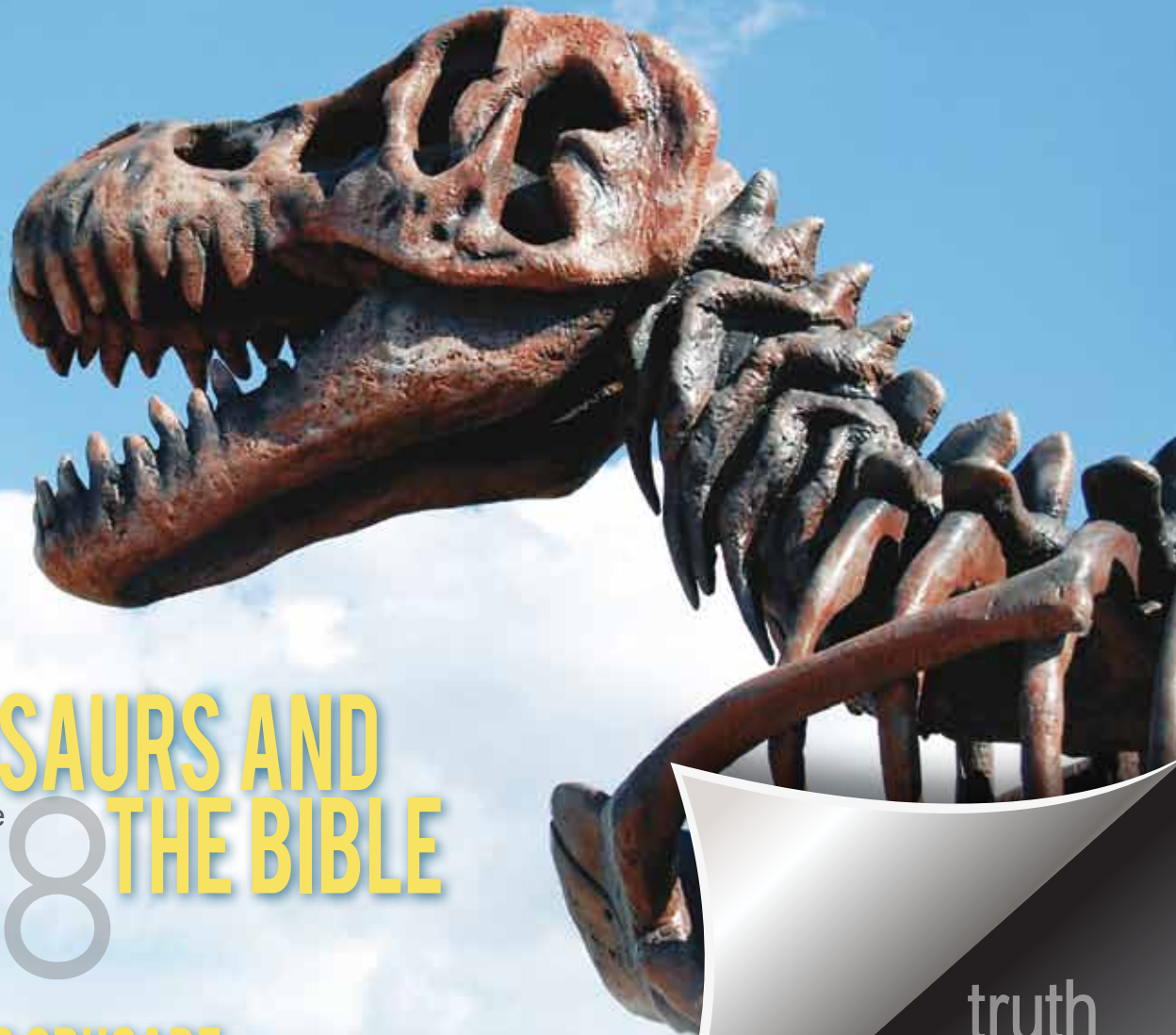


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MIKE WILLIS

Tell No Man That Thing

Luke’s account of Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God is recorded in Luke 9:18-21. The event occurred at Caesarea Philippi, shortly after the Feeding of the 5000 near Bethsaida, which is located on the northeast coast of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi is about 15-20 miles north of Bethsaida.

Withdrawing with His disciples to Caesarea Philippi gave Jesus time to be alone with them. As they were together praying, Jesus asked, “Whom say the people that I am?” They gave the contemporary responses – John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the old prophets who has risen again. Then Jesus asked the Twelve, “But whom say ye that I am?” Peter responded, “The Christ of God” (Luke 9:20). The text then says, “And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to *tell no man that thing*” (Luke 9:21; cf. Matt. 16:20).

Why did Jesus not want everyone to know that He was the Christ? Later, He will commission the Twelve to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel. But, at this time, He did not want that message announced, at least not in Israel. (Earlier, Jesus told the Gadarene demoniac to publicly preach what Jesus had done for him to his own house and village [Luke 8:39] and, according to John’s gospel, Jesus commended the Samaritan woman who told those of her village that He was the Christ [John 4:29, 42].)

The reason for Jesus commanding His disciples not to tell anyone that He is the Christ is evident from what happened at Jesus’ death. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, came to Jerusalem during the Passover, not because he wanted to join in the worship offered during that time, but because such a mass assemblage of Jewish people who were in a state of unrest was a boiling pot. He was concerned about political revolution such as occurred in A.D. 66 when the rebellion that led to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 began. Pilate was wary of the danger that such gatherings posed.

When Jesus was arrested and tried by the Jewish courts, He was convicted of blasphemy (Matt. 26:65). However, when Jesus was brought before Pilate, the Jewish leaders accused Him of political insurrection saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King” (Luke 23:2). Political insurrection was the very thing that Pilate had come to Jerusalem to prevent.

Watching the social unrest in Iran and Afghanistan shows how quickly such cultures can become chaotic, especially at the word of a respected religious leader who has political aspirations. The imams in these countries have the power to put tens of thousands of protestors in the streets in a matter of hours. We have seen TV reports showing the thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, who respond to the imam’s call. There is no separation of church and state in such countries, and certainly not the kind of separation of church and state that is in America, where secular zealots want to exclude church/religion from the public square.

In the social context of the first century, Jesus told His disciples not to tell others that He was the Christ and the reason for this was the civil unrest such an announcement would create in Israel. The prevailing Jewish concept of the Messiah was that he would be a political leader who would rally the Jewish nation to rebel against its Roman rulers who occupied their country, overthrow their armies, and

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CONNIE W. ADAMS



Are You a Witness for the Lord?

For many years denominational people have said much about “witnessing” for the Lord. Some brethren have borrowed the same language. It is used in one study book used in women’s classes and written by a gospel preacher’s wife. In the interest of speaking “as the oracles of God” and calling Bible things by Bible names, I submit this article for your own study.

The New Testament uses the word “witness” in the sense of an eye or ear witness: someone who relates what he personally saw or heard. Jesus said to His apostles, “But ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you and shall be *witnesses* unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). When Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin and forbidden to “speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus” they answered, “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). These witnesses spoke of things they had “seen and heard.”

When Peter was at the house of Cornelius, he spoke of how Jesus went about “doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.” Then he added, “And we are *witnesses* of all things which he did in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem” (Acts 10:38-39). Paul preached at Corinth that Jesus was “buried, and that he arose again the third day according to the scriptures; and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; . . . after that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles, and last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time” (1 Cor. 15:40). The Lord told Paul, “I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a *witness* both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee” (Acts 26:16).

Peter wrote about the time when he, along with James and John, were with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-8), and said they were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Pet. 1:16). In verse 18 he said, “And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.”

Another witness was John who wrote, “That which was from the beginning, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life. . . . That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you” (1 John 1:2-3).

It is evident from these passages that witnesses were those who testified as to what they themselves saw, heard, touched, or observed. None of us saw or heard any of these things. We are not witnesses in the Bible usage of the term. Are we therefore without evidence? By no means! We have the testimony of certified witnesses. They

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were credible witnesses at that. These men “hazarded their lives for their testimony” (Acts 15:26). They refused to recant even in the face of severe persecution and death itself. It did not make them rich or famous. It did not secure for them places of honor. They had nothing to gain for inventing a lie and then dying for it.

WE ARE NOT THE WITNESSES

Our task is to tell the world what the witnesses said. We are tasked with teaching the word of God. To Timothy Paul said, “The things which thou among many witnesses hast heard of me, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). Jesus said, “Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have said unto you” (Matt. 28:20). The scattered disciples “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Is it not adequate to speak of preaching and teaching the gospel? Can we not study with people, or “search the scriptures” with them? Must we borrow the language of teachers of error who misuse a perfectly good Bible word and give it a sense that the Bible does not?

What denominational people mean by witnessing for Christ is to go out and give your testimony about your conversion and what the Lord has purportedly done for you. What we need to do is go everywhere teaching people what the word of God says and urge them to accept and obey it.

But we are told that a secondary usage of the term “witness” in the dictionary is to testify or give your experience. The dictionary often gives out what is in common usage but that does not mean that this is how the term

is used in the Bible. A secondary usage of “baptize” is “christen,” yet none of us would use that language when teaching on baptism.

Paul taught Titus to use “sound speech, that cannot be condemned” (Tit. 2:8). I close with a portion of an article by Colly Caldwell, entitled “The Language of Each People” in which he addressed this very usage of witnessing and several other examples.

Does it make you react defensively to hear terms like these called in question? If so, justify them by the Scriptures if possible but do not simply assume their reliability to convey proper ideas. We must understand that it matters what our words suggest to those who hear them, just as it matters what we mean by them. We can say that we do not mean what others mean: but if we indicate by our terminology a false idea, we may well promote false religion and fail to communicate the truth. Remember that “each people” has its own language. Like the peoples of Ashdod, Ammon, or Moab, the peoples of Calvin and Luther, or of Rome, London, Tulsa, and Nashville have their languages. We cannot afford to be naive. We must not try to be exciting, popular, sophisticated, or clever. We are trying to lead men to Christ. We must not forget that he provided the way to do that in his own terms. It is not our job to try to improve upon it (*Searching the Scriptures*, Vol. 27-28, p. 386).

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“When the Vow Breaks”

So reads the title of a two-page article in the November, 2011 issue of *AARP Magazine*, by Mary A. Fischer. One might assume that this is about divorce, but that would be so only superficially. It promotes something much more sinister.

The lead question reads: “Is infidelity justified if your spouse has dementia?” How do you suppose any faithful Christian would answer that question?

The article introduces us to Herb, 83, whose wife, Ruth, 73, has advanced Alzheimer’s disease, leaving their New York apartment to spend the afternoon with his “girlfriend.” Herb says, of his wife, “She can’t hug or even kiss me anymore,” and, “I longed for that closeness with a woman.” The article should have been titled, “It’s All About Herb!”

While admitting that some caregivers who “crave intimacy” view extra-marital affairs as “a serious moral violation,” the AARP article clearly defends those affairs. Fischer writes, “. . . a new focus on the emotional needs of caregivers has prompted some psychologists, social workers, and even religious leaders to redefine adultery.” A Jewish “rabbi” is quoted as saying, “We’re confronted with the challenge of having our religion adapt to these new realities.” A “licensed social worker,” Cynthia Epstein says, “As long as you provide dignified care and honor your spouse, you need not feel guilty.” So much for, “. . . to love, to honor, to have and to hold . . . until death do

us part.” Those who try to change the definitions of adultery and marriage change the gospel of Christ and are “accursed” according to Galatians 1:8, 9.

Arthur Caplan, director of the center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, said, “I don’t think it is abandonment or disloyalty to form a new relationship once your spouse declines to the point where they cannot possibly interact, or respond . . . you are entitled to seek companionship.” *Entitled* “ethics,” indeed! This “ethical infidelity” cannot logically be limited to *old* people. What about the Herbs of the world whose spouses are in comas, or are paralyzed from an accident, or have had strokes and are unable to “*meet their needs*”? Situation ethics leads to no real ethics at all. While our heart goes out to those challenged care givers, God’s ethical standard says, “Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4). **No exceptions!**

Back to Herb. He said, “I’m still a normal male who has needs, and this new relationship has been wonderful.” In fact, the article reveals it is so “*wonderful*” that “Herb sees a therapist weekly and often discusses his guilt over his affair.” If Herb can have one “girlfriend,” why not have several? Then his wonderful relationships could overwhelmingly “meet his needs,” resulting in boundless joy, in his guilt. Beware of self-serving Herb and his defenders. “But evil men and imposters shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13).

What’s next for the Herbs of the world? Will they be willing to participate in the humane euthanasia of the cognitively impaired, helpless stroke victims, and the physically deformed who



JOHNIE EDWARDS

What Makes You Think Baptism Is Not Important?

Those who say that baptism is not important and has nothing to do with salvation; how do you answer these passages?

1. Jesus Taught It. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . .” (Mark 16:16).

2. Apostles Preached It. When believing Jews asked, “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37), the apostle Peter answered, “Repent and be baptized . . . for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).

3. Entrance into the Church Demanded It. Paul wrote the Corinthians: “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. . .” (1 Cor. 12:13). The “body” is identified as “the church” (Col. 1:24).

4. Rising to Walk in Newness of Life Came After Baptism. Paul told the Romans, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4).

5. Being in Christ Was the Result of

Baptism. “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27). Are you aware that “salvation is in Christ” (2 Tim. 2:10)? But to be in Christ, one must be baptized!

6. Sins Are Washed Away by the Blood of Christ When One is Baptized. Saul was instructed: “And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

7. Baptism Saves. After discussing Noah’s ark-salvation, Peter penned, “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us . . . by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 3:20-21). Still think baptism is not important?



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are “taking up space and using up valuable assets” in care facilities and limiting the personal desires of their spouses and families? Perhaps they could all gather in a large plaza somewhere and stand in ranks, shoulder to shoulder with the millions who support and practice the killing of the unborn, and raise their arms and in unison shout, “Heil Hitler!”

God’s people do not turn to AARP or any man for our standard of behavior. The apostle John

wrote, “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one.” Our task is to be different and to make a difference. “For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure . . . that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom ye are seen as lights in the world**” (Phil. 2:13-15).





Dinosaurs and the Bible

HEATH ROGERS

The modern study of dinosaurs dates back to 1822 in England. At that time, a Dr. Gideon Mentell and his wife had a hobby of collecting fossils. While visiting a patient, she happened upon a strange looking fossilized tooth. After showing it to some friends, it was identified as the tooth of a rhinoceros. It was later shown to a friend who specialized in iguanas. He said that it looked like an iguana's tooth, only much larger.

By 1842, enough of these kinds of fossils had been discovered to convince scientists that a whole group of lizard-like reptiles had once lived. The name "dinosaur" was given to them (from the Greek words *deinos* and *sauros* – "terribly great lizard"). The word "dinosaur" did not exist until 1842. By then, the King James Version of the Bible was already over 200 years old. The word "dinosaur" is not in our English Bible because the word did not exist until after the Bible had already been translated into English.

Just because the word "dinosaur" is not in the Bible does not mean dinosaurs are not mentioned in the Bible. I believe we can read about them in different places, including the creation account.

Then God said, Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens. So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird

according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good (Gen. 1:20-21, 24-25).

Included in these statements is every kind of animal. "Great sea creatures" would include the dinosaurs that lived in the sea. "Beasts" and "everything that creeps on the earth" would include the land dinosaurs. Although now extinct, dinosaurs were a part of God's original creation.

Job 40:15-24 speaks of a creature called the *behemoth*. God describes this beast as a creature that "eats grass like an ox," "moves his tail like a cedar," has "ribs like bars of iron," and who is not disturbed by a flooding of the river. Some have proposed that this passage is describing a hippopotamus or an elephant, but neither of these animals has a tail like a cedar tree. We do not know the exact identity of this animal, but it certainly fits the description of the large, plant-eating dinosaurs.

Job 41 speaks of another creature called *Leviathan*. This creature has a mouth that is full of terrible teeth and a body that is covered

with rows of scales that cannot be penetrated. He is so strong that, when he walks, the ground crashes. To him, iron is like straw and bronze is like rotting wood. Some have suggested that the Leviathan was just an alligator, but people make a living wrestling alligators. God indicates that this creature cannot be captured or tamed, and that those who have tried will never do so again.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the Leviathan is found in verses 18-21. "His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go burning lights; sparks of fire shoot out. Smoke goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes." This sounds like a description of a dragon. While we categorize a fire-breathing dragon as a mythical creature, we should not be so quick to dismiss the possibility that a creature similar to a dragon once existed. Although it is on a much smaller scale, the Bombardier Beetle can emit an explosive blast of chemicals that is almost as hot as boiling

water. Perhaps this type of defense mechanism existed on a much larger scale in a now extinct dinosaur. Also, consider the fact that every culture has a myth concerning dragons. The fact that this "myth" is so wide-spread may be an indication that its origin lies more in fact than in fiction.

We know that dinosaurs existed. However, we should not begin to doubt the credibility of the Bible because it may appear to some to be silent about these extinct creatures. Did you know that there are several other animals that are not specifically mentioned in the Bible? Among them are sharks, jelly fish, kangaroos, and even cats. Why not? Consider this: The Bible was meant to be an *account* of God's creation, not a *catalog* of God's creation.

Do not let the evolutionist rob you and your children of the joy of studying dinosaurs. They are a part of God's creation, manifesting His wisdom and creative power.



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STAN ADAMS

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UPDATE ON TOM O'NEAL

We rejoice to report that after a harrowing ordeal from eye surgery, Tom O'Neal is recovering well at the John Knox Rehab Center in Tampa, FL. His room number is 33B and he would love to hear from everyone. He is still unable to be up and moving as he wishes, but physical therapy will hopefully be successful. He is totally blind in his left eye and has heart issues that must be monitored closely. He is lucid and able to talk on the phone. The best time to contact him by phone is after 5 p.m. EST. He is in need of financial assistance. The medical bills have pretty well bankrupted him and his wife, Carolyn, whose health is also tenuous. Keep them both in prayer and help them in any way you can. Cards, letters, and prayers will be appreciated. You may also call Tom at 813-632-2340.

UPDATE ON TOM ROBERTS

Tom Roberts was in an auto accident a few months ago that left him with some back issues that were very painful and required surgery to correct. Keep him and Pauline in your prayers.

MOLDOVA WORK

John Gentry and his wonderful family are now situated in Moldova and have made a move of faith. While their support is supplied for the next few months, they need to get more monthly commitments. You may contact John at havebiblewillpreach@gmail.com or johnrgentry@sbcglobal.net for more information on their needs and how best to send it to them.

MOVING

Stan and Carla Adams have relocated in Newton, NC after 13 ½ years with the East Hill congregation in Pensacola, FL. The Newton church website is wordandword.com. **Jarrod Jacobs** began working with the congregation in Caneyville, KY after 10 years with the Southside congregation in Owensboro, KY.

NEW CONGREGATION

Plainfield, IN. Some brethren felt the need to begin a new work in Plainfield, IN a few months ago. They began with 19 and are already running 65 in attendance. They meet in the Marsh Center, 2028 Stafford Road Suite C, Plainfield, IN. The men have invited Johnie Edwards to serve as the evangelist. Contact: Matt Meadows – Phone- 317-839-1769 or Johnie Edwards johnieedwards@gmail.com.

RELOCATING

The **Woodlawn Hills** congregation in San Antonio, TX recently finished construction of a new building. They now meet at: 5470 Lost Lane (off of Grissom Rd) in San Antonio, TX 78238. Phone number 210-681-7999 website: www.grissomroadcoc.org.

We hope you enjoy this column which is a way of keeping up with the activities of brethren around the country. If you have any news please contact me at: stan.adams1976@gmail.com or you may phone me at 850-324-1292. I look forward to editing this page.





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Understanding Apocalyptic Literature: A Guide to the Book of Revelation. Mark Roberts. Florida College Press, 2011. 104 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-890119-26-3

Vivid imagery in some books of the Bible has given many modern scholars the excuse to have vivid imaginations regarding the interpretation of these books. Apocalyptic literature is often the most abused and misused literature in the Bible. In a new book titled *Understanding Apocalyptic Literature*, Mark Roberts helps the reader to understand apocalyptic literature in general and the book of Revelation in particular. At the close of his book, Roberts applies the basic principles of apocalyptic literature to the book of Revelation with four summary points: First, the reader must be content with the straightforward truths that apocalyptic literature is all about and not devise more fanciful interpretations. Second, the reader must get the main point of the apocalypse of John – that God is in control and the faithful must persevere. Third, the reader must remember the time frame of the apocalypse of John focuses on events at the end of the first century that “must soon take place.” Fourth, the reader must apply the truths of apocalyptic literature to his or her own life and make the necessary choices between good and evil. Robert’s book is highly recommended. He takes the subject of apocalyptic literature that others make complicated and explains it in an easy-to-understand manner.

A Commentary on Hebrews. David McClister. Florida College Press, 2010. 546 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-1-890119-22-5

Bible commentaries are many and the Bible students must be careful in their choice of them. When a member of the church who seeks to be a true interpreter of the text publishes a commentary, I am generally inclined to recommend it. The recent commentary on *Hebrews* by David McClister is such a volume. David’s starting point for his commentary is the ancient context of the book, which is always the best place to start. David also wants the reader to gain a basic understanding of what Hebrews is all about which shows he has taken the important practical approach. A special feature of this commentary is the English translation. The translation used is David’s own English translation of the Greek text. For example, David translates the first verse of Hebrews this way: “God, having spoken long ago in many portions and in many ways to the fathers by means of the prophets.” Those looking for an exposition of the Greek text will find that David exegetes the basic Greek words and phrases without becoming too detailed or cumbersome. David’s introductory material to Hebrews is also comprehensive without being too deep. He does a good job of summarizing the arguments for who wrote the book of Hebrews and offers a sound conclusion to that ever-popular question. (You will have to buy the commentary to read David’s conclusion.) *A Commentary on Hebrews* is recommended for its balance in sound examination, exposition, and application of the text.

Dictionary of Old Testament Wisdom, Poetry and Writings. Tremper Longman III and Peter Enns, Editors. IVP Academic, 2008. 967 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-0-8308-1783-2

For the past several years, InterVarsity Press has been publishing good Bible dictionaries that focus on specific sections of the Bible. Four dictionaries have been published for the New Testament and three have been published for the Old Testament. A final dictionary in the Old Testament series, *Dictionary of Old Testament Prophets*, will be published in the fall of 2012. Because each dictionary focuses on a particular part of the Bible, the material covered is more exhaustive than the typical dictionary that gives only a cursory overview of the Bible in one volume. The articles in the IVP series are well outlined, not too technical, and tend to be moderate to conservative in their theological bias. You will find general articles on Bible topics, but you will also find special articles on Bible-related topics not specifically found in the Bible. For example, in the *Dictionary of Old Testament Wisdom*, you will find articles on “Feminist Interpretation,” “Maat,” “Book of Sirach,” “Targumim,” and “Wasf.” Each article in the dictionary series closes with a bibliography of useful works for further research. A scripture index, subject index, and article index at the end of each dictionary makes searching for topics easy. All the dictionaries in the IVP series are highly recommended. I have each one and use them on a regular basis in my own Bible study.

Questions & Answers

BOBBY L. GRAHAM



Question:

How do some of the major world religions believe differently concerning salvation? Please be specific on what they teach.

Answer:

Answering this question is more involved than we can be in the space allotted for this column, but I shall try to deal with it briefly. We must summarize and generalize the different religions, because in most of them there is much difference on some matters. In the first place, the very idea of salvation is not equal in these different religious systems; addressing this matter alone would require too much space for now. For this column, we shall restrict ourselves to Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity. It should go without stating it to the readers of *Truth Magazine* that we here refer to Christianity as presented in its pristine purity in the New Testament, not any of the counterfeit forms spawned by the changes of men.

The Bible presents salvation in two senses: first, the deliverance of the soul from the guilt of sins committed through his faithful compliance with the terms of pardon stated in the New Testament (Mark 16:15-16); and second, the final deliverance of the faithful soul into eternal life when the Lord returns and the judgment of all has passed (Heb. 5:10; Matt. 10:22). It is clear from the New Testament that salvation is only through the agency of Jesus Christ and by means of His blood (Acts 4:11-12; John 14:6; 1 Pet. 1:18-19). Because the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ are established as true, all claims made by rivals of the Lord and His way are spurious and undeserving of any person's faith or adherence! None of them even claims to have died for the sins of

mankind, and none of them was resurrected from the grave. Their bodies are like that of David described by Peter in Acts 2:29: "both dead and buried and his tomb is with us unto this day." Because of evidence supporting the entire system of Christianity, from the person of Jesus Christ to the Book presenting Him and the system of salvation which he oversees, the Biblical standard of salvation from sin is here presented as the norm against which salvation in other religious systems must be measured.

In Hinduism there is such a conglomeration of conflicting ideas and ideals, as well as denominations (not unlike so-called Christianity), that we must generalize Hinduism's view of salvation, admitting that some segments would disagree. There are both theists and non-theists in Hinduism, and many different philosophies responsible for the varying views. The evolution of Hinduism over time demonstrates the following factors (elements) to be valid means of salvation: (1) Liberation from this world, (2) Loving devotion to Lord Krishna, (3) Gaining religious merit through right living in this world (including rites and pilgrimages), and (4) Knowledge/ Enlightenment. Speculative philosophy entered the stream many hundreds of years ago, only to complicate the system of teaching about salvation by the addition of sophisticated metaphysical systems. It is significant that a specific way of

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salvation from sin and deliverance from this world, comparable to that in the Bible, is absent from Hinduism: no savior, no sacrifice, no high priest offering a sacrifice for sins, no mediator, no advocate, no grace unto salvation, and no heaven. Final liberation, for the Hindu, is what one gains by the operation of the law of karma (deeds, retribution for evil deeds, acquiring enough good works) through many cycles of existence attained by reincarnation/transmigration of the soul, as the soul finally and ultimately goes beyond this illusory world. It becomes clear that this salvation is by means of one's own deeds, apart from any offer of grace from any deity or quest for such.

Buddhism holds out Nirvana as the ultimate salvation of the person who has achieved detaching self from the desires of this material world. Living a highly disciplined, ascetic life is the means through which that person frees self from passion and conquers sin. The highest state of blessedness is for the one who overcomes vanity and selfishness. Ritual is absent from such a life in Buddhism, and the flame of selfish desire is the object of life's conquest. Here again the deeds of the individual are the sole means of achieving salvation.

The religion of Islam also lacks the specific offer of grace from Allah. The faithful Muslim must submit to Allah and adhere to the Five Pillars of Islam. These consist of (1) prayer five times daily, (2) recitation of the Islamic creed ("There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the prophet of Allah."), (3) almsgiving, (4) fasting, and (5) a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once for the person having the means to make the trip. Any grace offer is scant and indefinite in the Islamic scriptures; and the hope of the Muslim for any grace is not well founded, because he knows not how to obtain it. Offers of love and grace by God, found in the Bible, are noticeably missing in the Islamic religion. In fact, the teaching of Muslims affirms that one's works are his only intercessor and that heaven is for the Muslim whose good deeds outweigh his bad ones. It is not unexpected that a religion so lacking in divine grace offers so little grace to the world in its outreach. Ney Rieber says it well in an interesting and insightful description of Islam on the cover of his work, *A Resource for the Study of Islam*: "Islam is a religion born in bloodshed, nurtured on violence, and matured in conquest."

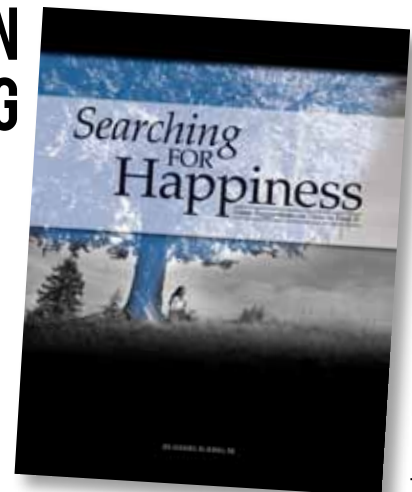
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Many rich and famous people have died in vain while searching for happiness. But the rich and famous are not the only ones with a problem in this department. Many people of average means and quite normal abilities are struggling with identical difficulties. Most suffer in silence with little or no hope of deliverance. The blessed fact is that deliverance is easily within the reach of everyone.





STEVE WALLACE

Fitting in - With Whom?

One of the great temptations young people face, especially in the daily contact with others their age in school, is to fit in with those around them. The pull to be part of the crowd, to be like those around us, to fit in, is something one faces throughout life. Please note the following Bible examples. Aaron, whom Moses had left over the people, caved in to their will in making the golden calf. He said,

Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him (Exod. 32:22, 23).

Aaron gave way to the temptation to fit in with those around him. In Galatians 2 we read of the influence of Peter's hypocrisy on others who observed him. First, other brethren went along with his sinful actions. Then, Barnabas, seeing the example of so many going in the wrong direction, went with the flow. In feeling the lure to fit in with sinners around them, young people should realize that they are facing temptations that adults face as well.

COMMON SINS THAT RESULT FROM YOUNG PEOPLE TRYING TO FIT IN

1. Filthy language. Hearing a sinful joke can tempt the Christian to retell that joke. After all, it made everyone laugh and people thinking you are funny is a sure sign of acceptance. Also, telling sordid details, even if they are true, about someone's involvement in immorality can result in getting the attention of all ears in some situations (Eph. 4:29; 5:4).

2. Immodest Dress. Even many heathen teachers and others in positions of influence have raised concerns about the apparel commonly worn by young people today. They have described such clothing as looking like that worn by "sluts" and "whores" ("Children Dressed Like Sluts Raise Disgust," *Washington Post*, 6/21/02). A reporter described some Halloween costumes for preteens as "racy" and "bawdy" ("Halloween Trend Toward Racy Get-Ups Vexes Parents," By Brigid Schulte, *Washington Post*, 10/30/07), One need only study the meaning of the word "lasciviousness" to understand the sinfulness of such attire: "Tending to excite lust" (*Webster*, p. 1023; Gal. 5:19-21). Interestingly, a March 8, 2009, *USA Today* article stated, "Modest fashion typically calls for covered shoulders, thighs and cleavage. . ." (Jayne O'Donnell).

3. Dancing. Dances have long been recognized by the world around us as socially acceptable activities. Teens many times feel the need to dance and go to dances in order to fit in. In a way similar to immodest dress it has come to the point that popular dancing has now become something to which even the heathen around us object. Dances are being stopped because of actions on dance floors described as "sex with your clothes on." What was once rightly called lascivious dancing would now likely be looked upon as prudish by those who have accepted the more fashionable kind of dancing described above but accepted as normal as a cheerleading routine. Again, part of the definition of lasciviousness helps us in understanding the error of fitting in with such conduct, "indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females" (*Thayer*).

4. Immorality. We need only note a couple of statistics in this regard. Births to unmarried women set a record several years back and 24% of those births were to teens ("Births to Unmarried U.S. Women Set Record," by Randolph E. Schmid, 10/28/05, AP writer). In 2003, the following headline appeared in *The New York Times*, "1 in 5 Teenagers Has Sex Before 15, Study Finds" (Tamar Lewin, May 20).

WITH WHOM DO YOU SEE TO FIT IN?

This question is crucial to the future course of life for any person. Let's note why this is so.

1. Foolish people? Let us note some characteristics of a fool. A fool might despise wisdom, his mother, or his father's correction (Prov. 23:9; 14:20, 5), or be known for having a temper and having a fondness for arguing (Prov. 14:17; 20:3; Eccl. 7:9). His mouth might be perverse or used to slander people, or even deny the existence of God (Prov. 10:18; 19:1; Ps. 14:1; Isa. 32:6). He works folly (Prov. 13:16; 10:23). Fitting in with such a one will call for acceptance of, or participation in, folly. "A companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20). Rather than seeking to fit in with the foolish, the Bible counsels, "Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge" (Prov. 14:7).

2. The lascivious and immoral? We have touched on both of these sins above. Both lead to the damning of the soul (Gal. 5:19-21). Such people are sinful and wasteful (Hos. 4:14; Prov. 29:3; Luke 15:30).

3. Jesus? Fitting in with Jesus means walking with Him (1 John 2:6). It holds before us the loftiest of promises (Heb. 3:6, 14; 1 Pet. 1:9; Rev. 2:10).

4. The people of God of the past and present? First of all, the Bible is replete with examples of faithful children of God who refused to fit in with those around them (Jer. 20:7-11; Dan. 1, 3; Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29; Gal. 2:14-21; Heb. 11:7, 23, 24). They compose a great cloud of witnesses that surround us as we run the race set before us (Heb. 12:1). Secondly, what about the many godly brothers and sisters of today? Should we not seek to fit in with their good examples (Phil. 3:17)?

Will you disappoint the righteous or the unrighteous? Will you seek to please the people of God or the children of the devil? If you try to fit in in every situation, you will always be lukewarm (Rev. 3:15, 16).

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING RELATED DECISIONS

People feel compelled to act like those around them for a variety of reasons. A Christian might feel obliged to participate in actions he or she

knows are wrong out of fear of being left out or the desire to be accepted. Those who become known for not taking part in sinful or questionable actions may face taunting or be picked on. Sin does not mix well with righteousness. It loves company and feels pangs of guilt from the influence of righteous people (Prov. 4:16; Luke 5:8; Heb. 11:7). It can be a challenge to exercise good judgment in the presence of peers. What are some simple things to remember at such times?

- Can I be a light for Christ if I fit in with those around me in this situation (1 John 2:6)?
- What would I do if a brother or sister whom I respect were here (Heb. 12:1; Gal. 4:18; Phil 3:17)?
- Will my actions be consistent with my being a stranger and pilgrim on this earth (1 Pet. 2:11-12)?
- Why should I try to fit in with those of this world when I was born again to be a standout (Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:12-15)?
- The question is not, "Is he/she popular, handsome, pretty or witty?" The all important question is, "With whom am I fitting in" (1 Pet. 2:12)?

"For the fashion of this world passeth away" (1 Cor. 7:31). The outward appearances of things are always changing. Please consider the last two hundred years of our nation's history. The fashionable clothing of each generation is "old fashioned" to the next. Further, after graduation, the entire environment of which school consists disappears forever! Why compromise your soul to fit into that which is manifestly passing away?

Remember the pressure our Savior faced in fulfilling God's will in His life (Mark 7:1-5; Matt. 12:24; John 7:1; 1 Pet. 2:21-23). He did the will of God rather than be influenced by the world around Him (John 6:38).

CONCLUSION

School can be a positive experience for you. You can get the education you need to prosper and to meet future responsibilities (1 Tim. 5:8, 14; 2 Thess. 3:10). Further, you can learn some of the most important lessons of life from it – by refusing to fit in with ungodly people.



MIKE WILLIS

Philadelphia

The name of this Greek city means “brotherly love.” Presently known as Alashehir, ancient Philadelphia was located eighty miles east of Smyrna, modern Izmir. The land is fertile and excellent for vineyards. Philadelphia was a Lydian city founded by Attalus II Philadelphus (159-138 B.C.). Lying under Mount Tmolus in a wide valley which opens into the Hermus Valley, the city was situated on a post road; it lies on a broad, low, easily defended hill.

The imperial road from Sardis, the ancient capital of Lydia, to the East followed the natural line through Philadelphia, making it an important town.

Philadelphia suffered from the same earthquake that affected Sardis and ten other cities in A.D. 17. Recurrent quakes occurred for twenty years. Sardis was affected the most in the initial earthquake, but the long-continued after shocks struck terror in the region. Some people abandoned the city for safety elsewhere. Ramsay said, “The walls of the houses were constantly gaping in cracks; and now one part of the city, now another part, was suffering. Few people ventured to live in the city; most spent their lives outside and devoted themselves to cultivating the fertile Philadelphia territory. There is an obvious reference to this in the later sentence of the letter, where the promise is

given to the faithful Philadelphians that they shall go out thence no more” (1909, 407).

In the aftermath of the earthquake, Philadelphia was among the cities whose tribute was remitted for five years to allow the people to have the resources to rebuild. The citizens of Philadelphia expressed their gratitude in the inscriptions and on their coins to the emperor Tiberius for his assistance in rebuilding the city. They later took the name “Neocaesarea” and still later, under Vespasian, it took another imperial name, Flavia. These incidences may be compared with the text of Revelation 3:12. The text says, “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and *he shall go no more out*: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name” (Rev. 3:12). The victorious Christian will not be like one of those pillars toppled by the earthquake, but will be a stable pillar in the temple of God. He shall wear, not the name of the Roman emperor, but one given to him by God. The “new name” of Revelation 3:12 is no doubt an allusion to the effort to rename Philadelphia. But the saint of God will not wear a name in honor of Caesar, but the name of God, the new Jerusalem, and Christ Himself.

In A.D. 92, Domitian acted to protect the vine growers of Italy. In his decree, he required that at least half the vineyards of the provinces be cut down and no new ones planted. This edict hit Asia very hard, and particularly Philadelphia, which was so dependent upon viticulture and worshiped Dionysius as one of their chief deities. “Thus the contrast between the character of Christ, who will never betray his people who have continued to confess his name even when they are weak and rejected (Rev. 3:8, 10, 11), and that of the imperial god who had disappointed them so severely” (*Anchor Bible Dictionary* 3:305).

William Ramsay suggests that the “Jewish Nationalist Party” is only mentioned in two of the seven cities, Smyrna and Philadelphia.

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Inasmuch as there were no doubt Jews in each of the seven cities, he concludes that their influence must have been more intense in these two cities: "If that difficulty is mentioned only in these two cities, Smyrna and Philadelphia, the natural inference is that it had been more serious in them than in the others; and that can only be because the Jews were, for some reason or other, specially influential there. Doubtless the reason lay in their numbers and wealth; and hence the weakness and poverty of the Christian party is specially mentioned in those two Churches, and in none of the other five" (1909, 403).

Ignatius, "bishop" from Antioch on the Orontes, visited the city in A.D. 107 on his way to martyrdom and sent a letter to the church there from Troas. Some of the members of the church

at Philadelphia were martyred in A.D. 155 along with Polycarp. Some think that Philadelphia was the birthplace of the heresy known as Montanism.

Today, the Hellenistic and Roman ruins of Philadelphia lie buried underneath the modern Turkish town of Alashehir. There is an ancient acropolis with a few minor excavations, but the bulk of the ancient city has never been excavated. Travelers are shown the remains of the domed Basilica of St. John which was built in about the year A.D. 600. Aside from being aware of the location of this church, there is not much to see here.

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JOHN ISAAC EDWARDS

Campus Crusade for Christ -

EXPOSED

There is a movement on university campuses throughout the world which needs to be exposed. It is called, *Campus Crusade for Christ*.

WHAT IS CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST?

The campus ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ is part of a family of 60 ministries under Campus Crusade for Christ International based in Orlando, Florida. Founded at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1951 by Bill and Vonette Bright, the underlying concept of Campus Crusade for Christ is to “win the campus today and change the world tomorrow.” Campus Crusade serves as a network of more than 1000 movements on university campuses in the United States and approximately 220 campuses overseas.

Campus Crusade has movements on more than 100 college campuses throughout Indiana, including Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Wabash Valley, Indiana State University, and Harrison College – Terre Haute Campus.

Campus Crusade looks “for the ‘catalyst’ on a specific campus – a key student, a church partnership, a professor – who can help launch and lead the ministry.”

Campus Crusade’s goal is “to take the gospel to the 110 million university students in the world.”

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST DOES NOT BRING THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION!

1. The Four Spiritual Laws. One year after founding Campus Crusade for Christ, Bill Bright wrote *The Four Spiritual Laws* – likely one of the most widely distributed religious booklets in history, with approximately 2.5 billion printed to date. The booklet ends with this explanation of how you can receive Christ:

You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer: (Prayer is talking to God)

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.”

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

Did you pray this prayer?

Congratulations on your decision to accept Christ! We would like to send you information to help you grow as a Christian.

Where does the Bible teach that Christ is received by faith through prayer? Where was a non-Christian in the New Testament ever told to pray a suggested prayer like this in order to accept Christ and have his sins forgiven? Does anyone have a Scripture for this?

When folks in New Testament days asked, “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37), they were not told to pray a prayer as suggested. Rather they were told, “Repent, and be



baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

2. Campus Crusade's Statement of Faith.

Article 8 of Campus Crusade's Statement of Faith states: "The salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight."

This statement is contradictory. If salvation is *wholly* of God's grace, then it cannot be true that God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ. The word "wholly" means "1. Completely, totally, or entirely. 2. Without exception; exclusively" (*World English Dictionary*). If God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ, then salvation cannot be *wholly* (entirely or exclusively) of grace!

If the salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace, then ALL men will be saved whether they put their faith in Christ or not. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Tit. 2:11).

If it's true that salvation is not the work, in whole or in part, of humans, then man is saved without faith. Faith is a work (John 6:29).

The statement that salvation is not the work,

in whole or in part, of humans is patently false! The Bible says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (James 2:24).

Paul wrote, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:6-9). We plead with you to submit to the original and pure gospel plan of salvation taught in the Bible and not put your trust in a perverted plan brought by man.



DAVID DANN

Spontaneous Creation?

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The first verse of the Bible reads, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). From its opening line and onward Scripture consistently affirms the universe and all that is in it as having been planned and purposed by an Almighty Creator (cf. Exod. 20:10-11; Psa. 19:1; 33:8-9; Heb. 11:3).

However, the Bible also speaks of those who reject the evidence of an Almighty Creator in favor of fashioning gods of their own devising. The apostle Paul writes, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools” (Rom. 1:20-22).

While those who rejected the true God in the days of the apostles often chose to worship images of men and animals, the modern equivalent of such behavior in western society is to worship man himself, especially with regard to his intellect and achievements.

A recent news article published in *The Guardian* online illustrates this approach. An

excerpt of the article, which is titled, “Stephen Hawking Says Universe Not Created By God,” states the following:

God did not create the universe, the man who is arguably Britain’s most famous living scientist says in a forthcoming book. In the new work, *The Grand Design*, Professor Stephen Hawking argues that the Big Bang, rather than occurring following the intervention of a divine being, was inevitable due to the law of gravity. . . .

“ . . . Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing,” he writes. “Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist. . . .

“It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going. . . .

“ . . . The fact that we human beings – who are ourselves mere collections of fundamental particles of nature – have been able to come this close to an understanding of the laws governing us and our universe is a great triumph” ([http:// www.guardian.co.uk/science/2010/sep/02/stephen-hawking-big-bang-creator/print](http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2010/sep/02/stephen-hawking-big-bang-creator/print) 9/2/2010).

What are we to make of Hawking’s comments?

THE “NEW” THEORY

Hawking’s theory of “spontaneous creation” seeks to dispel one of the paramount problems that has plagued atheistic evolutionists for more than a century, that is, the notion that something could arise from nothing. According to Hawking, the solution to this age-old problem is that, “Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing.” In his efforts to dethrone God, Hawking has simply sought to enthrone gravity as the god who created the universe.

LAWS, BUT NO LAWGIVER?

Of those who reject the true God of heaven, the Bible says, “Professing to be wise, they became fools” (Rom. 1:22), and, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psa. 14:1). Hawking recognizes the existence of “a law

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such as gravity,” which he claims is responsible for “spontaneous creation.” However, Hawking still faces the problem of accounting for the origin of such a law. The simple fact remains that without a divine Lawgiver, laws which govern the operation of the universe would not exist. The One who set the law of gravity in place is the same One who created the universe. It is interesting to note how renowned men of science often become very unscientific in their methods when trying to account for the creation and design of the universe in the absence of an Almighty Creator.

GRAND TRIUMPH, OR GRAND FAILURE?

Hawking asserts that, “The fact that we human beings . . . have been able to come this close to an understanding of the laws governing us

and our universe is a great triumph.” In reality, Hawking’s “spontaneous creation” theory is simply another in a long line of failures on the part of man to account for the existence and operation of the universe apart from acknowledging “the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness” (2 Cor. 4:6).

CONCLUSION

The apostle Paul writes, “For it is written: ‘As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give account of himself to God” (Rom. 14:11-12). While man may continue to discount all available evidence of God’s existence and power, there will be no atheists, agnostics, or skeptics at the judgment.

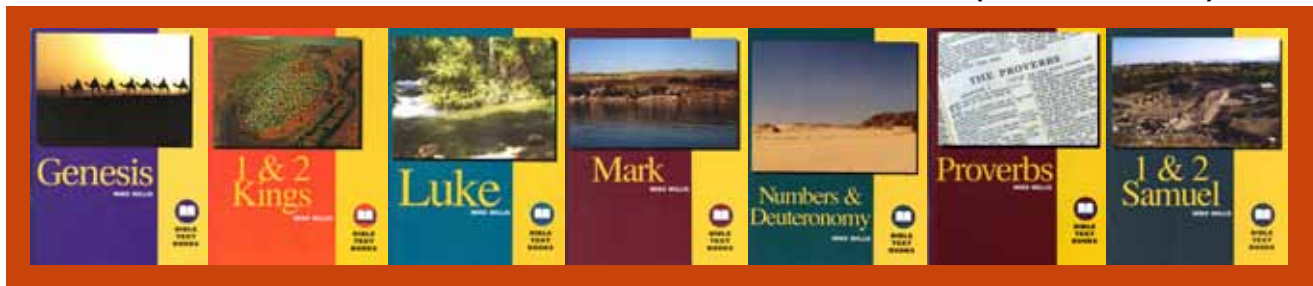


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It was written by the direction of Jehovah God Himself (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Though God no longer speaks directly to men as He once did since His Word is now complete (1 Cor. 13:10-12; James 1:25), He spoke directly in times past in order to convey to man the will of His Creator. Every word of the Bible is divinely inspired and is profitable to supply man in *all* things he needs to direct his life to be pleasing to God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The Word of God provides comfort in sorrow (2 Cor. 1:3-4; 1 Thess. 4:15-18). It also provides encouragement, direction in life, and a ready answer to every problem man has. It directs him as to how to be a better husband, wife, child, parent, and proper citizen in every area of society.

It contains scientific *facts* that cannot be refuted. The earth is a circle and not flat (Isa. 40:22); there are “paths in the sea” (Psa. 8:8); the earth “hangs on nothing” (Job 26:7); there is *one* blood for all human beings (Acts 17:26).

Hundreds of prophecies were made through the centuries and yet *not one* failed (Jer. 28:9). It was prophesied:

- Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2) and so it was: Bethlehem (Matt. 2:1)
- Jesus would be born of a Virgin (Isa. 7:14) and so it was (Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 2:31-35)
- He would die with the wicked (Isa. 53:9) and so it was (Matt. 27:38)
- No bones would be broken (unusual since the usual mode of death was by stoning) (Psa. 34:20) and so it was (John 19:33)
- It was prophesied He would be buried with the rich (Isa. 53:9) and so it was (Matt. 27:57)
- It was prophesied they would cast lots for His vesture (Psa. 22:18) and so it was (John 19:34)
- ALL prophesy *must* be fulfilled concerning Christ and so it was (Luke 24:44)

All *three* persons of the God-Head were present in the Creation—the Birth—and the Death of Jesus.

“Us” in Genesis 1:26 included the Word (John 1:1-2; 14) and God the Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2).

- The Creation (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-2; 14)
- The Birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:18-21)
- The death and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 5:30)

TWO DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament: Genesis to Malachi. This was for the nation of Israel *only* (Deut. 5:1-3). It was to remain until God fulfilled His promise to introduce a new law (covenant, Jer. 31:31-34). At that time He would remove the Old Testament law and replace it with a *better* one that would provide salvation and remission of sin (Heb. 8:6-13; 9:11-17; 7:18-19; 10:19-20). At the cross of Christ, the Old law that did nothing to provide

salvation for man was nailed to that cross. It was replaced by the New Testament which provided salvation through the blood of Jesus our Lord which He had shed on the cross for both Jew and Gentile alike (Col. 2:13-15; Eph. 2:11-16).

Jesus told Nicodemus that man (*all men*) *must* be born again to be saved (John 3:3-5). This is explained in detail by divine inspiration in the book of Romans (6:3-6). A *new* and *pure* life is to be seen as one then grows strong in the faith of our Lord (Rom. 6:8-18).

The plan of God to save man from his sins is clearly seen in scripture:

1. Believe in Jesus as the Son of God or die in your sins (John 8:24).
2. Repent (change directions in your life) or perish (Luke 13:3).

3. Confess before men your faith in Jesus as the Christ (Acts 8:35-38).
4. Be baptized into Christ *for* the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

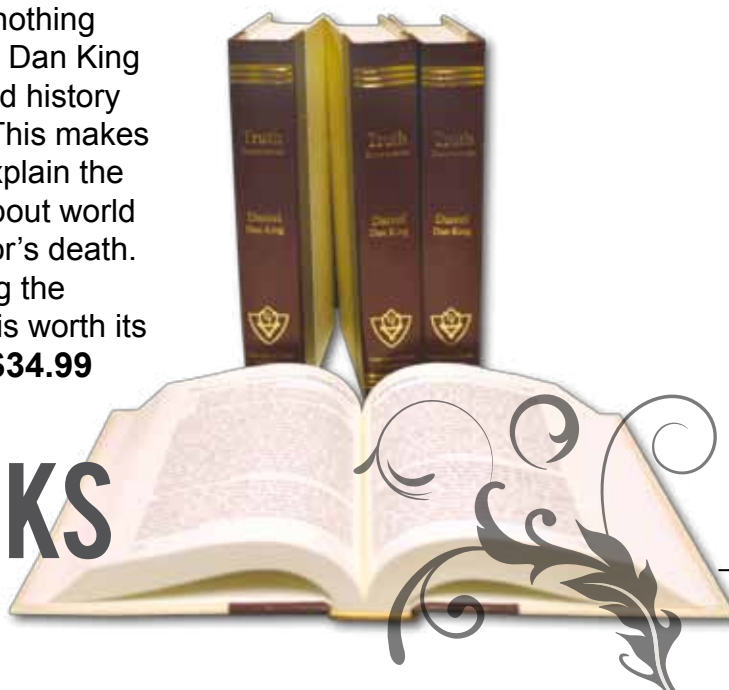
The water does not save you. It is the blood of Christ one contacts (in a figure) as he is buried into the death of Christ in baptism. Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:33-34). We then are baptized into His death where He shed His blood (Rom. 6:3). Scripture thus teaches us that in that sense "baptism saves us" (1 Pet.3:20-21).

Is it strange then that when the apostle Peter was preaching to the household of Cornelius, he "*commanded* them to be baptized in water in the name of the Lord" which is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)?



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JOE R. PRICE

“You Have an Anointing”

The apostle John wrote, “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.” And again, “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you; and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1 John 2:20, 27).

What is this “anointing” John says Christians have from God? Does it have any bearing upon, and application for, you and me?

Those who assert miraculous gifts and powers of the Holy Spirit in this modern age claim an “anointing” that has been popularized by Benny Hinn and similar purveyors of prophetic powers in our time.

“Anointing” in the New Testament is from the Greek word *chrisma*, to rub, smear; “an unguent or smearing, that is, (figuratively) the special endowment (“chrism”) of the Holy Spirit” (*Strong’s Greek Dictionary*). To help us understand how Hinn and the Charismatic movement use this word, consider Hinn’s description of his personal anointing when he was eleven years old. He reports that . . .

. . . suddenly my little body was caught up in an incredible sensation that can only be described as ‘electric.’ It felt as if someone had plugged me into a wired socket. There was a numbness that felt like needles – a million of them – rushing through my body (*Good Morning Holy Spirit*, p. 22, Cited in “The New Anointing,” Let Us Reason Ministries, letusreason.org/Pent40.htm).

On *The Larry King Show*, Hinn described the anointing he experiences, preaches and promotes:

Now here we are, human beings you know, made out of dust and God will touch the body with His power. It’s just like touching electricity, you know. It could throw you. It could also kill you if there’s too much of it. . . . I grew up in the Catholic schools, so I was religious, but really not a Christian like I am now. Then while asleep my body filled up with like electricity, just like somebody plugged me into a socket and I froze. I just couldn’t, I, I could not move. And then appeared the Lord. [He] Smiled at me, did not say a word. He was wearing a white robe (*Ibid.*).

Like many other experiences claiming a divine source there is no Bible basis for his claims. The time of miracles has ended (1 Cor. 13:8-10). He experienced something, but it was not the Holy Spirit. Lying wonders and unrighteous deception are the work of Satan and attend those who do not believe and love the truth of Christ, the gospel (2 Thess. 2:9-12). We are warned to withdraw from “*men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain*” (1 Tim. 6:5).

Rejecting the errors of the Charismatic movement we are still left to arrive at a scriptural understanding of the “anointing” of 1 John 2:20, 27. Perhaps it will help to briefly review the practice of anointing from the Bible.

The ordinary use of oil to anoint the body was a practice of daily toilet in the ancient East (Ruth 3:3; 2 Sam. 12:20). To anoint with oil brought refreshment and was a mark of hospitality (Ps. 104:15; Luke 7:46). People were also anointed with oil for health benefits (Mark 6:13; Luke 10:34).

The religious use of oil is mentioned often in the Old Testament. Sacred *things* were anointed with holy oil, such as the tabernacle and its furnishings: “*You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy*” (Exod. 30:29, 22-29, 31-33). Thus, anointing identified a consecrated, holy use of these things.

People were also anointed in the Old Testament were (1) *Priests* (Exod. 30:30; 40:13-15; Lev. 8:12, 30), thus consecrated to serve before God on behalf of the people; (2) *Prophets* (1 Kings

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19:16; Ps. 105:15), thus appointed to be God’s inspired spokesmen; and (3) *Kings* (1 Sam. 9:15-16; 10:1; 16:1, 12-13; 2 Kings 9:6). To anoint a person was to designate *holiness* and being set *apart* to a divinely assigned work.

The most notable figure to be anointed is Christ (“*the anointed one*,” Ps. 2:2; Isa. 61:1; John 1:41). Appointed by God, Jesus Christ was designated and set apart for His holy work as High Priest, Prophet, and King.

Just as the holy anointing oil was the outward display of God’s appointment in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit and power signified the anointing of Christ: “*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him*” (Acts 10:38). Isaiah prophesied of the “*Spirit of the Lord*” being upon the Messiah “*because he has anointed me to preach the gospel . . . to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty*” and Jesus claimed its fulfillment in His words and works (Luke 4:18-21; Isa. 61:1-2).

His anointing “with the Holy Spirit and with power” identified Christ and set Him apart to the work He was given to accomplish (see Luke 3:22; John 1:29-34; 5:36-37). Jesus did not obtain His power from the Holy Spirit. Rather, it was the presence of the Holy Spirit and power with Jesus that showed Him to be the anointed one, the Christ (see John 5:36-37; Luke 5:17).

The pressing question is whether the apostle John was telling Christians that we have been anointed with the Holy Spirit and power today like Jesus. That is the claim of present-day charismatics. Is Benny Hinn right? The answer is “no.” Then, what is our anointing?

The apostle John had just warned Christians not to love the world and to be aware that “*many antichrists*” had come (1 John 2:15-18). These false prophets and teachers claimed to be anointed (approved and assigned) by God, but their manifest objection to the apostolic truth exposed their deception and their opposition to Christ (1 John 2:19; see 4:1-6).

In contrast to those who are against Christ in their words and deeds, Christians “*have an*

anointing from the Holy One” so that we “know all things” (1 John 2:20). We have been designated as holy, consecrated, and set apart through the gospel we have believed and obeyed. “*Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth. . . . And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth*” (John 17:17, 19). This prayer on behalf of the apostles finds appropriate application to every disciple: “*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:31-32).

Knowledge of the truth of Christ was sufficient to expose and resist the antichrists in John’s day (“*you know all things*,” 1 John 2:20). It still is. The Gnostic deceivers were offering secret knowledge that contradicted the apostolic truth “*you heard from the beginning*” (1 John 2:26, 24, 21-23). Only by abiding in the revealed truth of Christ would they “*abide in the Son and in the Father*” (1 John 2:24). The same remains true for us today.

The anointing in 1 John 2:27 (1) *Comes from God*, (2) *Abides in you*, (3) *Is absolute, rendering all other sources of (divine) knowledge unnecessary*, (4) *Teaches us concerning all things and is true*, and (5) *Has taught us*. This is not the person of the Holy Spirit, it is what the Holy Spirit gives us – the word of truth, the gospel of Christ (John 16:13).

We have been anointed with truth – the gospel that the Holy Spirit has given us by His power. By the truth we are *identified* as God’s people and *appointed* by Him to serve Him in holiness.

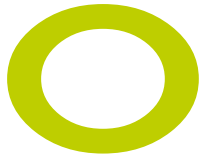
The truth with which we are anointed (1) *Comes from God and sanctifies us* (John 17:17), (2) *Abides in us* (1 John 2:14), (3) *Is absolute* (John 14:6), (4) *Teaches us all things* (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4), and (5) *Must be received and obeyed in order to abide in God* (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 John 2:3-6).

Christians are anointed with truth and by it we abide in the Son and the Father (1 John 2:24). Those who deny Jesus Christ are not anointed with truth (1 John 2:21-23). We must continue to abide in truth in order to enjoy the eternal life promised us in the Son (1 John 2:24-25).



JOHN A. SMITH

Winning the Crown of Life



f all the contests in which a man might compete none is of greater importance. It is the race for the crown of life. Unlike many contests

anyone and everyone can win. The crown of life is offered to anyone who loves His appearing and diligently strives to compete lawfully in that race (2 Tim. 4:7-8). But, what does it take to successfully complete the race and win the crown of life?

There are five traits that define a successful race. These are traits that are true of an earthly athlete and these same traits define a winning Christian: desire, discipline, commitment, sacrifice, and character.

We find these traits in two passages of scripture. The first is 1 Corinthians 9:24-27:

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

The second is Philippians 3:12-14:

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

DEFINING TRAITS OF A WINNING CHRISTIAN:

DESIRE, DISCIPLINE, COMMITMENT, SACRIFICE, AND CHARACTER.



In the Corinthian passage Paul is speaking of the Isthmian games which were held every two years in Corinth. There athletes would compete for crowns made of leaves – crowns that would soon fade and lose their splendor. However, Paul was encouraging Christians to compete for a prize with more lasting significance.

THE FIRST TRAIT OF A WINNING CHRISTIAN IS DESIRE

Paul calls upon all Christians to “Run to win!” Desire is to want something. Great desire is to want something so badly that you can taste it. For the “Winning Christian,” there is no greater desire than to be in a close dynamic relationship with the Savior. Such a desire for God should compel us and propel us to run with all that we

have. Unfortunately, instead of going for the gold, we too often settle for silver or bronze, or worse yet, don't even care if we place. In fact I'm convinced that most believers never venture too far past the starting line. Instead of straining and pressing on, we get comfortable on the sidelines.

Think of what it takes to be a pro athlete. It begins with a burning desire to compete and win. Vince Lombardi said, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will." Paul had such a desire, and he desires that you and I have the same.

Yet, desire alone is not sufficient. Desires only take shape when they are accompanied by discipline!

THE SECOND TRAIT OF A WINNING CHRISTIAN IS DISCIPLINE

Discipline is the fuel of success. Without discipline in the Christian life you will never grow. You will be forever doomed as a spiritual weakling, easy prey for Satan and his team of evil minions. Worse, you may be so weak that he decides that you're not worth his efforts. To attempt to live the Christian life without spiritual discipline would be like Barney Fife climbing into the ring with Mohammed Ali. Somebody's going to get hurt – real bad!

Paul tells us that a competitor goes into "strict training." He beat/buffed his body. He strained and pressed on. Like a body builder who adds more weight and extra reps in order to increase his muscle mass, Paul felt the burn and pushed past it. Why? Because he needed the muscle and the skill in order to effectively pursue his desire.

Maturity in Christ doesn't just happen. It takes hard work. Paul calls for training in 1 Timothy 4:7 and the Hebrew writer adds that we must have the stamina to endure hardships (Heb. 12:7). As there are no short cuts to peak physical condition, there are no short cuts to peak spiritual condition.

The word discipline has become a dirty word in our culture. It isn't easy, it's not fun; yet,

discipline is essential to success. Tom Landry, former coach of the Dallas Cowboys said, "The job of a football coach is to make men do what they don't want to do, in order to achieve what they've always wanted to be." Most of us want to win; we just don't want to suffer to win.

Discipline puts feet to a Christian's desire to become a *winning* Christian. Yet, to perform at the highest level, a Christian has to be focused and committed.

THE THIRD TRAIT OF A WINNING CHRISTIAN IS COMMITMENT

Focus and commitment will determine whether or not you view Christianity as a recreational sport or a serious pro competition. Unfortunately, commitment is a dying quality in American life. It is a quality known to prior generations; yet, ruefully lacking in the Baby Boom generation and the younger generations. Focus and commitment, stick-to-it-iveness, have become passé. Yet, a winning quality performance cannot be achieved without it.

All life activities have their ups and downs. Only those who are committed to riding out the crests and the troughs will succeed. In Philippians 3, Paul said that he pressed on toward the goal. He was focused and committed to completing his own Super Bowl. He didn't give up on "4th and 20." He kept the end game in mind. Focus and commitment make the difference between a Christian bush leaguer and a Winning Bowl Champion.

THE FOURTH TRAIT OF A WINNING CHRISTIAN IS SACRIFICE

The key to success in any venue is a willingness to sacrifice. Hebrews 12:1 tells us to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." To sacrifice is to give up something for a specific purpose. To sacrifice, you pay a price.

A Winning Christian will sacrifice. There are things that he will give up, and things that he will take up. They will give up pet sins, They will take up burdensome crosses. They will give up

freedoms. They will take up submission. In doing so, their time, their thinking, and their actions will be radically changed.

The beauty of sacrifice and the burden of sacrifice is that it's not just a one-time event. The Winning Christian, like the Super Bowl athlete, continually trains and sacrifices. There is no off season. Paul did not rest on his laurels, not even when he was old. He continued to press on. He knew that the goal line was still a few yards ahead. He wouldn't reach it until he closed his eyes in death.

THE FIFTH TRAIT OF A WINNING CHRISTIAN IS CHARACTER

Charles Reade, English novelist and dramatist, wrote, "Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit, and you reap a character. Sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

For the Winning Christian character is the element that integrates desire, discipline, commitment, and

sacrifice together. Character for the Christian can be defined as Christ-likeness: looking more and more like the Savior was why Paul trained so hard.

In Philippians 3:10 Paul said, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him." Paul acknowledged that he was not yet there. But he was moving in that direction. Each day he drew closer because he had the desire, he was disciplined, he was committed and focused, he was willing to sacrifice, and he was developing godly character.

Today a game of great importance is being played, and you are a key player on the field. You have the opportunity to play for eternal rewards. You can win a prize that will never dim. The outcome is up to you. Will you choose to be a bush league Christian, or will you choose to become a winning Christian? Do you have the desire? Are you willing to discipline yourself? Are you focused and committed? Are you willing to make the sacrifices? Do you have the character?

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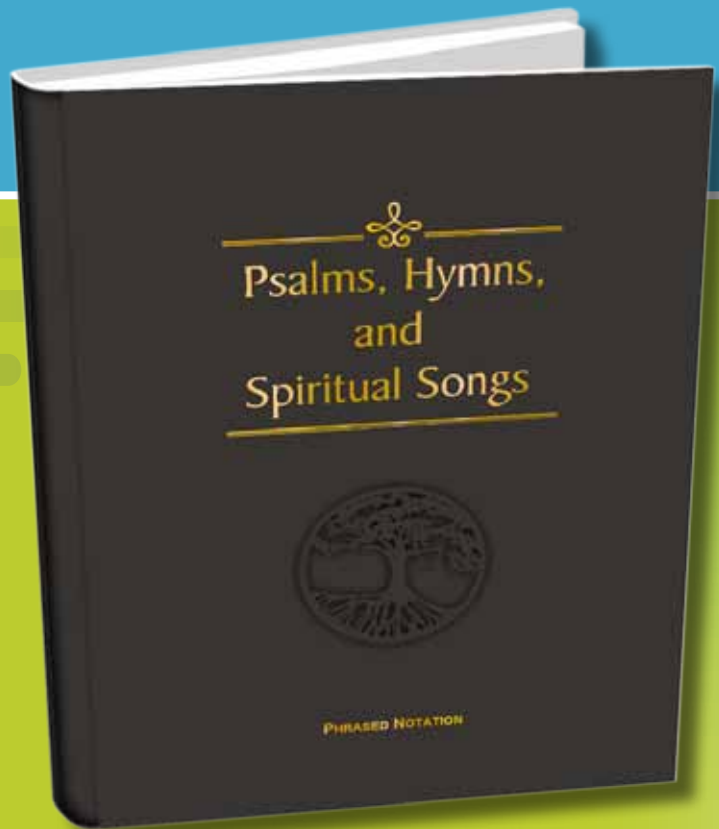
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“When Am I Ready To Be Baptized?”

Having been taught the truth concerning the Lord’s plan for salvation (faith, repentance, confession of faith, and baptism, Acts 2:36-38; 8:35-39; 22:16), some people may wonder when is the right time to be baptized. Perhaps it is a young person who has grown up hearing sound preaching. At some point, he will wonder, “When am I ready to be baptized?” Others who are older and are impressed by the word of God may wonder the same thing. We find examples in Scripture of those who heard one sermon, they then believed one sermon, and obeyed one sermon (Acts 2:41; 8:35-39, etc.). Yet, it seems others waited for a time before obeying the truth. While we have no lease on life, Jesus certainly taught us the necessity of counting the cost and understanding just what it means to be a child of God (Luke 14:25-32). Therefore, the question remains. When can one know he is ready to be baptized?

WHEN ONE SHOULD NOT BE BAPTIZED

To help us appreciate the importance of this decision, let us understand that there are some occasions when one ought not be baptized. One should not be baptized when it is done merely to please others. Please understand that being baptized for the remission of sins will definitely please people, and will of course, please God and the angels of Heaven. Yet, if our purpose for doing this is solely to please others, then we ought not take this step. In such a case, we have the wrong motivation.

Further, if we are being baptized merely to be a part of “the crowd,” then we ought not be baptized. I know of occasions where some

(especially young people) have been caught up in “the moment,” and were baptized just because one or more of their friends were baptized. Let us be careful and not be swayed by what others do. This type of mentality is what caused “many” of Christ’s disciples to leave Him (John 6:66).

Another reason not to be baptized is when someone else thinks it is time for you to be baptized. Sometimes, we find people pressured into being baptized because well-meaning older folks think it’s time. I also know of times when it was well-meaning “younger folks” who put pressure on their friends to be baptized. Either way, beware! Sometimes, children start feeling pressured to be baptized around 10-11 years old. Then the pressure really builds on them about ages 13-15, and through the teen years! I realize that it is hard sometimes to strike that balance between encouraging and forcing a child, but we must be careful about that. Just because I might think it is time for someone to be baptized doesn’t mean he is ready. If they are not ready, but submit anyway because of my pressure, then they’ll never be what they need to be.

Having seen some times when we ought not be baptized, when is the time that I know I am ready to be baptized?

WHEN I REALIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF MY OWN SINS

Jesus taught that there are only two eternal destinations for the soul of man. He will either enter into life, or go to destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). The righteous will go into “eternal life,” while the wicked will go to “eternal punishment” (Matt. 25:46). Therefore, the seriousness of sin can be seen in the consequence of sin. The apostle Paul said, “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). James taught the same thing in James 1:14-15. He said, “sin when it is fully grown brings forth death”! It is sin which keeps man separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2). Therefore, when one realizes that he is a sinner, separated from God, having nothing to look forward to but eternal punishment (Eph. 2:12), this is the time to consider his soul’s condition, repent of sins, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

WHEN I UNDERSTAND THAT SIN DEMANDS A SACRIFICE

“All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). Therefore, in order for sin to be cleansed, there must be a sacrifice. This sacrifice was made in the giving of Christ on the cross (John 3:16). Christ’s blood was shed, not for the remission of His sins, but for mine (Matt. 26:28; Rom. 3:24-25). He was the sacrifice for my sins (Eph. 5:2; Heb. 7:27; 9:26). When I realize this, and come to grips with what my sin did to the Lord (Isa. 53:4-6), then I am on my way to knowing when I need to be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:36-38).

WHEN I UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF PARDON FOR SIN

What are the conditions of pardon for the forgiveness of sin? Some think man has nothing to do to be saved. Others suggest that one needs to believe, but no other action is demanded by Christ. This is wrong (Jas. 2:17, 24, 26). In Christ’s death, He made a way for us to be saved from our sin. He provided “access,” if you will, but we still must respond to what the Lord has provided! We must respond to the Lord’s invitation in order to be saved (Matt. 11:28-30). In order to be saved, one must hear God’s word (Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:22), believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6), repent of past sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), confess one’s faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10), and then be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21). These are the Lord’s terms or conditions for salvation, and we must come to Him on these terms, and not our own! The Holy Spirit revealed that Christ “became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” (Heb. 5:8-9). Friend, do you understand the conditions of pardon that Christ demands? Why have you not submitted to Him?

WHEN I AM READY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PUT THE LORD FIRST

If one is not ready to put the Lord first in all things, he is not ready to be baptized. Baptism changes one’s relationship from being outside of Christ to being in Christ (Eph. 2:12-13). One changes from being in the kingdom of darkness to being in “the kingdom of his beloved son” (Col.

1:13). Therefore, in this new relationship, one must determine to put God and His kingdom first. Jesus said, “but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matt. 6:33). We see the extent of one’s commitment and how serious it is when we read Christ’s words that we must love Him more than family, friends, and even self (Matt. 10:34-38). This commitment to Christ is a lifelong commitment as well (1 Tim. 6:12-14; 2 Tim. 4:6-8). If one is not ready to commit one’s life completely to the Lord (Rom. 12:1-2), he is not ready to be baptized.

WHEN I AM READY TO LIVE FOR CHRIST

In connection with the thought above, please note that when one becomes a Christian, he begins living a new life (Rom. 6:4). The apostle Paul said it this way: “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Living for Christ is just that, living for Christ, and not for self! (2 Cor. 5:14-15) Once one submits to the Lord’s plan for salvation, including being baptized for the remission of sins, he must be ready to live for Christ and not for self. His body and spirit belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20). This means life-long service to the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rom. 6:16-18; 12:1-2). Friend, are you ready to live for Christ? If you say no, remember that by refusing to live for Christ, you are living for self, and ultimately, living for Satan. You cannot “straddle the fence” on spiritual matters as important as this (Matt. 6:24). Live for Christ!

CONCLUSION

Are you ready to do the Lord’s will and serve Him all the days of your life? This is what is expected of those who are baptized for the remission of sins. Are you ready to say “no” to a life of sin, and “yes” to a life of serving God? This is a life-changing decision, and it is the best decision one can make. This is because this decision affects us and follows us into eternity! There is nothing better than becoming a Christian, and no more rewarding thing on earth than becoming a Christian (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38) and being faithful to God all the days of your life (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10; etc.)!



ETHAN LONGHENRY

Using Gifts

Among our brethren of the more liberal persuasion, digressions from the principles of the New Testament have continued apace. Some of those among the “left wing” of churches of Christ have introduced instruments into the assembly, taken a more ecumenical view of the church and denominations, and are now working to advance women’s participation in various public roles within the assembly. A proponent of this last issue recently asked the following question as a way to frame the discussion: if a woman has a gift (that is, a talent or ability), who gave her that gift?

The question attempts to suggest that since God is the Giver of all good things (Jas. 1:17) and provides believers with differing gifts and abilities (1 Pet. 4:10), women are given such gifts and abilities and therefore ought to be able to exercise them in the assembly. Thus, anyone who would attempt to argue otherwise is trying to stifle how women are able to serve God. A similar argument is often advanced to justify the use of instruments: someone will suggest that God gave him the talent to play a guitar or another instrument and wants to know why God would give him that ability if He did not intend for it to be used in His praise. Are these arguments legitimate?

It is most certainly true that God has given different abilities and talents to different believers; just as a human body has different parts and functions, so it is with the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-28; 1 Pet. 4:10-11). God also expects believers to use their abilities and talents to further His purposes, illustrated in the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-31 and exhorted by Peter in 1 Peter 4:10.

Yet it is that last caveat that is of great importance for us: abilities and talents are to be used to *further God’s purposes*. If the use of an ability or talent is not consistent with God’s purposes, we are not using them as God has intended (John 4:24)!

Gifts – abilities or talents – are rarely specific. They tend to be more general and are able to be channeled in different ways. Many people are especially gifted at persuading others; some use that gift to con and deceive others for their own profit, while others use that gift to persuade others to follow Christ. Many are good at public speaking; some use that gift to manipulate people for their own ends, while others use it to proclaim God’s word. Furthermore, even a talent that is often used profitably may not be appropriate for every circumstance or situation. Discernment and discretion are always required when we serve God with the gifts with which He has blessed us (cf. John 7:24).

There is no doubt that God has given many women the ability to speak well, to persuade others, and to care for others, just as there is no doubt that God has given many people many musical abilities and talents. Those who have musical talents can channel them to praise God in singing as He expects (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13); to channel such talents toward the use of the instrument is not using that gift to truly advance God’s purposes. Likewise, women can channel many of their talents to persuade and encourage in private contexts (cf. Acts 18:26), and to serve others in plenty of ways that do not exert dominion over men, living consistently with 1 Timothy 2:12 and related passages. If a

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woman would exercise her abilities so as to participate in public roles within the assembly, she also is improperly channeling those abilities, not truly advancing God's purposes.

God's giving of gifts – abilities and talents – to believers was never intended to contradict His purpose as declared in His Word. All gifts that God gives can be used to His glory according

to His purposes; likewise, they can be corrupted to serve self and bend to cultural norms. Let us praise God for the gifts He has given us, and let us use them to serve Him in the manner He has decreed!

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organize a Jewish state with Jewish leaders of the Hasmonean variety, in which the High Priest was the head of the Jewish state (a virtual priest/king).

Peter's confession that Jesus was the Christ was followed immediately by instruction from Jesus which defined the role of the Messiah. He would not be a revolutionary who was victorious in a war that he instigated. Rather, Jesus said,

"The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

The Lord's Messiah would be a Suffering Servant, not a victorious military leader who drove out the Roman army. Following Jesus would not mean receiving lucrative and

prominent political positions in a newly formed government; rather, it would mean self-denial, cross bearing, and perhaps even death. His disciples must make a commitment – a commitment that might cost them their lives. Jesus warned that deciding not to make the commitment might save one's physical life, but it will cost one his soul in eternity.

At the divinely ordained time, Jesus openly announced that He was the Christ, leading to His crucifixion and that without ever being involved in a social revolution. When Jesus was raised from the dead, He gave His disciples the Great Commission, instructing them not to restrain from announcing that He was the Christ, but to proclaim the saving gospel to all of the world.

Sometimes we Christians act as if we are obeying Luke 9:21 (tell no man this thing) rather than Matthew 28:18-20 (go into all the world and preach the gospel). The time for keeping secret the message that Jesus is the Christ has passed! We need to be vigorously announcing, preaching, proclaiming, and telling everyone on earth who Jesus is.



Directory of Churches

The following congregations have paid for advertising in *Truth Magazine*. Inclusion of churches in this list is not an attempt by *Truth Magazine* to certify their faithfulness to God. We do believe the vast majority are striving to uphold the Word in faith and practice.

<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Pine Lane Church of Christ 3955 Pine Lane • Bessemer, AL (N. side of Exit #6 at I459) Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Deason (205) 425-2352</p>	<p>MONTGOMERY, AL Eastbrook Church of Christ 650 Coliseum Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Bldg: (334) 272-4232 Evangelist: Brian Moore 279-1077 Carroll Puckett 288-1461; Charles Martin 283-2983</p>	<p>TUCSON, AZ Church of Christ 145 N. Country Club Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Hugh Delong 326-3634 or 722-3179</p>	<p>HARRISON, AR Capps Rd. Church of Christ 407 Bella Vista Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Sewell www.cappsroad.org 741-9104 or 741-5151</p>	<p>TEXARKANA, AR Church of Christ 2301 Franklin Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marc R. Hinds</p>	<p>FREMONT, CA Centerville Church of Christ 3885 Beacon Ave., Ste D Fremont, CA 94538 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (510) 794-7659</p>
<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>
<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Vestavia Hills Church of Christ 2325 Old Columbiana Rd. (near I-65 & Hwy. 31) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Harold Comer and Jason Cicero (205) 822-0018 or 822-0082</p>	<p>OWENS CROSS ROADS, AL Church of Christ at Elon In Elon Community 4021 Hobbs Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Charles Maples 256-539-0772</p>	<p> WWW.TRUTHBOOKS.NET</p>	<p>JONESBORO, AR Stone Street Church of Christ 1607 Stone St Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dick Blackford (870) 933-9134</p>	<p>BELLFLOWER, CA Rose Ave. Church of Christ 17903 Ibbetson Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (562) 866-5615</p>	<p>LONG BEACH, CA Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Darryl Smelser (562) 420-2363 Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577 www.JustChristians.org</p>
<p>FLORENCE, AL College View Church of Christ 851 N. Pine St. (Next to University Campus) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Mark White (256) 766-0403</p>	<p>PARRISH, AL McArthur Heights Church of Christ 5082 Hwy. 269 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (205) 686-5978 or 686-5620</p>	<p>BATESVILLE, AR Church of Christ Quail Valley 4104 E. Harrison St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. David Halbrook & Leonard Westbrook, Sr. (870) 793-6700 or 612-8409</p>	<p>LITTLE ROCK, AR Church of Christ 7115 West 65th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Don McClain Res. (501)847-6677 Study (501) 568-1062</p>	<p>CANOGA PARK, CA (San Fernando Valley) Church of Christ 7054 Winnetka Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Afternoon 2:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Minister: Bruce Evans (818)795-5566 Spanish congregation (818)701-0112</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE-VISTA, CA Church of Christ 2020 Sunset Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Lowell C. Bell (760) 940-8003</p>
<p>HUNTSVILLE, AL Chapman Acres Church of Christ 2137 Penhall Dr., NE (I-565, Exit 21, left on Maysville Rd., left on Chapman Ave., right on Penhall Dr.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jonathan Reeder (256) 536-5296 www.chapmanacres.org</p>	<p>SCOTTSBORO, AL Eastside Church of Christ John T. Reid Pkwy. (Hwy. 72, 2 mi. E. of Hwy. 35) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Wayne Chappell, Sr. (256) 574-1603 or 575-2664</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Hwy. 65 Church of Christ 271 Highway 65N Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bruce Reeves Bldg: (501) 336-0052</p>	<p>MARSHALL, AR Marshall Church of Christ (North Central, AR) Hwy. 27 N, 1 Mi. from 65 Jct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Seairight (870) 448-2055</p>	<p>DUBLIN, CA Tri-Valley Church of Christ 11873 Dublin Blvd. Dublin, CA 94568 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Higgins (925) 828-8747</p>	<p>ARVADA, CO (Denver) Northgate Church of Christ (Lincoln Academy Charter School) 6980 Pierce Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Afternoon Class/ Worship 1:30 P.M. (303) 456-4895</p>
<p>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>
<p>MONTGOMERY, AL Church of Christ 800 Perry Hill Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marshall McDaniel 244-1675, 277-9155, 271-4679</p>	<p>GLENDALE, AZ Church of Christ 6801 N. 60th Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:40 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Harper</p>	<p>FT. SMITH, AR South 46th St. Church of Christ 2323 South 46th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Shawn Chancellor (479) 648-2898 or 782-0588</p>	<p>ROGERS, AR Central Church of Christ P.O. Box 763 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (479) 636-7484 (479) 366-9493</p>	<p>FOLSOM, CA Church of Christ 900 E. Natomas St. P.O. Box 492 Worship 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: David Posey (530) 676-9514 or (916) 608-4866 www.folsomchurch.com</p>	<p>GRAND JUNCTION, CO Valley Church of Christ 491 Sparm Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Rex Cornwell www.ValleyChurchofChrist.net</p>

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<p>MONTROSE, CO San Juan church of Christ 1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit C Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 2:00 P.M. Evangelist: Richard Thetford (970) 626-5558 or (970) 249-8116 www.sanjuanchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>FORT LAUDERDALE, FL Northside Church of Christ 912 NW 19th St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (305) 763-1404</p>	<p>KEY LARGO, FL Key Largo Church of Christ 100695 N. Overseas Hwy. 33037 m.m. 100.7 on US 1 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: William LeDent (305) 451-1194</p>	<p>PALMETTO, FL Palmetto Church of Christ 1575 14th Avenue W. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. www.palmettochurchofchrist.com (941) 722-1307</p>	<p>ZEPHYRHILLS, FL Church of Christ 5444 4th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Assembly 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (813) 788-9587</p>	<p>ABINGDON, IL Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>
<p>DOVER, DE Kent-Sussex Church of Christ 2041 South DuPont Hwy Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (302) 672-7077 www.delawarebiblestudies.com</p>	<p>FORT MYERS, FL Church of Christ 200 Pine Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Vernon E. Ford (239) 567-0819</p>	<p>To make changes to your ad, contact us at tmmikewillis@gmail.com</p>		<p>CENTERVILLE, GA Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1158</p>	<p>CHICAGO, IL Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>
<p>MILTON, DE Lighthouse Church of Christ 14574 Coastal Hwy. Rt. 1 Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (302) 644-7379</p>	<p>FORT MYERS, FL Southside Church of Christ 13641 Learning Ct. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David P. Schmidt 433-2838 or 482-2158</p>	<p>MERRITT ISLAND, FL Church of Christ 512 Plumosa St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (321) 453-3320</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL Beach Church of Christ 8910 Front Beach Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ben Ligin (850) 234-2521 or 234-1368</p>	<p>CONYERS, GA Rockdale Church of Christ East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932; Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987; Building (770) 929-3973</p>	<p>CHICAGO, IL Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>
<p>MIAMI, FL Church of Christ Eglise du Christ de Miami 8343 NE 3rd Ct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Minister: Junot Joseph (305) 244-8295</p>	<p>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL 6 Lane Dr. Mary Esther, FL Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Butttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY, FL Church of Christ 3339 Florida Ave. (Between Baldwin Rd. & Hwy. 390) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin Hudson (850) 265-6539</p>	<p>CORDELE, GA Crisp County Church of Christ 120 Emmaus Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Jimmy Tuten Call for directions: (229) 271-1964 (229) 382-8766 (229) 3263715</p>	<p>DOWNERS GROVE, IL Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of 1355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>
<p>BRONSON, FL Church of Christ 894 E. Hathaway (Hwy. 27A) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Zellner (352) 528-3058</p>	<p>FROSTPROOF, FL Church of Christ 40 W. "A" St. Frostproof, FL 33483 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Jimmy Ford, preacher (863) 635-2607 or 635-4278</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437</p>	<p>PENSACOLA, FL East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Stan Adams 479-2130 or 994-7749</p>	<p>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>	<p>GLENN ELLYN, IL Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630) 529-2149 (630) 858-2290</p>
<p>BROOKSVILLE, FL Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803</p>	<p>GENEVA, FL Church of Christ Ave. C and 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. (407) 349-9998</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p>SEFFNER, FL Church of Christ 621 E. Wheeler Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297 www.seffnercoc.org</p>	<p>SAVANNAH, GA Costal Church of Christ 7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Nelson ronaldnelson1@gmail.com (912) 306-4631 www.coastalchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>MATTOON, IL Southside Church of Christ 1100 S. 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (217) 234-3702</p>
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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