	<p><b>CORDELE, GA</b> Crisp County Church of Christ 120 Emmaus Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Jimmy Tuten Call for directions: (229) 271-1964 (229) 382-8766 (229) 3263715</p>
<p><b>GRAND JUNCTION, CO</b> Valley Church of Christ 491 Sparm Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Rex Cornwell www.ValleyChurchofChrist.net</p>	<p><b>DELAND, FL</b> North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Julington Creek Church of Christ 1630 State Rd 13N Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (904) 703-2277 Denny Freeman www.jccoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p><b>PUNTA GORDA, FL</b> Church of Christ 2300 Taylor Road P.O. Box 511069 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov.-Mar.) 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paul Branch (941) 347-8425</p>	<p><b>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA</b> Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>
<p><b>IGNACIO, CO</b> Church of Christ 295 Burns Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. (970) 563-9418</p>	<p><b>DESTIN, FL</b> South Walton Church of Christ 64 Casting Lake Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 622-3817 www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Maretta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden Elders: Jamie Rhoden &amp; Steve Frazier (904) 781-5704 or 693-0432 www.mariettacoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p><b>ST. PETERSBURG, FL</b> Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p><b>SAVANNAH, GA</b> Coastal Church of Christ 7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Nelson ronaldnelson1@gmail.com (912) 306-4631 www.coastalchurchofchrist.com</p>

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<p><b>VALDOSTA, GA</b> Church of Christ 4313 North Valdosta Rd. (Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. (No evening worship) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (229) 244-8630</p>	<p><b>PALATINE, IL</b> Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 967-9667</p>	<p><b>OOLITIC, IN</b> Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p><b>LENEXA, KS</b> Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p><b>CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY</b> Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) AM Worship 9:30 A.M. AM Bible Study 10:30 A.M. AM Worship 11:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651</p>	<p><b>REGINA, KY</b> Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 &amp; Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (606) 754-9883, 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>
<p><b>HI - ISLAND OF OAHU</b> Leeward Church of Christ 94-1233 Waipahu St. Waipahu, HI 96797 (15 mi. from Honolulu; 18 mi. from Waikiki) Bible Study 9 am Worship 10 am Evening 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm www.leewardchurchofchrist.org Anthony Genton: 808-671-0239</p>	<p><b>CLARKSVILLE, IN</b> Clarksville Church of Christ 407 Lewis and Clark Pkw. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (812) 941-0747 or 944-2305 KCampbell@earthlink.net Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>	<p><b>PEKIN, IN</b> Church of Christ (First St. &amp; Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p><b>TOPEKA, KS</b> 17<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>CANEYVILLE, KY</b> Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 274-3065, (270) 259-0306 or (502) 724-2231</p>	<p><b>BATON ROUGE, LA</b> Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>
<p><b>BLACKFOOT, ID</b> Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>	<p><b>ELLETTSVILLE, IN</b> Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285</p>	<p><b>PLAINFIELD, IN</b> Church of Christ 350 E. Township Line Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards (317) 839-0174</p>		<p><b>DANVILLE, KY</b> 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Scott Vifquain (859) 236-4204</p>	<p><b>BOSSIER CITY, LA</b> Bossier Church of Christ 2917 Foster Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 747-4308 or 742-4557</p>
<p><b>ABINGDON, IL</b> Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>	<p><b>HAMMOND, IN</b> Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, IN</b> Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>		<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p><b>FRANKLIN, KY</b> 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>	<p><b>HOBART, IN</b> Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663</p>	<p><b>SALEM, IN</b> Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Evan Casey (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p><b>AUSTIN, KY</b> Peter's Creek Church of Christ 856 Thomerson Park Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov-Mar) 5:00 P.M. Evening (Apr-Oct) 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Justin Monts (270) 404-2171 or 646-0498 www.peterscreekcoc.com</p>	<p><b>GLASGOW, KY</b> East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Carnation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Lancaster (270) 404-0346 or 651-7141</p>	<p><b>LEESVILLE, LA</b> White Park Church of Christ 17801 Nolan Trace; 20 mi. from Fort Polk (5 mi. W. of Leesville) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (337) 239-4614 www.whiteparkchurchofchrist.org</p>
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>	<p><b>INDIANAPOLIS, IN</b> Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St., 46256 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (317) 842-3613</p>	<p><b>TRAFALGAR, IN</b> Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David R. Dodd (317) 878-9969 or (317) 439-3252 spearsvilleroadmessenger@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>BEAVER DAM, KY</b> Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p><b>LEITCHFIELD, KY</b> Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Cooper (270) 259-4968</p>	<p><b>MANY, LA</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>
<p><b>DOWNERS GROVE, IL</b> Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>	<p><b>JAMESTOWN, IN</b> Church of Christ (1 Mi. south of I-74) Cor. Darlington &amp; Mill Sts. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Greg King (765) 676-6404 or (317) 892-6285</p>	<p><b>DES MOINES, IA</b> Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> Eastside Church of Christ 1706 Smallhouse Rd Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wed. 10:00A.M. &amp; 7:00P.M. Evangelist: Gary Kerr (270) 843-9925 www.mightyisthelord.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822</p>	<p><b>STONEWALL, LA</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>
<p><b>GLENN ELLYN, IL</b> Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630) 529-2149 (630) 858-2290</p>	<p><b>MARION, IN</b> South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602</p>	<p><b>GRINNELL, IA</b> Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 236-1955 (641) 521-6485 (641) 236-3883</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>	<p><b>WEBSTER, MA</b> Church of Christ Webster 168 Main St. Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Wed Bible Study Call for details (401) 440-5117 Preacher: Robert Weltzin</p>
<p><b>MATTOON, IL</b> Southside Church of Christ 1100 S. 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (217) 234-3702</p>	<p><b>MUNCIE, IN</b> Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488</p>	<p><b>EL DORADO, KS</b> Emporia St. Church of Christ 1154 S. Emporia Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (316) 250-7123</p>	<p><b>BRANDENBURG, KY</b> Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p><b>OWENSBORO, KY</b> Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>	<p><b>PORTLAND, ME</b> Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times &amp; places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>

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<p><b>ARBUTUS, MD</b> Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, (410) 590-2852</p>	<p><b>CLINTON, MS</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (I20, exit 36) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>	<p><b>DONIPHAN, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. 1/2 mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p><b>ST. JAMES, MO</b> Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p>To make changes to your ad, contact us at andy@truthbooks.net</p>	
<p><b>SEVERN, MD</b> Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brandon Trout (410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, MS</b> Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>	<p><b>FAIR GROVE, MO</b> Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylinechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (call to confirm time) 764-9277</p>	<p><b>HOPE MILLS, NC</b> Gray's Creek Church of Christ Gray's Community Bldg. School Road Worship 10 am Bible Study 11am (910) 321-9023 (910) 424-2372</p>
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<p><b>CEDAR SPRINGS, MI</b> Grand Rapids Area W. Michigan church of Christ Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park St. Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 12:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph Gladwell (616) 975-2778 westmichcofc10@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 482-0543 or (601) 679-8542 youngins@omcast.net</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Nashua Church of Christ 11425 N. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142</p>	<p><b>BEATRICE, NE</b> Church of Christ 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3827 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p>Place Your Ad Today!</p>	<p><b>BEAVERCREEK, OH</b> Knollwood Church of Christ 1031 Welford Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Afternoon 3:00 P.M. Wed. Afternoon 1:00 P.M. Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M. (937) 426-1422 www.knollwoodchurch.org</p>
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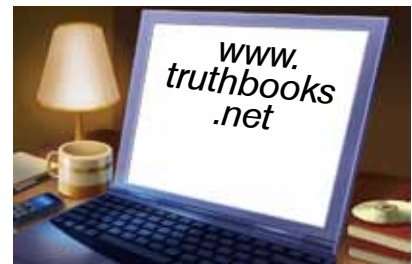
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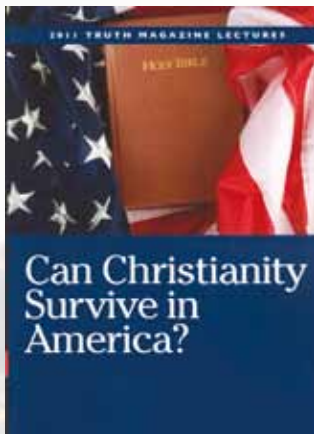
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