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Lectures Are Coming



ime for the Truth Magazine Lecture program is fast approaching. It will be a program that you don't want

to miss. We hope you are making plans to join us.

This year's lecture program has for the titles of its lectures the names of songs related to the theme of the lecture, but don't let that fool you. These lessons are not merely a sermon based on a song, though that would not be a bad sermon idea. The connection to the song is this: We are introducing our new songbook this week and we will sing the song which is the title of the lecture after each lecture. The content of the lectures will stand on its own and this year's lectures have some special features, such as:

- A series of lessons on singing as worship. David Maravilla, one of the five editors of *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* and an accomplished musician himself, presented this material at the local church where I attend. Its thrust is to remind us that singing is worship, that song leaders are not merely song pickers and song starters, but worship leaders who bear a heavy responsibility in leading corporate worship. The series is not designed to teach one the mechanics of leading songs (pitch, beating time, shaped notes, etc.), but to emphasize that singing is worship, which affects not merely the song leaders but all members. In addition

to brother Maravilla's morning classes, those attending the lectures will have the opportunity to talk to the five editors of the new hymnal during the afternoon sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

- A series of lessons on "Revive Us Again" by Steve Niemeier. Brother Niemeier preaches at the Greenwood, IN church. When he moved there about six years ago, the church numbered 70 people and was, in my opinion, at the time rather lifeless. Since that time, the church has grown to the point that they regularly have 150 and sometimes as high as 180 in attendance on Sunday morning. It now supports full time two evangelists and continues to make progress. Drawing from his experience as a preacher and a business man who bought dying companies and revived them, brother Niemeier will give us some insight about how they have accomplished what they have at Greenwood with the hope that others of us can accomplish similar things in our local church.

- A singing. In addition to having our thirty-minute singing before the sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night, the Foundation has rented the facility for Friday to have a singing. The bookstore has some special sales that will be available only on Friday that you will not want to miss before we close out with a gospel singing.

In addition to these special features, we will have our regular schedule of speakers who have prepared great material on their various subjects. Any of these features alone makes the lecture program a special occasion, but the combination even more so.

Efforts are being made to secure reduced prices for rooms around Athens and some have volunteered to keep those from out of town in their homes, so that attending the lectures is not so expensive. See our website, truthmagazine.com for more details. We hope you will join us as we worship God together, having our souls edified through the preaching of the Word and the spiritual singing.



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CONNIE W. ADAMS

Why Send For Peter?



In the instruction of an angel of God, Cornelius, the Roman Centurion, sent three men to Joppa

to locate Simon Peter and bring him to his house. Meanwhile, Peter had received a vision in which he was told not to call common or unclean what God had cleansed. The next day, Peter and six Jewish brethren accompanied these messengers to Caesarea to the house of the centurion. Upon arrival, they found a collection of relatives and friends of Cornelius. Peter said, "Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?" (Acts 10:29).

That was a fair question then and it is a fair one now when brethren send for a preacher, either to come and live among them or for a gospel meeting. Sometimes the expectations of the preacher and those of the people who sent for him are not the same. Therein lies the cause of misunderstandings, friction, and sometimes division.

WHY HE DID NOT SEND FOR PETER

Peter did not come to be idolized, venerated, or to establish a cult built around his personality. In fact, when Cornelius fell down before Peter when he arrived, Peter quickly told him to "stand up, I myself also am a man" (v. 26). There is no indication that Peter delayed for a few moments to savor this adulation. If a preacher comes to a place expecting to be put on a pedestal to be adored but never questioned, then there will be tough times ahead. There is something wrong with the view that the preacher alone is responsible for the success or failure of the work. He might well be a contributing factor in either case, but the work must *not* be built around him. Peter was a messenger of the gospel. The message was not his. He was obligated to deliver it without change.

He did not send for Peter to entertain him, his kindred or friends with bursts of eloquence, one-liners, or pitiful stories about dogs or people. The motive was much nobler than that. Sadly, that is what untaught or worldly-minded church members often expect. They will come in droves to hear such delivered by gifted speakers but they will stay away when such adornments are missing.

He did not send for Peter to take over his own responsibilities. That is what some think the work of a preacher to be. They want an official socializer who will be visible at all the right times and places to enhance the image of the church before the world. You know, one who can convince the community that he is a "good ole boy." They want someone to do *their* personal work for them. Some even advertise for such a man by saying, "It doesn't matter if he is not that good in the pulpit, as long as he is a good personal worker." Is that an advertisement

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for mediocrity in the pulpit? Paul told Timothy to commit what he had learned to “faithful men who shall be *able* (my emphasis, CWA) to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). Does this mean that a man is expected to do his part personally in teaching the lost, or does it mean that they are going to fulfill their work by proxy through this hired hand? Cornelius did not depend on Peter, after his arrival, to round up his relatives and friends. He did that himself.

He did not send for Peter to organize sports and entertainment for the young people. Peter was not expected to organize some sort of mountain or wilderness survival expedition or lead an adventure to see who could be the first to cross the Mediterranean in a rowboat. He was not to arrange for surfing contests down at the sea. No, his motives were higher than that.

WHY DID HE SEND FOR PETER?

The angel had said to Cornelius, “He shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved” (Acts 11:14). That very statement told Cornelius that he and his house were lost. The means out of that peril involved the speaking of words. Notice that the angel did not tell him what to do. That was not in the divine plan. God purposed to use human agency in delivering the necessary words. “Preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2). This same Peter said once, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). Such words are of the utmost importance and urgency. They must be heard at all cost. “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

Cornelius said, “Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God” (Acts 10:33).

Observe that he sent “immediately.” It could not wait. Cornelius did his part in sending for Peter, and Peter did his part by coming, even though entering that house violated every principle of separateness that he had always observed as a Jew. Both men showed great faith in God. The Lord’s plan was to bring a faithful preacher of the word together with a receptive audience who needed to hear and heed the message. That is how it worked with the treasurer of Ethiopia in Acts 8, with the conversion of Saul in Acts 9, with Lydia in Acts 16 and other cases of conversion in the book of Acts. That is still how it works.

Cornelius and his house were ready to “hear all things commanded thee of God.” How refreshing. If all preachers would go with the determination to deliver a “thus saith the Lord” and then had an audience with the mind-set of Cornelius and those he gathered, think what great things could be done for the Lord. Maybe I am missing something, but it appears to me that many congregational troubles, along with great stress in the lives of preachers, could be avoided if both the congregation and the preacher could recapture the mind-set of those who gathered at the house of that Gentile officer.

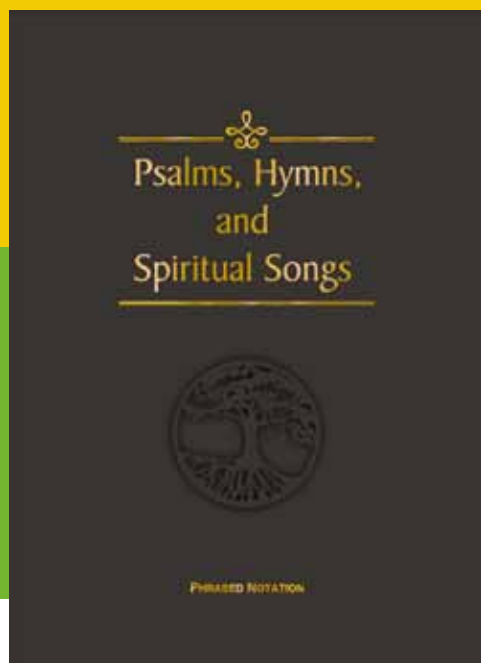
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MATT BASSFORD

Editorial Work on Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs



Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs has been an odyssey for its editors, not least in the amount of time it has taken. They embarked upon the project in 2006, and originally committed to completing the hymnal by 2009—a conservative estimate, they thought. “We didn’t want to disappoint anyone and keep them waiting,” rued editor Steve Wolfgang.

However, a cabal of difficulties conspired to push the deadline back from the very beginning. “We published a prototype,” recalled editor C. E. Couchman. “That was the first thing that took a little more time. It wasn’t in the original plan.”

The prototype took nearly 18 months to complete, in a learning process that was lengthy but necessary. “The prototype was helpful in many ways because it took us through many aspects of publishing the hymnal,” said editor Mark Coulson.

More challenges arose once the editors began work on the hymnal proper. One of their most important tasks was the creation of a style sheet, a set of standards for the editing of both words and music. “This is an edited hymnal, not a compilation,” said editor Craig Roberts. “It wouldn’t have taken much trouble to compile 800 hymns and keep the layout. We didn’t have a style sheet. We had to make it up, create it from nothing.”

The refinement of this style sheet continued throughout the production process.

Likewise, the novel layout of *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* added its share of complications. “That was a new trail,” said editor David Maravilla. “We had the idea to phrase the

hymnal, and it kept introducing new problems that no hymnal editor had run into before. We’d have to keep making adjustments for a hundred things that came up with the layout that we did not anticipate.”

The editors lost more time to researching new hymns to include, proofing the hymns, researching and correcting author and composer data, and compiling a topical index. However, as frustrating as they were, these delays are common to the production of any hymnal. “The new Mennonite hymnal was announced in 2008 and is due in 2016,” noted Wolfgang. “This is a group with the whole denominational apparatus behind it, and they’re still not sure they’re going to hit their deadline. We finished our hymnal in six years. Who is to say the age of miracles has ceased?”

This success would have been impossible without the help of dozens of committed Christians. These workers helped develop the style sheet, reviewed hymns submitted by brethren, developed proprietary hymn-tracking software, entered text into the editor, copy-edited the text, edited the music, proofed the music, proofed the galleys, and researched everything from author data to prior alterations to copyright information. “Without them, we’d be another five or six years out,” said Couchman. “They were indispensable.”

What is more, like the editors themselves, 95 percent of the brethren who worked on the hymnal donated their expertise and their time, untold thousands of hours’ worth of it. “From the top down, this has been a labor of love,” reflected Wolfgang.

The editors also owe a debt of gratitude to the board of the Guardian of Truth Foundation,

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which is publishing the hymnal. “They enabled us,” recalled Roberts. “They knew that they weren’t authors or composers. They knew that wasn’t their area, and they didn’t try to function as editors. They behaved like a big-time publishing house. They were also very forgiving and understanding when we would miss deadlines. We explained why, and they stuck with us.”

However, the foundation’s contribution extended beyond mere non-interference. “They did more than just tolerate,” noted Roberts. “When we explained what we were doing, they bought into it. It was more than just them letting us do stuff..”

Likewise, the editors appreciate the patience of those closest to them. “We need to say thank you to our families,” said Coulson. “When we look at the amount of time we sacrificed, it’s huge.”

After so much work, the editors hope that their labors will be received in the way they were intended. “We hope that this hymnal will appeal to all Christians,” said Roberts. “I really hope it appeals not just to singers, but also to people who only like to sing hymns, people for whom singing isn’t a preference or a hobby. I think that’s the kind of hymnal that the Lord would want. He wants a hymnal that will help people worship.”

The editors also hope that *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* will carry out this God-glorifying work for years to come. “We’ve had several grandchildren born during this process,” reflected Wolfgang. “My first grandchild was born two months before it began. I hope this hymnal will contribute to the worship of the church so that my grandchildren will be singing out of it after I’m not around anymore.”

However, the editors aren’t looking to rest on their labors quite yet. In the near future, they anticipate production of a PowerPoint version of the hymnal, a digital Scripture-reference guide for the hymns it contains, and a series of recordings that brethren can use to learn unfamiliar hymns. “Stay tuned,” said Roberts.



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Why I Attend All the Services

working to bring my children up “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). Thus, I am committed to attending all the services.

The Example of Early Christians. First-century Christians came together often (Acts 2:46; 20:7). Can you imagine Peter, Paul, Barnabas, John, Dorcas, Aquila and Priscilla, or Phebe not attending all the services?

The Lord Is There. Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matt. 18:20). I want to be where my Lord is. The Lord has never missed a service. I am striving to “follow his steps” (1 Pet. 2:21).

To Be Made Stronger. One reason we come together in the church is that we might be edified (1 Cor. 14; Eph. 4:16). I need this strength to

successfully face life’s problems. It would be impossible for me to be the strong Christian God wants me to be and at the same time miss the services which are designed to help me be strong.

"I was glad...

when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord” (Ps. 122:1).

That’s How I Was Trained. Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” While in my mother’s womb, I attended all the services of the church. Growing up, we never asked if we were going to services. We knew where we would be. I played Little League Baseball, with the understanding that if it was the last inning of the game, the score was tied, there were two outs, the bases were loaded, I was up to bat and the count was full, if it was time to leave for services, I would lay down the bat and go. When we vacationed, we never went to a destination where there wasn’t a faithful church. I can remember several times when my parents would drive a long distance in order to be with a faithful church on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night. I am eternally grateful for this training. And I am

Out of Consideration for Others. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” How sad to think that some soul could fall away and be lost because we were not present to help spur them on to love and good deeds! I want to be there to encourage others.

Because of What I Would Miss If I Didn’t. I would miss teaching and admonishing others (Col. 3:16), communing with my Lord and giving of my means on the Lord’s day (1 Cor. 11:23-29), prayers with the saints, an opportunity to encourage visitors, witness baptisms and erring brethren restored, opportunities to “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and

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Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18), and other things I don’t want to miss!

To Put First Things First. Jesus taught, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God...” (Matt. 6:33). The church of my Lord comes *first*, before everything else, even before food and drink.

To Set a Good Example. I have been taught, “be thou an example of the believers” (1 Tim. 4:12). I want to be able to say as Gideon, “Look on me, and do likewise” (Judg. 7:17), and as Paul, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). I want to lead folks in being faithful followers of Christ. Think about what my empty seat would say to my wife, to my children, and to others.

For the People I Have Invited. As the woman of Samaria “went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come. . .” and they “came” (John 4:28-30), I want to be present to welcome those I have invited.

Because of the Importance of the Church. God planned the church (Eph. 3:10-11). Jesus built the church (Matt. 16:18), gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25), and shed His blood to purchase it (Acts 20:28). The least I can do is attend the services of the church. If folks can attend all the meetings and functions of non-spiritual institutions, why should I not attend all the services of the Lord’s church, the greatest of all institutions?

It Is Good to Attend All the Services. Any service where my brethren are assembled to worship Almighty God and feed on His word is good. “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (Jas. 4:17). If it is good to attend all the services, isn’t it bad to miss just one service?

I Want to Do All I Can. I want to do *all* I can and not as *little* as I can. Even when I have done all that I can possibly do, I am still an unprofitable servant: I have done that which was my duty to do (Luke 17:10).

To Help the Church Grow. When every part of the body does its share, the body grows (Eph. 4:16). When one is absent, it is like a body missing a limb. The church grows when every

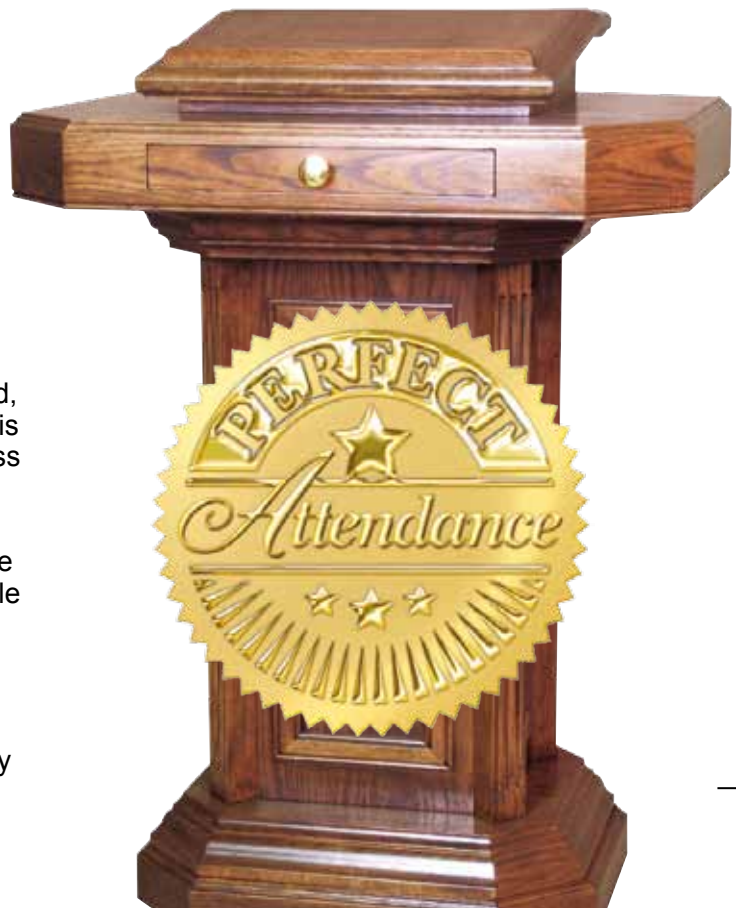
member is at every service. I want to do my part to help the church grow.

The Lord Could Come at Any Time. “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father” (Mark 13:32). Should the Lord come at a time when His people are gathered together, I wouldn’t want Him to find me some place else.

To Be Faithful to God. The Bible says, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . .” (Heb. 10:25). To not attend all the services faithfully is to not be faithful to God. I want to hear Him say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Matt. 25:21).

I recall an elder in the church being asked the question, “Do I have to attend all the services of the church?” His answer: “I’ve never known a faithful Christian who didn’t want to.”

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Questions & Answers



Question:

An esteemed brother wrote kindly regarding an answer to an earlier question—“Is it true that Jesus used only such power [by the power of the Holy Spirit, BLG] in His miracles?— which was considered in this column. He added that he was looking in the answer for passages which would support this writer’s contention that Jesus did sometimes use His own divine powers, thus not relying on the Spirit’s power. Then he requested that I cite passages teaching Jesus used inherent powers of deity, not the power of the Holy Spirit, as in Matthew 12:28.

Answer:

I would remind the reader that the column being referenced appeared a few months ago. In it the following points were stressed:

1. Jesus worked miracles.
2. He worked some miracles by the power of the Spirit (Matt. 12:28).
3. He also had the innate power of deity, which He also used in working miracles (John 2:19-21; 10:18).

It is this last point which the reader questioned, seeking further amplification. The rest of this answer will deal only with this limited area of inquiry.

The passages cited in the original column and repeated in item three above are the pertinent ones upon which I will depend in this answer. For the sake of clarity I will include them in this answer:

“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matt. 12:28), showing points one and two above.

“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up’” (John 2:19), showing point three above.

“No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father” (John 10:18), also showing point three above.

I consider John 10:18 especially significant in resolving this issue, because it expresses what Jesus did on His own. Because He and the Father were one in purpose and work (John 10:30), all that He did was done in accord with the Father. When He acted to raise His own body, without the aid of the Spirit, as He here anticipated that He would, His initiative to do so was what the Father and He agreed to do. Agreement with the Father and with the Spirit, for that matter, indicated the oneness of Deity. In this passage in chapter ten, however, Jesus affirmed that He would raise Himself from the dead by His own power. In my judgment this passage does what our reader requested: it shows that Jesus did not always rely on the Spirit in the working of His miracles.

In conclusion, I repeat the final paragraph used in that earlier answer, because it is also appropriate here:

All powers of deity which were ever His remained His in His earthly sojourn, though His servant role here was mediatorial. As mediator it was necessary for Him to share in the deity of God, whom He represented, and in the humanity of man, whom He came to aid. For the time of His mediatorial role, evidently He did not always use His divine powers, especially for self. He did, however, retain and sometimes use them. Though continuing His divine nature, He did not selfishly exploit it. He came in the form of a servant and in the likeness of a man, so that He might humbly live and die to advance redemption’s plan.



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A Christian's Guide to Refuting Modern Atheism. Kyle Butt. Apologetics Press, 2010. 269 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-60063-032-3

Kyle Butt, a regular contributor to Apologetics Press, debated Dan Barker on the campus of the University of South Carolina on February 12, 2009. Mr. Barker is one of several modern-day atheists who is a vocal opponent of the existence of God. Richard Dawkins, the well-known evolutionist, describes Barker as "one of American secularism's most talented and effective spokes people." This debate between Butt and Barker was recorded and recently has been put in a book form titled, *A Christian's Guide to Refuting Modern Atheism*. This book contains not only the complete transcript of the debate, but also much expanded material (the majority of the book) by Butt that thoroughly analyzes and refutes the atheistic arguments of Barker. Barker opened his portion of the debate saying, "First of all, there's no evidence for a god. If there were, by now somebody should have won the Nobel Prize for pointing that out to us, the existence of a hitherto unknown force in the cosmos. No one's done that. I used to think there was evidence. There is none" (6). Butt followed Barker and answered this false assertion and many others made by Barker. *A Christian's Guide to Refuting Modern Atheism* is highly recommended because it gives the reader insight into what "New Atheists" are arguing and it provides the rational apologetic defense to answer them.

The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament Within Its Cultural Context. Gary M. Burge, Lynn H. Cohick, and Gene L. Green. Zondervan, 2009. 479 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-0-310-24495-0

Students of the New Testament need to be informed about the various backgrounds related to the particular passage they are studying (historical, cultural, social, political, geographical, religious, etc.). One recently published reference work that is recommended for such a study is *The New Testament in Antiquity*. This particular New Testament survey is fairly conservative while also making use of current scholarship. It is accessible to the student without making use of a lot of technical jargon. There are plenty of color photographs, charts, outlines, diagrams, timelines, sidebars, and maps which enhance one's understanding of the material. This survey will help one to understand the ancient cultural context of the New Testament world which in turn will help one to understand the New Testament message itself. The authors are also committed to setting forth the New Testament as *scripture*, not as mere human literature. Each chapter closes with a set of questions for discussion and a bibliography that is divided into introductory and advanced works. All 27 books of the New Testament are covered as well as special topics like the Jewish world of Jesus, the Mediterranean world of Paul, and the preservation and transmission of the New Testament. The material covering the gospel sources should be read with

some caution and carefulness (108-121). However, it is refreshing to see that there are contemporary scholars of the New Testament who still believe that "the gospels' portrait of Jesus is accurate and reliable" (121). *The New Testament in Antiquity* is recommended for its current and overall conservative assessment of New Testament backgrounds.

Struggle, Seek, Grow: How 12 Women in Scripture Sought Spiritual Maturity. Cynthia Dianne Guy. Gospel Advocate, 2011. 190 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-89225-580-1

Cynthia Dianne Guy, author of a number of good books for ladies including *What About Women?* (Gospel Advocate, 2005), has recently published another good book that outlines how 12 women in the Bible sought spiritual maturity through their own personal struggles. Guy surveys the lives of eight Old Testament women and four New Testament women to show how each one faced specific struggles in her life and how each one turned to God for help. According to Guy, each woman surveyed, struggled in a trial, sought God's help, and grew spiritually as a result. Women today facing similar struggles can learn how to grow and mature spiritually from these 12 holy models of faith. Each chapter closes with a set of "reflection questions" and a "spiritual exercise" to put the lessons into practice. *Struggle, Seek, Grow* is recommended and would make a good ladies Bible class book.



JOE R. PRICE

The Public Invitation

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It would seem some Christians, including elders and gospel preachers, are becoming increasingly comfortable with not extending a public invitation to obey the gospel when concluding a gospel sermon. Some tell us the practice of offering a public invitation is a relatively recent phenomenon. This is so within the context of an historical analysis of denominations and their “altar call.” But, what establishes truth is not the historical practices of American denominations (or the practices within Restoration history over the past 200 years). The question we wish to find the Bible answer to is whether we have Bible authority to offer a public invitation? Is it scriptural to urge sinners to “come forward” in response to the gospel we preach and their need to reply to it? If such exists, should we not do so? Put another way, what if we do not offer the gospel invitation when we preach? Are we following the Bible pattern by not doing so? And if so, which Scripture(s) provide such a pattern of abstinence?

I am not aware of any brethren who currently say we should not offer a gospel invitation when we preach. To my knowledge, no one is saying the public invitation is unauthorized and against the will of God. Yet, we do hear of more and more preaching that ends without extending any kind of invitation to the audience to obey

the gospel. Many others conclude with the general summation, “If you have a need, come forward while we stand and sing” (without either explaining the “need” or what will happen if one comes forward). Why the growing absence of the gospel invitation in our preaching?

Some brethren are being convinced that the public invitation to obey the gospel is optional; a late arrival on the preaching scene. And, one that is designed more as an emotional display rather than a genuine response of faith and obedience to Christ. While the “origin of the ‘public invitation’” among the denominations was no doubt associated with unbiblical emotionalism and other false teachings (including how to be saved), the public invitation to be saved did not originate in frontier America.

Could it be that the gospel invitation is becoming extinct in some pulpits because preaching has taken on an air of academia that is void of pressing appeals to “repent or perish”? Preaching has become giving a lecture, presenting a paper, offering a viewpoint and analyzing a position instead of heralding forth the gospel with its needed and necessary reproof, rebuke, and exhortations that call sinners to urgent repentance (2 Tim. 4:2-4; 2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:12-13; Acts 2:40). We would do well to recall that telling or hearing some new thing is not gospel preaching, but the ruminations of this-world oriented philosophers (Acts 17:21, 30-34). Such exercises do not typically lend themselves to declaring absolute truth and obedience to it in order to be saved (Acts 17:30). When preachers are advertised for their Ph.D.s and academic achievements, is it God’s word or man’s accomplishments being offered up as proof of credibility? These are not the identifying marks of an evangelist (1 Cor. 2:1-5). Why then are they used to identify preachers today?

What does the Scripture say about the origin of the public invitation to obey the gospel? The first gospel sermons preached after the ascension of Jesus made public appeals to sinners, inviting them to “call on the name of the

Lord” in order to be saved (Acts 2:21-22, 36-39). “And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation’” (Acts 2:40). That is the origin of the public gospel invitation.

Our Master said, “Come unto Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30). Jesus publicly invited people to come to Him. We may confidently follow His example and invite sinners to come to Him to be saved. We must.

The 3,000 souls who gladly received the word of God on Pentecost had to identify themselves to the apostles in some way, else they would not have known who wanted to be baptized (Acts 2:41). Whether by raising their hand, “coming forward” or “going to the rear,” it makes no difference. They identified themselves as believers who wanted to be saved (repent and be baptized) by publicly responding to the apostles’ public call to be saved.

Other gospel invitations (both public and private) could be noted: Acts 3:19-26; 8:5-8, 35-37; 13:43; 22:15-16; 24:24-25; 26:20; 28:27-29. These show the gospel being preached with a plea being made to sinners to respond. Sinners were invited (urged, persuaded, exhorted, instructed) to immediately obey the gospel. Do we?

We are not binding a “church of Christ tradition” or mimicking American evangelicalism when we publicly invite sinners to come to Christ. Preaching the gospel demands that we do so (2 Tim. 4:2). When we preach the word we must identify the sin (reprove), present the need for change (rebuke), and urge sinners to obey the gospel plan of salvation (exhort). Do not let any preaching opportunity pass without inviting sinners to obey the gospel. “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Cor. 5:11).



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Is Homosexuality Really a Sin?

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For many years now the debate has raged between those in favor of homosexual relationships and those opposed to them. Those in favor of same-sex relationships accuse their opposition of being bigoted, prejudiced, “homophobic” (etc.), but is that really true? Oh, I’m certain that there are those opposed to a “gay” lifestyle just because it bothers them personally. However, not everyone who is opposed to homosexuality is opposed to it merely for personal reasons. Rather, most are opposed to it because of what they believe the Bible says about such relationships.

So what is the answer regarding homosexuality? Is it simply misunderstood? Is “homosexuality” the victim of unfair bias, or is it an abominable sin? What has God said on the subject? These are fair questions to ask – and it needs to be answered from God’s inspired Word (for it makes no difference what man personally thinks). We will not stand before the judgment seat of man in the judgment, but we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). Therefore, we better be sure we understand what He says about homosexuality, not what man says about it.

SEXUAL RELATIONS AND MARRIAGE

When God created the institution of marriage

(Gen. 2:18-25), the sexual relation was a built-in feature. While the expression, “the two shall become one flesh” (Mark 10:7-8) may be understood in reference to the marital union itself, it is clearly an expression that references the most physically intimate relationship that a husband and wife can have. However, man is often dissatisfied with what God has provided for him, and, as a result, he abuses and perverts what was once wholesome and pure. The question is: where does homosexuality place in all of this?

The term “homosexual” is defined as “feeling or involving sexual attraction only to persons of the same sex” (*Reader’s Digest Oxford Complete Wordfinder*). A homosexual person is often referred to as “a lesbian” (if it is a woman) or “gay” (if it is a man). Since homosexuality is documented in the Bible as early as the book of Genesis we realize that homosexuality is not something that is new to the world.

Throughout human history mankind has engaged in various forms of sexual relations (whether good or evil) such as the heterosexual relations (male with female), the homosexual relations (male with male; female with female), bestial relations (man or woman with an animal), etc. But which does God approve of? One of them? All of them? None of them?

In the beginning God created a man and He created a woman to be the man’s wife (Gen. 2:7, 18-25; Matt. 19:4-5). Let the evidence show as “Exhibit A” that, by God’s design, a marriage was to be between a man and a woman from the beginning of creation. When God said, “It is not good that man should be alone, I will make him a helper comparable to him” (Gen. 2:18), why did he not make a man for Adam? Would not another man be equal or comparable to Adam? If God had homosexual relations in mind, this would have been the ideal time to reveal it. Instead, God created a woman to be the man’s compatible mate, not a man.

In the New Testament the inspired apostle Paul said of marriage: “It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of

sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband” (1 Cor. 7:1-2). If God had intended this to include same-sex marriages, why did the Scripture not allow for a man to have his own man or a woman to have her own woman? These questions need to be answered.

Throughout Scripture one can find ample evidence that God approves of a heterosexual marriage, but nowhere in Scripture does God speak approvingly of a homosexual marriage. In light of this evidence, let us consider Hebrews 13:4, which says, “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”

According to the Bible, marriage is to be between a husband (man) and a wife (woman). According to Hebrews 13:4 any sexual relationship outside of that union is “adultery” or “fornication” (which is sin, Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10), regardless of whether it is heterosexual, homosexual, bestial (etc.). Honestly, friends, this biblical evidence is sufficient to settle the entire issue. However, in the spirit of a fair and just examination, let us consider some other key points.

THE LAW OF MOSES

Did the Law of Moses (in the Old Testament) actually condemn homosexuality as some say? Let us consider a couple of passages that might help us to find that answer. Leviticus 18:22 says, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” Leviticus 20:13 says, “If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.” It surely sounds like it was condemned under that law, doesn’t it?

To “lie with” (in the sense of these two passages) means to have sexual relations with (compare to Gen. 39:7-14). Theorizers who attempt to justify homosexuality from the Scriptures tell us that these two passages (Lev. 18:22; 20:13) are merely in reference to abusive sexual encounters between those of the same-sex (e.g., homosexual rape or abusive cultic practices). They insist that the law was only given to prohibit the kind of activity that the heathen

nations around them practiced, but that it (as one person put it) “says nothing pertaining to the issue we are faced with today – that of loving and committed homosexual relationships.”

It is true that the Law of Moses laid down prohibitions that specifically countered the practices of the nations around them (Lev. 18:24-30; cf. 1 Tim. 1:8-10), yet neither passage (Lev. 18:22; 20:13) mentions anything about cultic practices or homosexual rape. They specifically, clearly, and simply state that a man is not to have sexual relations with another man (such as he would with a woman). Both passages state, “It is an abomination.” (Please notice that Lev. 18:22 implies that “lying with a woman” is the natural act, designed by God Himself [Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-5].)

Under the Israelite Law of Moses, homosexuality, adultery, incest, bestiality (etc.) were all punishable by death (according to Lev. 20:10-16). If Leviticus 20:13 refers to “homosexual rape,” then the adultery, incest, and bestiality also had to be rape (for they share the same context). The truth is, however, that rape is not considered in this passage; but sexual immorality is. Also, if Leviticus 20:13 refers to “homosexual rape,” why is the victim being put to death? (Such a view is inconsistent with Deut. 22:25-27 which states that the victim of rape shall not be put to death.) Clearly then, Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 are not talking about homosexual rape, but about mutual homosexual relations. If homosexuality is approved by God it will have to be proven from some other Law in the Bible, for the Law of Moses did in fact condemn it.

NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING

As has already been established, the Law of Moses condemned homosexuality (Lev. 18:22; 20:13), but what about the New Testament? Is there any leniency under the Law of Christ?

Those in favor of homosexual relations (who know the difference between the Law of Moses and the Law of Christ) might argue that we are no longer under the Law of Moses, therefore, any command against homosexuality from that Law is not applicable today. It is true that we are no

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longer under the Law of Moses (Matt. 5:17-18; Luke 24:44; Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14-17; 2 Cor. 3:1-18; etc.); rather, we are under law to Christ (1 Cor. 9:21). However, such an argument overlooks two important facts: (1) that those things written in the Old Testament are examples for the New Testament age, and (2) the New Testament also denounces homosexuality.

Regarding the Old Testament Paul said, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning" (Rom. 15:4). "Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition" (1 Cor. 10:11). (Also read 1 Cor. 10:5-8.) With specific reference to our topic, Jude says, "as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). Additionally, Peter said, "and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly" (2 Pet. 2:6).

In addition to these warnings, consider what Paul said in Romans 1:26-27: "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." The pro-homosexual theorist argues that all Paul meant was that a homosexual act is not condemned unless it is contrary to a person's heterosexual nature (i.e., they would defile their own conscience by engaging in homosexual practices, which goes against their personal nature). They say that if one's nature is homosexual, then homosexuality is not condemned. (This is a perfect example of twisting the Scriptures out of context to justify a sinful lifestyle, cf. 2 Pet. 3:16). No, Paul made it clear that "nature" is the natural realm that God created. Paul couldn't be any clearer: homosexuality is against nature.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (NKJV). This is plain and simple.

Let the Scriptural evidence show that in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament (i.e., the entire Bible) homosexuality is regarded as sin.

HUMAN JUDGMENT OR DIVINE JUDGMENT?

To many homosexuals, any opposition to a same-sex lifestyle simply *has* to mean that that person has a biased fear of or hatred for homosexual people. In fact, should a person make the claim that homosexuality is a sin, that person will generally be accused of using "hate speech." But is that really true? Now friends, just because someone may be opposed to the same-sex lifestyle does not necessitate that that person hates someone who may be involved in it. Those who do not understand this concept confuse speaking out against sin with hating the sinner.

According to the Bible, while it is true that God loves the sinner (John 3:16; Rom. 5:6-8), it is equally true that God hates sin (cf. Zech. 8:17; Prov. 6:16-19). Additionally, while it is true that the Lord will "judge" (eternally condemn or save) in the last day (2 Cor. 5:10; John 5:28-29), it is equally true that God has already passed judgment against sin. Various biblical commandments are a witness to this fact – such as, "You shall not murder," "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not steal" (Exod. 20:13-15; cf. Matt. 5:21-30), etc. Commanding us not to murder, commit adultery or steal necessarily implies that to do them is to sin.

Now with that said, the same God who already passed judgment against sin commands the Christian not only to oppose sin, but also to expose it for what it is. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them" (Eph. 5:11). Additionally,

while we are to love all men – yes, even the sinner (cf. Matt. 5:43-48), God calls upon the Christian to hate sin (just as He hates sin). “Abhor what is evil” (Rom. 12:9); “Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22). Friends, to abhor and abstain from evil involves judging. But mind you, such judgment must be according to the will of God, not the will of man. Jesus never said, “Do not judge” (period). He said, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

You see, the Christian has to judge life-matters (by the word of God). When Paul said, “Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:21-22), the idea is that we must judge all things by what the Bible says about them (i.e., we run it through the filter of God’s word). Based on the evidence of Scripture, we are either to hold fast to something (if it is proven acceptable to God), or we must abstain from it (if it is proven to be unacceptable to God). This is plain and simple.

Where in the Scriptures is homosexuality “proven” to be acceptable to God? After running the subject of “homosexuality” through the filter of God’s word what we find is that nowhere in Scripture does the Bible speak approvingly of it (rather, it has been denounced with every consideration of it). Thus it does not fall into the “hold fast what is good” category. The only category left for it to fall into is the one referencing “evil,” which we are to “abstain from.” Ephesians 5:10 tells us to “prove what is acceptable to the Lord.” Friends, the only thing we can prove with certainty is that God disapproves of homosexuality. Thus, homosexuality is not “acceptable to the Lord.”

Like all things, we must have Scriptural authority to do whatever we do (Col. 3:17). We obtain Scriptural authority either by direct biblical command, approved apostolic example, or by necessary inference. (1) There is *no* Biblical command in favor of homosexuality, (2) there is *no* approved example of homosexual relationships in the Bible, and (3) there is *no* inference in all of Scripture that homosexual relations are approved by God. Thus, there is *no* Biblical authority for homosexual relationships!

If, therefore, God regards homosexuality as sin, then He has already passed judgment against it. For the Christian to point that out does not make him or her biased, hateful, or homophobic. However, such a one is commanded by God to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). To do otherwise is just as sinful as engaging in the kind of sexual immorality that we’ve been discussing.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4). “Adultery” is sexual relations between a married person and someone other than his/her spouse. “Fornication” is any kind of unlawful sexual relations. All adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, prostitution (etc.) is fornication.

According to the Bible, the only person scripturally eligible to marry is one who has never married before (1 Cor. 7:1-2), one whose spouse has died (Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:39), or one who put away his spouse for adultery (Matt. 19:9). These passages reveal that a God-approved marriage is not homosexual, nor is it polygamous, for marriage is between one man and one woman only. If “same-sex” marriage were lawful, who would be the husband and who would be the wife (Eph. 5:22-33)? In comparing “same-sex” marriage to Christ’s spiritual marriage to His church (Eph. 5:22-33) we find that same-sex marriage is against nature, for either there would be two heads (no body) or two bodies (no head).

THE BOTTOM LINE

God wants us to “do all things according to the pattern” (Heb. 8:5). When it comes to physical relationships and marriage, what pattern did He provide for mankind? One man for one woman for life (Gen 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-5).

Since the only God-approved marriage is that which is between an eligible man and an eligible woman (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-5; 1 Cor. 7:1-2), it is apparent that any sexual activity outside of that union is sin, whether it be man with man or woman with woman (Rom. 1:26-27; cf. Lev.



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The Three “B’s”



Some word studies are fascinating, both as to learning and as to amusement. In this brief

I offer three words which have an obvious relationship.

BOND: (*DESMOS*) refers to anything for tying, or, “that which binds together.” In John 18:12, Jesus was “bound” by those who came

to the Garden to arrest Him; His two hands were bound together. In Acts 16:26, “every one’s bands were loosed”; and, in Acts 26:29, Paul was in “bonds” before Agrippa. The word is also used figuratively. In Philippians 1:7, 13, 14, Paul uses the word three times, apparently referring to his imprisonment. Jesus used the word in Luke 13:16, to refer to the infirmities of the body. Peter, in Acts 8:23, told Simon that he was “in the bond of iniquity.” In Ephesians 4:3, the Ephesian Christians were told to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit “in the bond of peace.” Paul refers to himself as “an ambassador in bonds” for the gospel (Eph. 6:20). Whether referring to animate or inanimate objects the meaning is retained, a meaning which we should not forget — “that which binds together.”

BONDAGE: (*DOULEIA*) The word originally and primarily referred to “the condition of being a slave; “ but over time came to denote any kind of bondage. Vine lists the following as examples of this extended use: Creation (Rom. 8:21), fallen man (Rom. 8:15), by the Mosaic law (Gal. 4:24), to false teachers (Gal. 2:4), and under the

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18:22), or a single man with a single woman, or adultery, prostitution (1 Cor. 6:18), incest (cf. Lev. 18:6-16; 1 Cor. 5:1), bestiality (Lev. 18:23), etc. According to 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5; Revelation 21:8 and 22:14-15 those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Considering all these biblical facts, is there no hope for the homosexual? Of course there is hope! As with all sin, those guilty of it must repent of their sins and obey the Lord (Acts 3:19). All who are willing to do so shall be saved. Paul indicated that some of the Corinthian Christians may have been previously homosexual (among other things, 1 Cor. 6:9-10), saying, “And such

were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (v. 11).

Friends, this is not hate speech, this is love speech! “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?’ says the Lord God, ‘and not that he should turn from his ways and live?’” (Ezek. 18:23). “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent” (Rev. 3:19).

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elements of the world (Gal. 4:3). In Romans 6:18, instead of "servants," it should be "bondservants" or "bondslaves." Such servants or slaves would have no limitations on the type or time of their services; in this respect they would be as purchased slaves, to do the bidding of their master under all circumstances.

Those who would use 1 Corinthians 7:15, to show an additional reason for divorce, in using this word, make a mistake in doing so. Paul is simply showing that the wife (or husband) did not have to do the bidding of her mate, which would, no doubt, place restrictions on their efforts to serve the Lord. And, this could not be, if one was to place the Lord and His Cause first. This thought will be further seen in the consideration of our third word.

BONDMAN: (*DOULOS*). Vine says that this refers to "a slave, originally the lowest term in the scale of servitude." He further says that it refers to "one who gives himself up to the will of

another" (Rom. 6:17,20). In Romans 1:1, Paul calls himself the "bondslave of Jesus Christ." This, of course, implies that he had been a bondslave of Satan, yielding his will to that of Satan.

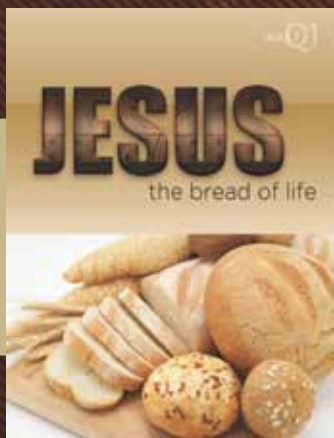
Just how was this change brought about in Paul? He had been purchased by Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Acts 20:28). So, now he is the "bondslave" of Jesus Christ, his new master; he is giving up his will to another (Christ). No limitations would be placed on the time and kind of service which he now shall render. Not only was Paul a purchased slave, but he was a willing slave; his new master, in the end, would give treasure untold. As it was with Paul, so it is to be with every Christian!

Now put our three words together: That which binds together, the condition of being a slave, then one who gives himself up to the will of another. Can there be a better explanation of being a Christian? I think not!



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“Are You ‘A Church Of Christ?’”

Every so often I hear folks introduce themselves to me by saying, “I am a Church of Christ.” I remember talking with a man who told me he had “been Church of Christ” all his life. Perhaps you’ve heard similar statements, or you’ve made this same mistake yourself as you were talking to others. It is unsettling to me to hear a person referring to himself as “a Church of Christ,” because this is not consistent with New Testament teaching. Dear friend, would you introduce yourself to someone by calling yourself “a Church of Christ”? I hope not. Why? Because those who call themselves “a Church of Christ” . . .

DO NOT KNOW THE MEANING OF THIS TERM

The phrase “church of Christ” is not a proper name, but a description of a group of people. The English word “church” comes from the two Greek words “ek” and “klesia” which means “the called out.” Peter described this well when he talked to Christians who had been “called . . . out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). This phrase describes a relationship one is in. “Of Christ” shows possession. In other words, this “church” belongs to Christ! A member of the church of Christ is such because he/she has been called out of darkness and sin to be a part of this group which belongs to Christ. One may be a member of the church of Christ, but one

cannot be “a Church of Christ”. Further, those who call themselves “a Church of Christ” . . .

DO NOT RECOGNIZE THAT ONE PERSON CANNOT BE A CHURCH

Paul wrote, “For the body is not one member, but many” (1 Cor. 12:14). He went on to tell the Corinthian Christians, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually” (v. 27, NKJ). Anytime the Bible speaks of the Lord’s church, His body, it speaks of a number of individuals, not just one person. An individual in the body of Christ is called a Christian by God. Acts 11:26 declares, “And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” Peter said, “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (1 Pet. 4:16). What did Luke say those disciples were called? Were they “Church of Christ’s” or “Church of Christ-ers”? No! They were called Christians. In like manner, Peter was not concerned about whether or not a man suffered as “a Church of Christ,” but whether or not he suffered as a Christian! When one obeys the gospel, believing in Christ as the Son of God, repenting of his sins, confessing Christ as God’s Son, and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 22:16; Rom. 10:9-10; John 8:24; etc.), he becomes a Christian. He does not become “a Church of Christ.” There is a difference, and we need to respect that difference! Lastly, when people call themselves a “Church of Christ,” they . . .

DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THEY LEAVE PEOPLE WITH THE IDEA THAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS DENOMINATIONAL IN NATURE

The church of Christ is not a denomination. The Lord’s church was established on the day of Pentecost following the Lord’s death, burial, resurrection and ascension (Acts 2). However, using such denominational wording leads people to think that we are like them, and they can “take their pick” of denominations. While this may not be the intent of one calling himself “a Church of Christ,” this is the result.

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Some, after reading the above, may think, “Yes, but aren’t we all Christians, though we belong to different churches?” Friends, this kind of thinking has its roots in unscriptural, denominational thinking. We need Scriptural, undenominational thinking among Christians! When we “speak as the Bible speaks and are silent where the Bible is silent” we will refer to those who have obeyed the gospel as “Christians” because this is what they are (Acts 11:26).

CONCLUSION

We need to respect the difference between a description of God’s people and a proper name. The Lord’s church *has no proper name!* At the same time, those who are members of His church are Christians. We wear the name of Christ, a name that has been chosen by God, prophesied by Isaiah, and fulfilled at Antioch (Isa. 56:5, 62:2, 65:15; Acts 11:26). Let us respect the name “Christian.” Others may wish to be called by their denominational names — Baptist, Methodist, Jehovah’s Witness, Pentecostal, Orthodox, Catholic, etc.; but we need to be satisfied just to wear the name of Christ. Let us be satisfied to just be Christians.





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The Temple of Artemis was modeled mostly after the Ephesus temple to Artemis. This photo shows the Temple with the acropolis in the background.

Sardis

The city of Sardis was located sixty-two miles due east of Smyrna where the valley of the Hermus River meets the foothills of Mt. Tmolus (Boz dagi). Its history goes back to the Late Bronze Age (1500-1400 B.C.). It was the capital of the Lydian kingdom which was ruled by king Croesus (ca. 560-546 B.C.). Its economic base included trade, textiles, and especially gold mined from the nearby Pactolus River. During the Persian period, Sardis was made a satrapy of Persia, making it an important point for the westward expansion of the Persian Empire. When that Persian empire entered conflict with Greece, Sardis became a crossroads between Near Eastern and Greek cultures. Croesus was defeated by Cyrus the Persian (546 B.C.) who later defeated Babylon (539 B.C.). Cyrus was the Persian king who allowed the Jews to return to Judea (Ezra 1:1-4).

After the death of Alexander the Great, Sardis served as an administrative center of the Seleucids. The city was a principal city of Asia in Roman times but suffered extensive damage from an earthquake in A.D. 17 and began to decline in importance. Many factors contributed to the prosperity of the city of Sardis.

Obadiah 20 mentions the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad, that is Sardis (*Anchor Bible Dictionary* V: 982). So the Jewish diaspora had Jews in Sardis as early as Obadiah. Antiochus III had moved Jews from Mesopotamia and Babylon into Phrygia (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XII.iii.4). Josephus mentions that Jews in Sardis successfully appealed to Augustus Caesar against the local administrative authority, giving Jews permission to send funds to Jerusalem. Josephus quotes a directive to Norbanus Flaccus, proconsul of Asia from 31-27 B.C., saying, "Let those Jews, how many so ever they be, who have been used, according to their ancient customs, to send their sacred money to Jerusalem, do the same freely" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XVI.vi.3).

In 1962, an enormous Jewish synagogue was found in Sardis that presupposes several thousand worshipers in the third century A.D. The synagogue is part of a major urban complex that included a gymnasium and a bath. The building was 85 x 20 meters (276 x 65 feet), extremely large. It could accommodate about 1000 people. The architecture of the synagogue is important for what it reveals about the synagogue (for example, no separate seating for women; no benches along the wall; etc.). Undeniably the Jews of Sardis were fully integrated in the Gentile community and prospered alongside the rest of the population.

Excavations in Sardis have been going on since 1917. In the first century, Sardis was the home of a huge temple to Artemis, modeled most likely after the Ephesus temple to Artemis.

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William Ramsay thinks Sardis' heyday was in the past by the late first century and comments, "It is plain that the greatness of Sardis under the Roman rule was rooted in past history, not in present conditions" (1909, 367). This may be the cultural background for John's comment that the church at Sardis, like the town, has the reputation for being alive, but it was dead (Rev. 3:1).

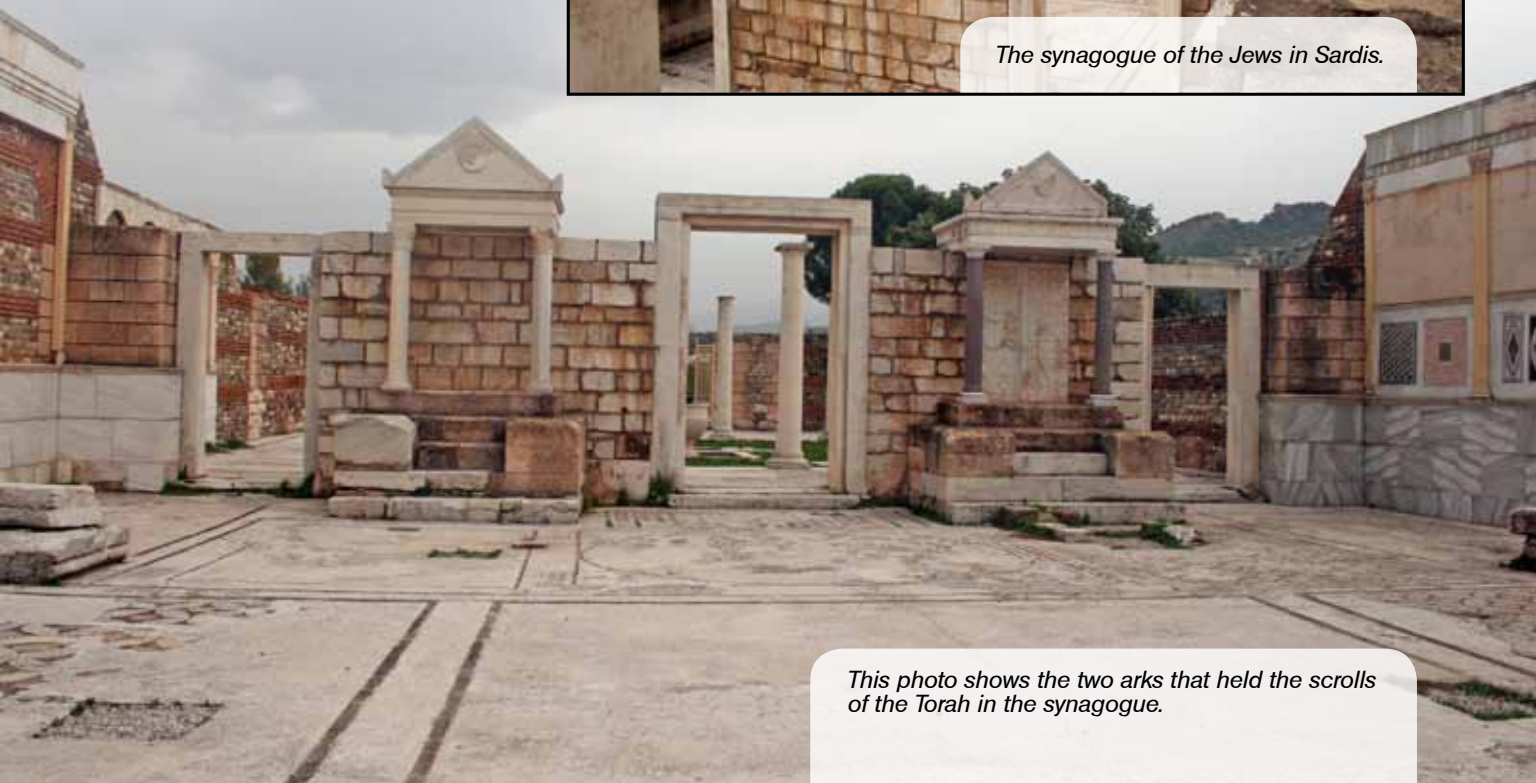
There is little evidence of an early Christian community at Sardis, except from the book of Revelation. In the second century, the "well-known bishop" of Sardis was Melito, a prolific writer whose *Homily on the Passion* survives; in that document, he held the Jews responsible for the death of Jesus.



The size of the columns in the Temple of Artemis can be better appreciated by this photo.



The synagogue of the Jews in Sardis.



This photo shows the two arks that held the scrolls of the Torah in the synagogue.



True or False?

JOHNIE EDWARDS

The words true and false are used to deal with things which are so and things which are not so. Come, take a look at some statements and then take the time to circle whether they are true or false, from a scriptural standpoint:

- 1 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). **T F**
- 2 Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). **T F**
- 3 Salvation is by faith alone. **T F**
- 4 God is good but never is severe (Rom. 11:22). **T F**
- 5 There is one body (Eph. 4:4). **T F**
- 6 The one body is the New Testament church (Col. 1:24). **T F**
- 7 The Bible teaches that man is saved only by the grace of God. **T F**
- 8 God is still revealing new truths today (Jude 3). **T F**
- 9 The Bible is complete and no other book is needed to learn how to please God (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). **T F**
- 10 The creed books written by men are just as good as the Bible. **T F**
- 11 Church provided fun and frolic are good; so churches are permitted to have kitchens, fellowship halls, family life centers, and gyms to draw folks in (Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 11:22, 34). **T F**
- 12 The Lord's Supper may scripturally be eaten any day of the week (Acts 20:7). **T F**
- 13 Taking up a collection, to do the work of the church, may be taken any time the church meets (1 Cor. 16:1-2). **T F**
- 14 The church can raise funds by car washes, selling suppers, bingo, fees for playing in a gym, for plays, concerts or learning all kinds of sports. **T F**

Voices From The Past—The Stamp

Ignatius (30-107 AD), was born about the time Jesus picked up small children, “**And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them**” (Mark 10:16). Later he became influenced by the peculiar teachings of Jesus and became a disciple. He accurately described that everyone bears a stamp and ultimately “goes to his own place.”

Seeing, then, all things have an end, these two things are simultaneously set before us—death and life; and every one shall go unto his own place. For as there are two kinds of coins, the one of God, the other of the world, and each of these has its special character stamped upon it, [so is it also here.] The unbelieving are of this world; but the believing have, in love, the character of God the Father by Jesus Christ, by whom, if we are not in readiness to die into His passion, His life is not in us (*Letter to the Magnesians*, chap. 5)

What is the image of your stamp? Is it of the world or of Christ? Whatever *impresses* us most is the *impression* we bear in this life. The image we carry, is to a large degree, etched by our spirit's willingness to suffer and willingness to receive the word of God with humility. Even as Ignatius spoke, so it is, “. . . if we are not in readiness to die into His passion, His life is not in us.” How true it is. We often sing songs where we long to be like Jesus. We may boast in our willingness to die and be faithful to Christ. We may call on others to revere the great trait of total surrender. But, if we cannot possess doctrinal humility, and receive with meekness the implanted word in its entirety, then we would surely never follow through with “readiness to die into His passion.” Becoming irritated at sermons that call on us to surrender all and diligently pursue a faithful walk in the house of God, serves as a strong indicator that we are not bearing the stamp of God. My relationship to the word reflects my relationship to the world and to God. Is my character stamped by God's fashioning or the world's?

Ignatius proved his genuine coinage. He (like many other Christians in the first and second centuries) invited the world to crush him if that is what it desired to do. Denying the Lord and His word was not an option, however. Prior to being killed, he wrote the brethren in Rome,

Let fire and the cross; let the crowds of wild beasts; let tearings, breakings, and dislocations of bones; let cutting off of members; let shatterings of the whole body; and let all the dreadful torments of the devil come upon me: only let me attain to Jesus Christ (*Letter to the Romans*, chap. 5).

What a difference the church would make today if we would meet the world with such an attitude. For many, that calling is just too much. “Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, ‘Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you’” (Acts 24:25). And it is just that, “a convenient time” that has enraptured our thinking. We make our choices often because of the god of “convenience” rather than piercing conviction in the cross of Christ. This is expected from those who are content in the world but not for those who were baptized into the death of Jesus. For those of us who have knowledge of the future judgment and terror of the Lord, I should think convenience would weigh little on our mind in our spiritual quest. But how many times do we make decisions that fail Christ? Why do so many take vacations where there is no sound church? What about the decision to take a job that takes you away from the worship services? What about choosing a church based on locality rather than spiritual content? What about complaining about sermons that are longer in nature? Why is it that so many have Sunday sickness that is somehow miraculously healed on Monday? One can clearly see the worldly influence upon those who profess to be Christians by the wicked display of greater excitement for football on Super Bowl Sunday than the resurrection of the Creator and the church that He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28). I wonder in God's record keeping how many so-called Christians declined a “spirit and truth” worship to watch millionaires fetch points with a leather ball? God only knows. The worldly Christian is not really a Christian at all, but simply one playing



GREG LITMER

Two Dogs

Last week, as I lifted my eyes from the computer screen and stretched my back after several hours of typing, I glanced out of the office window and saw something I don't believe I had seen before through all these years of looking out of that same window. I saw two dogs, each of them wearing a collar. They had obviously gotten away from their owners and were lost.

One of the dogs was young; I would estimate that it was about two years old. It was beautiful, shorthaired, and brown; slender and full of energy. Coming up behind it was an old black dog. It was longhaired, looked to be of the retriever family, and was just moving along. I don't know how old it was, but the poor thing looked like it could barely move; arthritic is how I would describe its gait. I watched those dogs for a couple of minutes. Then they were out of the area I can see through the window, and back to

typing I went. However, as I continued to work I could not get those dogs out of my mind, and I will explain why.

It seemed to me that those two animals are a microcosm of the entire life cycle of an individual who decides to spend his or her life pursuing all of the pleasures of the flesh. I am not writing simply of sexual conduct; I am not even sure that that needs to be included. I am writing about those things that the Bible calls "*the passing pleasures of sin*" (Heb. 11:25). An example of what I am talking about appears in the parable of the Prodigal Son, found in Luke 15.

In verses 11-13, we find the Lord saying, "*A certain man had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me. And he divided his wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.*" While most of the details are different, this young man reminds me of so many of my former friends (even myself for a while), who dove headlong into a life of sin in the latter years of

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"fools-ball" with eternity. He will deride articles and sermons like this in an attempt to justify himself (Luke 16:14, 15). But in the end, he is only playing the fool.

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise" (Prov. 12:15).

"A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident" (Prov. 14:16).

Felix's homage to convenience rather than the pursuit of the cross landed him in the abyss of torment. In contrast, the Ignatius' Christ-like conviction leads to temporary torment here, but a paradise in eternity. Yet Christians who start

out with humility and zeal for truth can become confused and dazzled by worldliness to ultimately vacate their post for someone else to fill, even as Demas loved the world and abandoned Paul, "for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica" (2 Tim. 4:10).

But when I suffer, I shall be the freed-man of Jesus, and shall rise again emancipated in Him. And now, being a prisoner, I learn not to desire anything worldly or vain (Ignatius, *Letter to the Romans*, chap. 4)

What is your stamp like?



high school and beyond. We were young men, full of excitement and energy, ready to go out and enjoy the world. I remember long nights filled with the “passing pleasures of sin,” a few hours of sleep, and then off to work or school. I am not writing of things such as stealing, violence, or any of that type of activity. I am writing of the kind of things that most would generally view as the harmless enjoyments of the world. We smoked, we drank, and we partied hard, bouncing from one bar or one party to the next. The world was our oyster with so much to see and do; we were young and thought ourselves to be immune to danger, and we were lost. That young, brown-haired dog who was so full of energy that he was jumping and running and seemed as though he could not wait for the next adventure to come along, reminded me a great deal of that time in my life, and the continued lifestyle of so many of my friends.

I became a Christian. I learned the truth from several loving, caring people. As a result, I put those things that the Bible identifies as sin behind me and applied that seemingly boundless energy in another direction – into the service of the Lord. The vast majority of my friends did not.

Several years ago I attended the 20-year reunion of my high school class. There were many of my former classmates who were not there for various reasons. There were a few who had died of natural causes; but another whom I had known since elementary school, could not put the lifestyle behind him and ended up being killed in a drug deal in Chicago. The story of the others was not so dramatic. Most had put on a great deal of weight, not from the natural maturation process, but because of continued drinking. Some were divorced, a few more than once, and in a lot of cases it was due to a refusal to leave the old lifestyle behind and behave as responsible adults. The energy of former years was gone, the drinking worse, and language foul, and the air filled with smoke.

Then there was Mr. _____ (I choose to leave his name out of this article). This former teacher and football coach had been so popular in high school that out of all the well-known people we could have chosen, we asked him to be the

keynote speaker at our graduation. I loved Mr. _____ because he had been like one of us. A former college football player, he enjoyed the same kind of things that we had enjoyed. He could party with the best of us, drink like a fish with no apparent negative results, and his language could peel the paint off the walls. He was so cool, and he was lost. I didn’t know it at the time, and neither did he.

At our reunion he was like that old black dog. His life of the “passing pleasures of sin” had taken its toll. In fact, he was kind of pathetic. He was always big, but he was big because he was an athlete, muscular and strong. Now he was just big. I know that age changes our bodies, but it doesn’t have to make us obese. Judging from the amount of beer he consumed that night it was easy to see why he looked like he did. I have no doubt that the years of playing football contributed to his limited ability to get around. I am sure that his knees were arthritic, just like those of that old black dog. I also know that a person cannot abuse his or her body with the things that they continue to put into it without it catching up to them. The passing years spent in bars had given him the bulbous, red-veined nose and increased his vile vocabulary, and he was a master at it; every other word was profane. I felt like crying.

A life spent in sin will break a person down physically and mentally. However, most importantly, it destroys a person spiritually. Jumping into sin when one is young almost seems natural. After all, it is fun! The Bible would not refer to it as “the pleasures of sin” if it were not. But it is also described as “passing.”

Two dogs – one young and full of energy and promise, the other old and broken – both of them lost. What a sad picture of a life spent in sin.

Young people, please remember the words of Solomon, *“Remember also our Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, I have no delight in them.”*



LEWIS WILLIS

I Think I Know A Solution



As I read the newspaper, from time to time I get some ideas for articles. In this article I wish to share

with you what is reportedly exciting information, with my suggestion on how we can confirm the truthfulness of what is reported.

In the *Akron Beacon Journal* (02/03/11), an Associated Press article, written by Seth Borenstein, was published. The article was entitled "54 potential planets likely suitable for life." The article was reporting that a NASA telescope "discovers newfound celestial bodies outside our solar system."

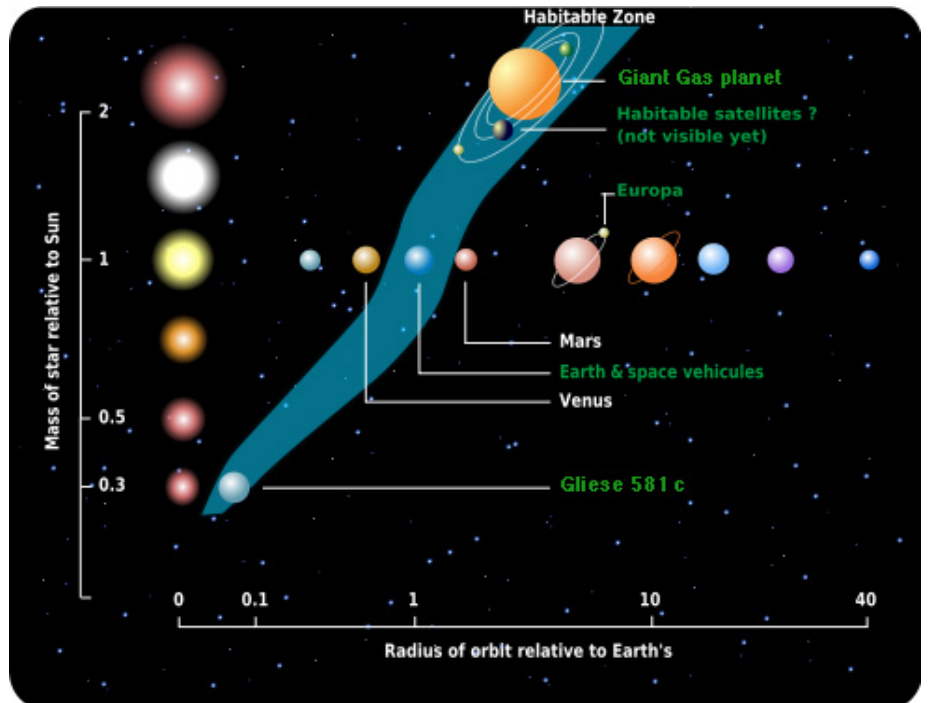
Not only has the telescope seen these additional "bodies," but the orbiting telescope "is finding whole new worlds of possibilities in the search for alien life, spotting more than 50 potential planets that appear to be in the habitable zone."

What does this mean? Scientists believe it is "not too hot or cold" for life to exist there. These discoveries are now being referred to as the

"Goldilocks zone." If my memory serves me correctly, Goldilocks was a fairy tale for children, wasn't it? Perhaps infatuation with fairy tales is now considered a desirable trait needed to be a NASA scientist these days. To be sure, when one reads reports like the one I am quoting, the information sounds more like fable than truth.

Let me give you some proof of this assertion. These NASA scientists, and other astronomers quoted in the article, are attempting to explain that these new planets are capable of supporting life. Here are the terms they used: "potential planetspossibilities appear to beare seeminglythought to beestimates doesn't mean it has lifea good examplemay not be intelligent lifecould bepresumablythe greater the oddsto hope for." They have really nailed down their discovery, haven't they?

How can we know for sure that these scientists are correct in their imaginations about what they have seen? Even they admit that "they are so far away that traveling there is not a realistic option.



In some cases it would take millions of years with current technology” just to get there. They say, “Our grandchildren will have to decide what’s the next step.....Do they want to send a robot?” Well, I have another solution.

Let’s get Seth Borenstein of the AP, William Borucki (the chief scientist of the NASA project), Yale University astronomer Debra Fischer, and Harvard University astronomer Lisa Kaltenegger, all of whom are praising the findings reported, and send them on a journey to confirm their report.

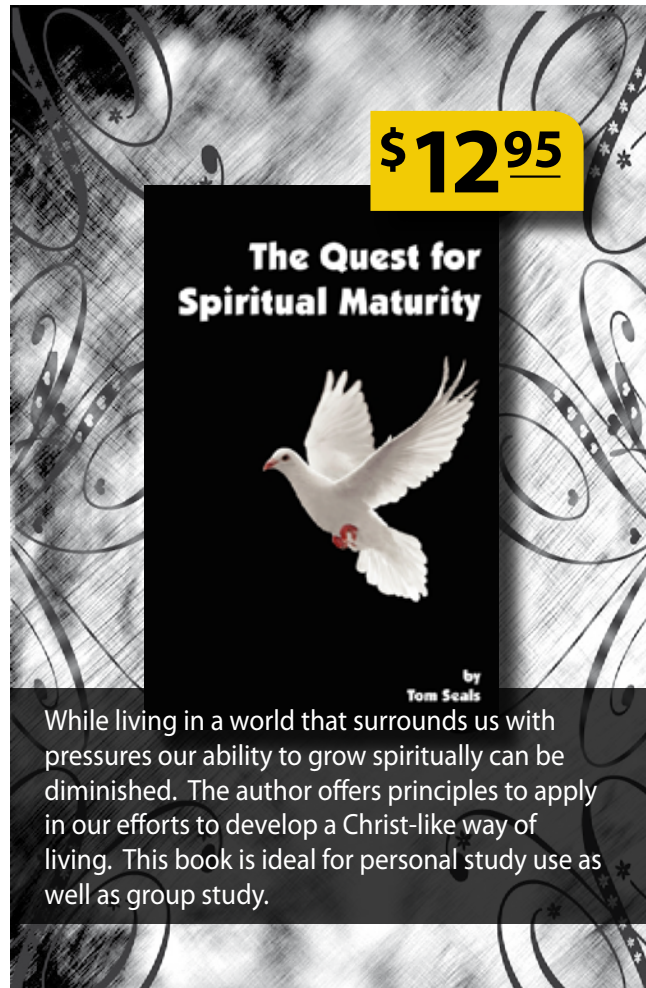
We could put them all in a spacecraft, and launch it to confirm what they are so certain they have seen. We could send them on the flight with a few McDonald’s Happy meals, and some \$5 footlong Subway sandwiches, and have them confirm the habitable nature of the supposed planets they have discovered. When they land, they can begin eating some of the food they find there, or they can teach those “inhabitants” of those planets how to make hamburgers and chicken sandwiches. What do you think? Doesn’t that sound like a good suggestion? Of course, they’ll have to travel “millions of miles” to get out there, but I’d be willing to see them try to make the trip.

We simple-minded believers are left with crude, impossible explanations for these things. All we can do is cite the Biblical affirmations about the origin of the heavens, the earth, and mankind. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.....So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Gen. 1:1, 27); “He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding” (Jer. 51:15); “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.....He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not” (John 1:1-3, 10); “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of

heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands” (Acts 17:24); and “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Heb. 11:3).

I’ve read a number of articles through the years which have attempted to disprove what the Bible says on this subject. However, I have yet to find a single article that provides a better explanation for the origin of the heavens, the earth, or mankind. None of those articles supplies sufficient evidence for our world than that which is found in the Word of God. So, I shall continue to believe the testimony of the Scriptures, and let the infidels rage until Judgment Day. They will then discover how wrong they are!

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ADAM LITMER

Unreasonable? Unfair? Not To Us!

It seems that more and more these days Christians are deciding that certain expectations God and their brethren have for them are unreasonable. For instance, it is unreasonable for God or brethren to expect a working, parenting Christian to attend each night of a gospel meeting even if he could do so by making minor sacrifices and experiencing slight inconveniences.

It is unreasonable for God or brethren to expect a vacationing Christian family to locate a faithful group of Christians before he travels to the area and then to attend each service just as he would back home while not on vacation.

It is unreasonable for God or brethren to expect Christian parents to upset a child by refusing to allow him to compete in athletics if doing so would require him to miss worship services. After all, the coach says that if he misses practices he won't play in the games.

It is unreasonable for God or brethren to expect all members of a congregation who are physically able to schedule all their other activities around an elder determined workday at the building if at all possible. I suppose we could add to this list *ad nauseum* if we so desired.

According to the *Oxford American Dictionary*, the second definition of the word "unreasonable" is "beyond the limits of acceptability or fairness." I find that interesting and it causes me to consider some other things that, when you get right down to it, just aren't reasonable or fair.

It is unreasonable, unfair, that God would plan for sinful man's salvation before He had

ever created him. Acts 2:22-23 says, "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men." 1 Peter 1:1-2 says, "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for the sprinkling of his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you." Before God ever created us He was planning for the mess we would cause ourselves through sin. From God's perspective, where's the reasonableness, the fairness, in that?

It is unreasonable, unfair, that the price God had to pay for our salvation was the death of His only Son. Ephesians 2:4-7 says, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Because He knew beforehand that you and I would be filthy, disgusting sinners, God sent His Son into the world to take our place upon the cross and to die for our sins. From God's perspective, where is the reasonableness, the fairness, in that?

It is unreasonable, unfair, that you and I are not suffering in hell right now. As if it were not enough for God to provide initial forgiveness when one becomes a Christian, He chose to establish a second law of pardon that in fact provides the Christian innumerable pardons during his life as he continues to repent of sin. 1 John 1:8-2:2 says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

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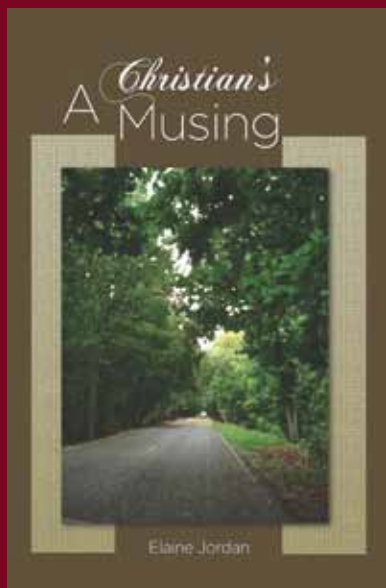
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unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." We Christians keep on sinning and He keeps on forgiving as we repent. Why? Didn't our initial forgiveness cost Him enough? Owed nothing but torment, why does He love us so much that He places salvation and forgiveness constantly before our eyes? From God's perspective, where is the reasonableness, the fairness, in that?

Let's return to where we began this article. Some Christians believe it is unreasonable, unfair, for them to be expected to attend each night of a gospel meeting. I disagree. It's unreasonable, unfair, that God does not expect us to spend every night at the building worshipping Him. Some Christians believe that it is unreasonable, unfair, for them to be expected to find faithful brethren to worship

with at each service on vacation. I disagree. It's unreasonable, unfair, that God would bless us with the means to ever go on vacations to begin with because of our offenses against Him. Some Christians believe it is unreasonable, unfair, to upset a child by refusing to allow him to compete in athletics if it causes him to miss service. I disagree. It is unreasonable, unfair, that God does not demand the blood of our child just as our salvation demanded the blood of His. Some Christians believe it is unreasonable, unfair, that they be expected to schedule their activities around a congregational workday. I disagree. It is unreasonable, unfair, that God even provides us the opportunity to work for Him rather than casting us in hell as we deserve.

It is imperative for our eternal well being that we get our minds right and do it now. It is unfair to God that we are blessed as tremendously as we are. Let us thank Him daily that He does not deal with us on the basis of fairness and let us place Him in our lives right where He belongs—first in all things!



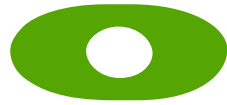
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DICK BLACKFORD

The Lord's Anointed



On two separate occasions when Saul's hatred and anger were driving him to try to kill David, David had some easy opportunities to kill Saul. One of those was when David was in a cave in the wilderness of Engedi. Saul entered

the cave to relieve himself, not knowing David and his men were there. Saul had apparently laid his clothes down and David cut off a portion of his robe. David's men tried to persuade him to kill Saul. David's conscience bothered him for having cut off the garment and he responded, "Far be it from me . . . that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the Lord's anointed" (1 Sam. 24:6-10).

On the second occasion Joab's brother, Abishai, went with David into Saul's camp while everyone was sleeping. Abishai wanted to kill Saul with his spear, but David said, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand

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against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" (I Sam. 26:9-11). This shows David understood a truth taught in the NT, that "the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). Jehovah had Daniel tell us that He "removes kings and establishes kings" (Dan. 2:21). Further, ". . . that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes, and sets over it the lowliest of men" (Dan. 4:17). God has raised up men like Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to punish His people and men like Cyrus the king of Persia to deliver them.

THE RELIGION OF OUR PRESIDENT

Why does it matter? For three reasons: **1.** He, like all men, has a soul and God wants him to be saved (I Tim. 2:4; Matt. 10:28). **2.** God wants us to pray for him (I Tim. 2:1, 2). **3.** He is very powerful and influential and has the potential to do much harm or much good for the cause of Christ.

It is my opinion that in my lifetime we have not had a president who has been more at odds with the teaching of Scriptures than we presently have. Identifying his religion can get perplexing. He has said he is a Christian, having been a member of Jeremiah Wright's United Church Of Christ where he was taught "liberation theology." But there are also videos of him on YouTube where he refers to "my Muslim faith." In a speech in Cairo last year he referred to "the Holy Koran" and said, "I have known Islam on three continents before coming to the region where it was first revealed."

There is also a video of him arguing why the Bible cannot be used to govern a nation, in which he takes many scriptures out of context to make his point. Many of his beliefs and actions are neither "Muslim" nor "Christian," but are right out of *The Humanist Manifesto I and II*. His honoring perversion by declaring June, 2009 as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans-gender) month; his refusal to vote for a bill that would have given life-saving measures to a baby that survived an abortion; his push for a "one-world government" (a religious view, as humanism has been declared to be a religion by the Supreme Court);

his picking and choosing which laws he will uphold; his appointment of those who are on the far left on moral issues (some with communist leanings); his belittling of people for exercising their first and second constitutional rights (he ridiculed people for "clinging to their guns and their religion" during the campaign); his broken promises – are just some of the reasons for this observation.

WHAT THE LORD EXPECTS OF US

Christians have both the right and the obligation to oppose error, even though others may not like it and even though it may come from men of high profile. However, Christians must take special care how we treat government officials. When Paul called Ananias (the high priest) a "whited wall" for ordering Paul to be smitten contrary to the law, he was rebuked by those who stood by, "Revilest thou God's high priest?" Paul replied, "I knew not brethren that he was high priest, for it is written, 'Thou shalt not speak evil of a ruler of thy people.'" Of course our president is not the high priest but he is a ruler of the people and he is one of the powers that be who was ordained of God. God bestows the throne to whomever He will and He has His reasons. We must expose and oppose error, but we need to respect the one whom the Lord raised up and put on the throne.

Christians should write to him and try to convert him to genuine Christianity (Acts 24:24, 25; 26:25-28). Who knows whether, through the providence of God, one of those letters might get through? If not to him, perhaps someone else. Evidently, Paul had been able to reach some of "Caesar's household" (Phil. 4:22).

In our zeal to oppose error we must make sure that our comments don't cross the line of what the Lord requires of us.

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<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Pinson Church of Christ 4233 Glenn Brook Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ken Chapman (205) 681-6231 or 680-5770</p>	<p>NORTHPORT, AL Northwood Church of Christ 4601 Northwood Estates Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Hartselle</p>	<p>TUCSON, AZ Tucson Church of Christ 2020 N Forbes Blvd., Suite 107 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 520-622-8986 www.tucsonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE, AR Church of Christ 1807 McArthur Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 982-6413 - church bldg (501) 982-6776 - William Engel</p>	<p>ALAMEDA, CA Alameda Church of Christ 2167 Santa Clara Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Olen Holderby (510) 523-9547 www.alamedacoc.org</p>	<p>HEMET, CA Church of Christ 203 W. Acacia Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Will Wilson (951) 846-9174</p>
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<p>MOBILE, AL West Mobile Church of Christ 129 Hillcrest Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (251) 342-4144 or 342-2041</p>	<p>FAIRBANKS, AK Chena Small Tracts Road Church of Christ 5033 Chena Small Tracts Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (907) 479-8918</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Prince Street Church of Christ 2655 Prince St. (Hwy. 60) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 339-6917</p>	<p>PINE BLUFF, AR Church of Christ 4700 W. 28th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Clarence W. Fell (870) 879-2097</p>	<p>EL CAJON/SAN DIEGO, CA Church of Christ 523 S. Johnson Ave El Cajon, CA 92020 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Brent Hunter (619) 444-6106 (619) 922-0395</p>	<p>FT. COLLINS, CO 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>
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<p>LANCASTER, TX Pleasant Run Church of Christ 31 W. Pleasant Run Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (972) 227-1708 or 227-2598</p>	<p>PLANO, TX (North Dallas Suburb) Spring Creek Church of Christ 2100 W. Spring Creek Pkwy. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (972) 517-5582 www.planochurch.org</p>	<p>WACO, TX Sun Valley Church of Christ 340 E. Warren St. (In Hewitt, a suburb of Waco) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marc Smith (254) 666-1020 or 420-1484</p>	<p>RIDGEWAY, VA Church of Christ 2970 Old Leaksville Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Byrd (276) 956-6049</p>	<p>CLARKSBURG, WV Westside Church of Christ Davison Run Road Sunday Morning 9:30 A.M. (304) 622-5433</p>	<p>CANADA Hamilton, Ontario 126 Ottawa St. N. Mailing Address: 33 Highcliff Ave. L9A 3L3 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Monday 7:00 P.M. Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Steve Rudd, Evangelist (905) 575-8437</p>
<p>LUBBOCK, TX Indiana Ave. Church of Christ 6111 Indiana Church Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (806) 795-3377</p>	<p>RED OAK, TX Methodist Street Church of Christ 211 Methodist St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (972) 576-3119 or 363-7672 info@methodiststreet churchofchrist.com</p>	<p>THE WOODLANDS, TX Woodlands Church of Christ P.O. Box 7664-77380 3987 Wellman Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (281) 367-2099 www.simplychristians.net</p>	<p>ROANOKE, VA Blue Ridge Church of Christ 929 Indiana Ave. N.E. 5 min. from Roanoke Convention Center 1st Lesson 9:15 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (540) 344-2755</p>	<p>FAIRMONT, WV Eastside Church of Christ 1929 Morgantown Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (304) 363-8054</p>	<p>ADVERTISING RATES ON CHURCH AD PAGES</p>
<p>LUFKIN, TX Timberland Dr. Church of Christ 912 S. Timberland Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Harold Hancock Reagan McClenny 634-7110 or 632-7070</p>	<p>SAN ANGELO, TX Green Meadow church of Christ (Off Loop 306, sw part of the city) 3438 Green Meadow Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Boyd Jennings (325) 224-2848 or (325) 944-8147</p>	<p>CHESAPEAKE, VA Tidewater Church of Christ 217 Taxus St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Schlosser (757) 436-6900</p>	<p>STAFFORD, VA Stafford Church of Christ 767 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark McNabb (540) 379-4915</p>	<p>MOUNDSVILLE, WV Church of Christ 210 Cedar St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Mid-week 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brian Price (304) 845-2820, 845-4940</p>	<p>----- Rates are \$25 per quarter or \$95.00 per year (when paid in advance). The ads are run once each month -12 times a year. Help travelers find your place of worship! -----</p>
<p>MANFIELD, TX Northside Church of Christ 1820 Mansfield-Webb Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelists: Tom Roberts (817) 466-3160</p>	<p>SAN ANTONIO, TX Pecan Valley Church of Christ 268 Utopia (I-37 S.E. Exit Pecan Valley) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Clyde W. Carter (210) 337-6143</p>	<p>CHESTER, VA Chester Church of Christ 12100 Winfree St. (Central to Richmond, Hopewell, Petersburg, & Colonial Heights) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Church Building: (804) 796-2374 (804) 497-3638 or (804) 271-0877</p>	<p>VIRGINIA BEACH, VA Southside Church of Christ 5652 Haden Rd. Worship 11:00 A.M. Robert Mallard (757) 464-4574</p>	<p>MOUNDSVILLE, WV Roberts Ridge Church of Christ Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Don Terrill: (304) 845-2344 Mail to: Sam Wood (304) 845-2202 406 Jefferson Ave. Glenn Dale, WV 26038</p>	<p>----- Rates are \$25 per quarter or \$95.00 per year (when paid in advance). The ads are run once each month -12 times a year. Help travelers find your place of worship! -----</p>
<p>McKINNEY, TX Central Church of Christ 1805 White Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Howard III (214) 544-3035</p>	<p>SHERMAN, TX Westwood Village Church of Christ 314 N. Tolbert Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Smelser</p>	<p>COLONIAL HEIGHTS/ PETERSBURG, VA Appomattox church of Christ 117 Orange Avenue (Ft. Lee Area) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Lenny Chapman (804) 526-6464 or (804) 675-0216</p>	<p>VIRGINIA BEACH, VA Virginia Beach Church of Christ Pembrook Manor Recreation Building 4452 Hinnsdale St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (757) 486-6639</p>	<p>PARKERSBURG, WV Marrown Church of Christ 825 Marrown Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (304) 861-0342 or 422-7458</p>	<p>TOLL FREE: 855 855 49 492 BOOKS 6657</p>

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM		O Worship The King 1 David Maravilla	O Worship The King 2 David Maravilla	O Worship The King 3 David Maravilla	
9:00 AM		Purer In Heart Tommie Andrews	I'll Never Forsake My Lord Cecil Cox	Train Your Children Huey Hartsell	
10:00 AM		O Happy Day! Dan King	There Is A God Mike Willis	The Army of Our Lord Steven Deaton	
11:00 AM		There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood David McClister	Day by Day Bob Waldron	We Will Glorify the King Jeremy Paschall	
2:00 PM		Revive Us Again 1 Congregation Building Series Steve Niemeier	Revive Us Again 2 Congregation Building Series Steve Niemeier	Revive Us Again 3 Congregation Building Series Steve Niemeier	Open House & Sale CEI Bookstore 1:00 – 5:00 PM
3:00 PM		Q & A with editors of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs	Q & A with editors of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs	Q & A with editors of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs	
7:00 PM	Singing	Singing	No Singing	Singing	
7:30 PM	Emmanuel David Cox	Jesus Saves Connie Adams	No Lecture	There's A Great Day Coming Wayne Chappell	Singing With New Hymnal 7:00-8:30 PM