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# Introduction to the Bible



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The Bible is not, however, one book. It is a single volume made up of sixty-six books but arranged into two sections – the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament consists of thirty-nine books divided into the following sections:

- **Torah or The Law:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
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The New Testament consists of twenty-seven books divided into the following sections:

- **Gospels:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- **History:** Acts of the Apostles
- **Epistles:** Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude
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# A Nostalgic Trip

In June of this year (2012) we had the privilege of speaking at three places in Alaska, at Soldotna, Anchorage, and Wasilla. Since we arrived a day early, the couple with whom we stayed drove us to Seward, about two hours from Soldotna. This town is beautifully situated on Resurrection Bay and not far from the Exit glacier. I had wanted to see Seward for a long time. Why was that?

When I was a teenaged boy we had a preacher at Hopewell, Virginia (where we worshiped) named Arley E. Moore. During World War II, the Moores had spent three years at Seward, Alaska when it was still a

Territory and not a state. Brother Moore took an interest in me and encouraged me much to preach the gospel. In his home, he and his wife showed us picture albums of their time in Alaska. He had one picture of him baptizing a man in Resurrection Bay in winter time. In fact, a local newspaper wrote him up for endangering the life of this man. Seeing those pictures and hearing them talk about their experiences there helped to build a fire in my young heart and caused me to determine to spend some of my life preaching the gospel in other countries. Such special memories had much to do with our decision to go to Norway in 1957.

In fact, the first man I baptized in Norway was in March in an inlet from a fjord. It was cold weather. After the baptism I thought of Arley Moore baptizing that man in the frigid waters of Resurrection Bay. The small church in Seward is institutional now, but they meet in the same building which was erected while the Moores were there. Bobby took my picture in front of that building. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the scenery, but my mind often wandered back over the years to picture

albums and talk of preaching in Alaska. This may not be nearly as interesting to our readers as it was to me, but there is a lesson to be learned. Gospel preachers seldom realize the far reaching influences they may have on the young people with whom they work. It may embolden them to be "ready to preach the gospel" wherever there is an open door, even in far away places.

## TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER

While praise in worship is directed to God ("unto the Lord,"



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Col. 3:16), it is also to “teach and admonish one another.” Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs teach us, console us, inspire us, lift our spirits, and encourage us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord” (2 Pet. 3:18). I may be in deep trouble relating this, but it establishes my point. My sister and I speak by phone often. I can tell when she is “down” and usually ask her why. This morning when

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she called me she was upbeat and cheerful. I asked what made such a difference in today and yesterday. She said, “We had our monthly singing last night at Tomlinson Run” (PA).

That makes me wonder about brethren who miss such an occasion because “all they are going to do is sing.” Oh, is that all? They are just going to do what God commanded for our good. Singing is not to entertain God any more than our giving will enrich Him who owns the universe. Singing is an expression of praise to God but we also become the beneficiaries of this devotion.

In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee (Heb. 2:12).

Speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord (Eph. 5:18).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col. 3:16).

There is something about blending our voices with fellow Christians which makes our spirits soar, which makes our burdens lighter, which renews our hope, which strengthens our resolve, which increases our courage, which reminds us that there is one who cares. “Just

singing”? It is much more than that. Just ask my sister. And if you are still speaking to me, thanks for the motivation to write this piece.

### GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND

On June 22, I shared in the funeral services for my good friend, **Thomas G. O’Neal**. He was buried in the town where he grew up, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Tom and I enjoyed a very special friendship. We became acquainted in the late 1950s, worked together numerous times in meetings, debates, and on family occasions both happy and sad.

He wrote regularly in *Searching the Scriptures* and later in *Truth Magazine* and for several years published a monthly paper called *Walking in Truth*. His writing was always clear, logical and filled with Scripture. He was not a perfect man and lost his way for a few years before repenting and continuing to serve wherever he was able to do so.

Our friendship was special to both of us. Neither of us was sensitive to criticism from the other. We could bare our hearts to each other without the slightest fear of confidence being betrayed. We spoke often on the phone when we could not visit otherwise. “There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24). “A friend loveth at all times” (Prov. 17:17).

Along with my part in the funeral, Ron Halbrook, Donnie Rader, and Stan Adams spoke words of remembrance, comfort, and instruction. He leaves behind his wife, Carolyn, and two daughters, Kim and Meg. Carolyn has been married to two gospel preachers and has suffered the loss of both of them. Our hearts go out to her and the children. Since Ron Halbrook is writing a longer and more detailed tribute, I will keep mine short, but could not allow the moment to pass without saying something about the loss of my dear friend. We are going down the valley one by one.



DAVID DANN

# Out-Of-Wedlock Births: The New Normal?

**L**ong ago the psalmist wrote of the pain of rejecting God’s standard, saying, “Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law” (Psa. 119:136). A recent news article published in the *New York Times*, entitled, “For Women Under 30, Most Births Occur Outside Marriage,” reports the following:

It used to be called illegitimacy. Now it is the new normal. After steadily rising for five decades, the share of children born to unmarried women has crossed a threshold: more than half of births to American women under 30 occur outside marriage ([http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/18/us/for-women-under-30-most-births-occur-outside-marriage.html?\\_r=2&pagewanted=1&hp](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/18/us/for-women-under-30-most-births-occur-outside-marriage.html?_r=2&pagewanted=1&hp)).

What are we to think of these trends? Consider a biblical response to the rise in out-of-wedlock births and the perception that such a condition is the “new normal.” According to God’s plan for the family, out-of-wedlock births:

**1. Should never be viewed as “normal.”** The word “normal,” when used as a noun, is defined as having reference to that which is considered “the standard” (<http://dictionary.reference.com/>). However, God’s standard is very different from that which has come to be the accepted standard of society. According to the word of God, the family environment as God would have it involves “wives” and “husbands” who are joined to one another in marriage and who have “children” for whose training they are responsible (Col. 3:18-21). The fact that more than half of the children born to women under thirty in this country are born outside marriage in no way changes the standard concerning marriage and the bearing of children that God has established. This recent trend is simply another of many examples demonstrating man’s rejection of God’s standard.

**2. Are the result of immoral behavior.** According to the Lord’s design, “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4). Sexual immorality is the sin of sexual activity between individuals who are not lawfully

married to one another. When children are born to unmarried women it is most often the case that the pregnancy resulted from an immoral encounter. In other words, the steady rise in out-of-wedlock births is a direct indication of the steady rise in the rampant sexual immorality that has engulfed our modern society. The Lord’s solution to the problem of sexually immoral behavior is as follows: “Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband” (1 Cor. 7:2). If followed, the Lord’s plan would eliminate nearly all out-of-wedlock births.

**3. Penalize the innocent.** The true victim in the out-of-wedlock birth is the one who has been born into such a circumstance. These children did not ask to be brought into the world under such conditions and are not responsible for the arrangement in which they are raised. However, without the benefit of a family as God would have it, they will suffer the negative consequences of not having a father who is married to their mother to “bring them up” as God’s plan demands (Eph. 6:4). The news article notes that, “The shift is affecting children’s lives. Researchers have consistently found that children born outside marriage face elevated risks of falling into *poverty*, failing in school or suffering emotional and behavioral problems.” What is happening is that innocent children are being placed on the receiving end of the consequences of selfish choices made by men and women. Jesus warned, “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 18:10).

## CONCLUSION

It is neither “normal,” nor is it good news that out-of-wedlock births are on the rise. While God’s plan works, man’s rejection of God’s plan leads only to failure and misery for those involved. When it comes to the Lord’s arrangement concerning marriage and the family, we would do well to remember that, “Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard” (Prov. 13:15).





STAN ADAMS

# News + NOTES

## DEBATE

**Tommy Thrasher** met **James N. Anderson** (Pentecostal) in a debate at Mt Vernon, TX on July 19-20. The debate was conducted at the building of the New Life Pentecostal Church. The propositions that were discussed were:

The Bible teaches there are three separate persons in the Godhead – The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. Affirm: Tommy Thrasher; Deny: James N. Anderson

The Bible teaches that Jesus is the only true God. Jesus is the Father, Jesus is the Son, Jesus is the Holy Ghost. Affirm: James N Anderson; Deny: Tommy Thrasher.

For more information, you may contact Tommy Thrasher (256-565-9651 or *Thomas.thrasher@att.net*).

## NEW ONLINE MAGAZINE

*Apostolic Doctrine*, formerly edited by Irvin Himmel from 1960-70, is being revived and co-edited by Stan Adams and John Gentry. The website is [www.ApostolicDoctrineMagazine.com](http://www.ApostolicDoctrineMagazine.com). The first issue appeared online on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be a quarterly periodical and totally online.

## SICKNESS

**R.J. Stevens** continues to go through therapy after complications from surgery. The prognosis is positive at this time.

## OVERSEAS WORK

**Ron Halbrook, Harry Osborne, and others** continue their good work in the Philippines. **Joe Price, Steve Wallace and others** continue their work in India from time to time. **John Gentry and his family** continue their good work in Moldova. The Gentry's had to return to the States for a brief period to get the legalities of their visa and residence handled and established. They will return in a couple of months.

John Cripps is in South Africa in the Durban Area working with the brethren there. Keep all of these as well as all who preach the gospel in your prayers.



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JOHN ISAAC EDWARDS

# Confusion Concerning the Holy Spirit

**T**here is much confusion concerning the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not responsible for this confusion, “For God is not the author of confusion. . .” (1 Cor. 14:33). Why all the confusion concerning the Holy Spirit?

**Not Knowing the Scriptures.** A failure to know the Scriptures is the basic cause of religious error and confusion. It is as Jesus said to the Sadducees, “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God” (Matt. 22:29). If men would but search the Scriptures (Acts 17:11) and accept what the Holy Spirit has revealed about Himself, instead of listening to the personal testimony of misguided men, there would not be so much confusion concerning the Holy Spirit. Paul penned, “That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God” (1 Cor. 2:5).

**Not Observing How the Word “Spirit” Is Used in the Bible.** About every time some see the word “spirit” in the Bible, they think they have found the Holy Spirit. And some assume it is some miraculous manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Yet, the word “spirit” is used different ways in the Scriptures. Sometimes the word refers to one’s attitude or disposition – “the *spirit* of meekness” (Gal. 6:1). There are instances where the word represents the human spirit – “For as the body without the *spirit* is dead. . .” (James 2:26). And there are passages where the word obviously stands for the Holy Spirit – “But this spake he of the *Spirit*, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:39). When we allow the context to determine the meaning of the word “spirit,” and respect the

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context of the passage, we will not be so confused about the Holy Spirit.

**Losing Sight of the Fact that the Holy Spirit Is a Person.** Confusion concerning the Holy Spirit comes when men lose sight of the fact that the Holy Spirit is a person. The personal pronouns “he” and “himself” show the Holy Spirit is a person – “Howbeit when *he*, the Spirit of truth, is come, *he* will guide you into all truth: for *he* shall not speak of *himself*; but whatsoever *he* shall hear, that shall *he* speak: and *he* will shew you things to come” (John 16:13). When men teach that the Holy Spirit literally and actually dwells in one’s bodily person, they have lost sight of the fact that the Holy Spirit is a person, and this causes confusion.

**Not Realizing the Holy Spirit Works through the Medium of the Word of God.** Every influence the Holy Spirit exerts upon the heart of man He does so through the word of God, and the word of God alone. There are no exceptions to this rule. Name one action the Holy Spirit performs on the mind of man that is not affirmed of the word of God in the Bible. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). Confusion comes when men claim direct influence of the Holy Spirit, apart from the word of God.

**Diversity among Those Claiming Direct Influence of the Holy Spirit.** The fact that folks are members of different religious bodies, and teach doctrines diverse one from the other, while at the same time claiming direct influence of the Holy Spirit, has been the cause of mass confusion. There is “one Spirit” (Eph. 4:4), “the Spirit of truth” (John 14:17), and “by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body” (1 Cor. 12:13). The Bible speaks of “the unity of the Spirit” (Eph. 4:3-6). Since these folks who claim direct operations of the Holy Spirit are not members of “the same body” (Eph. 3:6) and do not “speak the same thing” (1 Cor. 1:10), someone must not have the Holy Spirit as claimed. Let them tell us who has the Holy Spirit and who doesn’t. Why should we believe one above another, seeing they make the same claim and offer the same evidence to substantiate their claim?

**Not Understanding the Difference between Baptism, Gift, Gifts, and Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.** A failure to recognize the distinction in the four columns below has created much confusion concerning the Holy Spirit. To confuse these columns is to misunderstand the Holy Spirit.

| Baptism of Holy Spirit   | Gift of Holy Spirit | Gifts of Holy Spirit  | Indwelling of Holy Spirit                  |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| 1. Administered by Christ (Matt. 3:11)                           | Acts 2:38-39        | 1. Identification (1 Cor. 12)   | 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:14                   |
| 2. Promised to the apostles (John 14-16; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:2-8) |                     | 2. Duration (1 Cor. 13)   | Through the word (Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16) |
| 3. Received by the apostles (Acts 2)                             |                     | 3. Regulation (1 Cor. 14)   |  |
| 4. Received by the Gentiles (Acts 10-11)                         |                     | 4. Given through “laying on of the apostles’ hands” (Acts 8:18; 19:6) |  |

There is no need for confusion concerning the Holy Spirit as the Bible is clear in its teaching on the subject.



DAVID HALBROOK

# Are You Church of Christ?

## “ARE YOU CHURCH OF CHRIST?”

How would you answer this question? I hope this article will help you give thought to Scripture and your answer to this question, so that you might know *how you ought* to answer this question (Col. 4:6).

If a cow could talk, would he identify himself by saying, “I’m a herd”? Would a robin say “I grew up flock”? These statements are unclear and confusing. A cow is a part of a herd, but a cow is not a herd. A bird may fly with a flock, but a bird cannot grow up “flock.” Individually, we are Americans, but we are not United States of America. As an American, you are *a part* of the United States of America. While the wording of these statements is barely different, it is obvious which ones provide clarity and meaning. Now, consider these statements:

- “I’m Baptist.” “I’m Methodist.” “I’m church of Christ.”
- “I grew up Catholic.” “I grew up churches of Christ.”
- “My family has always been Presbyterian.” “My family has always been church of Christ.”

Are these accurate and helpful statements for a Christian to make? No. They are confusing because they use a group term to identify oneself individually. This is contrary to both reason and truth.

## 1. Contrary to reason

### IDENTIFYING AN INDIVIDUAL

As I illustrated above, a cow, a bird, and an American may belong to a group, but it is unreasonable to identify an individual the same way as you identify the group. The same is true religiously. Are you a Christian? Are you “church of Christ” or “a church of Christ”?

A Christian, by definition, is an individual who belongs to Christ. He belongs to Christ because Christ purchased him by His blood (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19). This happens when the one who believes the message of the gospel, repents of sin, confesses Christ, and is baptized (Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10). Salvation does not make him “church of Christ” or “churches of Christ,” for these are group terms. Identifying him individually as a saved person identifies him as a Christian. However, the individual’s salvation has more than individual-only effects, by God’s design.

### IDENTIFYING A GROUP

As a result of being saved, the individual simultaneously belongs to a new group. Upon becoming a Christian, an individual automatically also is a part of the one, universal body (church) of Christ (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:13). This means that there is an immediate relationship with all Christians. He is now *a part* of the body of Christ, “My church.”

The Christian who has been taught the first principles of faithful living has learned to find a group of Christians and work together with them (Acts 2:42; 20:28). A group of Christians is a church, also rightly identified as a church of Christ, church of God, etc. (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 20:28). So, if there is mutual agreement, he may join them in their work thus becoming a part of them. But if he is a part of that group, may he rightly identify himself as *that group*? Can I, as a member of the church of Christ, rightly call myself “church(es) of Christ”? No, that is contrary to reason.

## 2. Contrary to truth

Please understand that this is not merely a grammatical matter. The larger problem, whether intentional or not, is that saying “I grew up churches of Christ” reflects the prevailing, mistaken, and false denominational view of the Lord’s church. This view is regularly expressed by the words “one church is as good as another,” and it is reinforced by the use of phrases like “I grew up churches of Christ.”

As we noted above in the New Testament, when a person was saved that immediately made him individually a Christian and a part of the universal church. Then, sound teaching led him to find and work with other Christians, who together are a church of Christ.

Because the word “Christian,” like baptism, has mutated in the English language to mean something different than it did in the New Testament, confusion has resulted. A person in an average, mainstream denomination cannot solely identify himself as a Christian, in part, because he has agreed to be something more than a Christian. He has chosen to be a *certain kind* of Christian. Believing himself to be a Christian, he also becomes a Lutheran or Baptist. Others identify themselves as Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostals, or Presbyterians. When they identify themselves in this way, they may sincerely believe that others necessarily infer that they are Christians, so they are informing others what kind of Christian they are. Then, they often are interested in the same type of information from you.

This general, modern use of the word “Christian” has put people who use the word “Christian” in its original meaning in an awkward position. Those who are, and desire to be, nothing more than a Christian use no additional way to individually identify themselves with Christ, beside this and other Bible terms like believer, disciple, etc. But that does not tell most people what they are used to hearing. They are interested in knowing what “kind” of Christian you are. Here is where we have a choice and an opportunity which we must use to benefit the

hearer, having our speech seasoned with salt. This involves teaching the truth in a way that may be best understood by the hearer, so each circumstance will be different. Your reply will depend upon how much time you have, what you know about this person, etc.

We can briefly, kindly, and humbly say that in the Bible God called saved people “Christians,” so we do not add to that (Acts 11:26). That’s a place to start. Then, if opportunity allows, we could plant the thought that there also were not many kinds of churches, but there were churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16). This is not the only way to identify our allegiance to Christ, but it does help people to begin to consider the original connection between the simple, biblical words “Christian” and “the church of Christ.” If their mind will begin to wonder why it isn’t the same today, they are headed in the right direction.

But sadly, some Christians today are not comfortable giving these answers. If this is because they do not know how to answer, then they must learn (Col. 4:6; 2 Pet. 1:5). But, some Christians will not thus answer because they do not believe that these are accurate answers. So, for a variety of reasons, they identify themselves as being, or having been raised, “church(es) of Christ.” This is a subtle but serious difference. As we noted above, it is confusing and contrary to reason because it uses a group term to identify an individual. In our modern times, it is also contrary to truth because it uses “church of Christ” in a way that is absent from Scripture but is common in the context of denominationalism. In modern times, to the average hearer, this identifies someone as a “church of Christ kind of Christian.” And for some Christians, that is exactly what they believe.

The world may view the church of Christ that way, but we should not be the ones helping them to think that way. Identifying ourselves this way does not force the hearer to think about the original meaning of the word “Christian” or “church” in the New Testament but allows them to



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go on their way thinking “Church of Christ’s” are nice Christians too. (In case you didn’t notice, “church of Christ’s” is another term communicating the same false message.)

Do you see why this matters? We need to help people understand how to receive salvation through Christ. They also must know the results of this salvation. They need to learn that it demands the commitment of individually following Christ—being a Christian. It also demands the appropriate commitment to God’s people—the church, “My church,” the church of Christ, the church which He purchased with His own blood, the church of God (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 15:9). None of these terms originated with events on American soil commonly called the Restoration Movement. These are first-century, divinely-revealed and approved terms. “I’m church of Christ” is a modern, man-made identity failing in the important areas of truth and reason.

### CONCLUSION

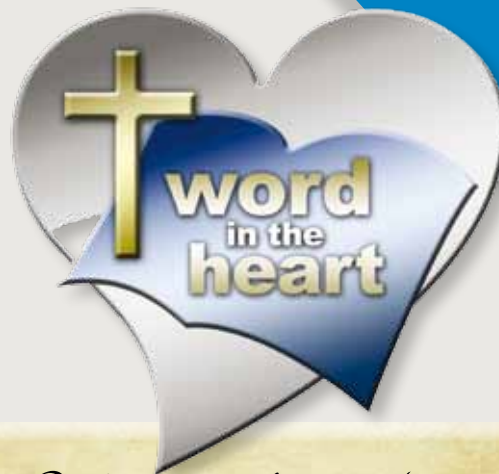
This may be one of those areas where we say, “Well, when I say that, I know what I mean and you know what I mean.” Is this an acknowledgment that your words do not accurately represent your belief? The problem is that most people do not “know what you mean.” Also, little children and young Christians of any age do not “know what you mean.” What they know is what they hear you say. Do not leave people guessing.

It is true that the English language is full of figurative, and sometimes even meaningless, expressions, but Christians must put more thought into their speech so that those who hear them can benefit from what they hear (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6). Isn’t that the point of speaking?! If our expressions reinforce the mistaken beliefs that people have, then we are making our job of teaching them more difficult.

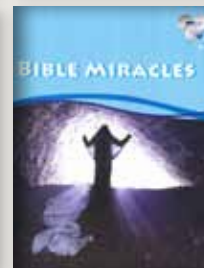
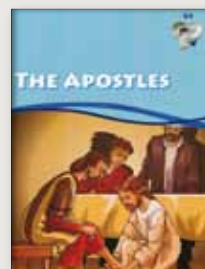
Let us learn to guard our words, season our words with salt, and communicate truth that we might save those who hear us (Col. 4:6; 1 Tim. 4:16).

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# Questions & Answers

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## Question:

**What causes the heart of a person to become hardened?**

## Answer:

In teaching concerning the various conditions of the spiritual heart, when the Lord desired to speak of the hardened heart, He used the illustration of the wayside soil (Matt. 13:4, 19; Luke 8:5, 12). How accurate is His picture of the mind that has no faith and cannot receive the truth of God?

The ground that lies along the beaten path, trodden time and time again by the constant plodding of travelers, is in such condition that sown seed lies on the top of the ground only to be stepped upon and eaten by the birds. Jesus identified this kind of heart in the twelfth verse of Luke eight as he who hears the Word but then has it taken from him by the Devil. The problem in the heart allowing it to be stolen away is the absence of faith. Faith, the natural product of the Word in an honest and good heart, takes hold of the Word and will not leave it subject to such action; but the faithless heart treats the truth in the same way as the wayside grounds treat the sown seed – as bird food.

The character who possibly exemplifies the hardened heart better than any other is the Pharaoh of Exodus during the time of the plagues (Exod. 5:12). Time and again he demonstrated his stubborn and hardened heart by the answers which he gave to Moses and Aaron and by the statements which he made concerning Jehovah. On repeated occasions his sole reaction to the

plagues was to harden his heart still further. His own hardness finally led the Lord to help him along his desired course of action, for He then hardened the king's heart through additional plagues.

How is it that these miraculous wonders could convince some of the Egyptians but leave the other kind untouched and unconvinced? Why did some seem willing for Israel to go to worship after a few plagues (10:7), but their ruler was still unwilling? Was it not his hardened heart? The very same plagues that softened some served to harden Pharaoh. Just as the same sun which softens the wax also hardens the clay, so the same Divine influences serve to harden or to soften the hearts of men, according to the kind of heart possessed by the individual. While the honest heart will accept God's appeals, the dishonest heart will resist them (Luke 8:15).

In view of this possibility, Jesus warned those who hear the truth, "Take heed therefore how you hear" (Luke 8:18). Even after faith has been produced in the hearing of the gospel of Christ, that faith must then be nurtured lest it weaken and die. Believers can become unbelievers through this route here indicated. What are you doing to keep your faith strong? What are elders doing to maintain a strong church?





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# A Father's Responsibility

**G**od did not ask for man's opinion concerning the responsibility towards the family. God authorized the family (Gen. 1:28; 2:18-24; Heb. 13:4).

A mother and a father's roles are different within the home (Tit. 2:4-5; Eph. 5:25; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). A father is not to leave it up to the school system, the local congregation, or the child's mother to train up a child in the way he should go! Moses commanded the father in Deuteronomy 6:7-9 to bind God's commandment as a sign on his hand and as frontals on his forehead. They should write God's commandments on the doorposts of their houses and on their gates. In other words, God's commandments must be seen coming and going from a father's house. When a father wears God's commandments as frontlets on his head, the father cannot see the scriptures but the child can! A father has a multi-task role within a family. Making money is not the only responsibility that a father has for his family (1 Tim. 5:8). We cannot shun our responsibility towards our wife and children (Gen. 2:18-24; Eph 5:25; 1 Tim. 5:8).

## BE AN EXAMPLE

When children are young their father is their hero. There is no one greater than a young child's father. Fathers, you can fool some of the people all of the time but you cannot fool your children all the time. Remember that they live with you behind closed doors. Second only to your wife, your children know you better than anyone else on the earth. Are you a good example for them to follow?

Fathers, when a child is young, you are your child's reputation until your child has had time to develop his own reputation. A person's reputation is what other people think you are; your character is what you really are! When I was an elementary school principal, I had students whose parents I had taught. Immediately, their parent's reputation came to my mind when I first saw the student at the beginning of a new school year. As parents, we won't allow our small children to stay

overnight at their friend's home if the father of our child's friend has a bad reputation.

Jesus was a good example for His Apostles because Jesus obeyed His Father. Jesus said to His Apostles in John 14:7, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father." John wrote concerning Philip and Jesus in John 14:8-9, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us, Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" Jesus had spent at least three years with Philip and the other Apostles. A person doesn't live, work, walk, talk, eat, and sleep with someone without knowing that person. Jesus is saying to Philip that Philip should have known Jesus. Jesus replies to Philip that, if Philip had seen Him, Philip had seen the Father. It is like the expression used when someone looks at your son and says, "I sure can see your father in you!" Does that mean that they can literally see the child's father in the child? NO! It means that they can see the attributes of the child's father in the child. Fathers, we must be a good example for our children. Paul said that others should imitate Paul as Paul imitated Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

How do you behave with your children? Do your children see you studying the Bible at home? Do they hear you lead the family in prayer? Do they see you treat their mother with dignity (1 Pet. 3:7; Prov. 31:28)? Do they hear you state God's principles to them (Deut. 6:7-9)? Do they know that you are a good employee at work (Col. 3:23)? Do they see you help others in need (Gal. 6:10)? Do they see you obey the laws of the land (Rom. 13:1)? Do your children see where you place your first love? Jesus said to a scribe in Mark 12:30, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Do they see you choose overtime at work instead of worship time with the brethren? Do they see you vacate the Lord when you are on vacation with them? Being a good father is



more than conceiving a child. It takes a lifelong endeavor to be an example for our children.

## BE A TEACHER

A child's first teacher is his parents. Fathers, you are not exempt from teaching your children. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses gave the commandment from God that fathers are to lead in the teaching of God's word. God made fathers as the head of the family. Fathers, how can you teach something that you do not know? Our children are a heritage from God (Psa. 127:3). They did not ask to come into this world. In fact, they were not aware of their conception when it took place. If our children live to the age of accountability with an accountable mind, they will sin (Rom. 3:23). If they do not have their sins removed by the blood of Jesus (Rev. 1:5), they will go to Hell. As parents we have some very important teaching to do. Paul said that the power of God unto salvation was in God's gospel (Rom. 1:16). It is sad when a father cannot take a sheet of paper and sit down with his child at the kitchen table and write down from the Scriptures what his child must do to be saved.

Teach your child to put God first in everything he does in life. Teach your child to dress modestly. Teach your child that God's word is given by inspiration and it thoroughly equips us for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17)! Teach your child that the world will think that it is strange if your child does not run with those of the world (1 Pet. 4:4). Teach your child while he is young. Plant God's word in his mind. When your children are small, read to them Bible stories each day. Put Bible verses upon the refrigerator, bathroom mirror, and in their bedroom. Praise God in front of your children. Remember that you want your children to be with you in this world. You will want them to be with you in Heaven!

Teach your children to develop their own faith. Your faith is their faith when they are small. When they are small they have no option whether to attend Bible classes or the assembly. You make that decision for them. There will come a time when they will make a decision whether or not to become a Christian. There will come a time when their faith is their own faith. It will no longer be your faith.

Society will require that your children make very important decisions. Between the age of twelve and twenty-eight, which are sixteen years, your child will most likely make lifelong

and possibly eternal destiny decisions? If your child lives to be eighty years old, the sixteen year period between the age of twelve and twenty-eight consists of twenty per cent of your child's life. Most likely during this 16-year period, your child will become a Christian or will decide not to. Your child will most likely choose his career. Your child will most likely get married. Have you taught them who to marry? Your child will most likely have his children. Your child will most likely decide where to live in raising his family. Have you taught them concerning these important decisions?

## BE A LEADER

Many families are lacking in leadership. In the United States, only one half of the original two parents are living with their children. Divorce is rampant in our nation. A good father leads; he doesn't drive. A dictator drives; he doesn't lead. Do you provoke your children to wrath? Ephesians 6:4 says, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." With discipline in the home, children feel secure, loved, and wanted. Fathers must be consistent in their discipline. They can't let their child get their way one week and not the next week. Once a father has disciplined his child for something, he should not bring that particular matter up again with that child. If he does, he will provoke his child to wrath (Eph. 6:4).

A leader is brave, honest, and kind. Fathers, do your children see these attributes in you? Do they see you stand firm for the truth against a false teacher. Do they see your honesty in business matters (Prov. 11:1; Job 31:6)? Do they see you being kind to your animal (Prov. 12:10)? Do you lead your family the way you want your grandchildren to be led? The way you train your children is most likely the way your grandchildren will be trained.

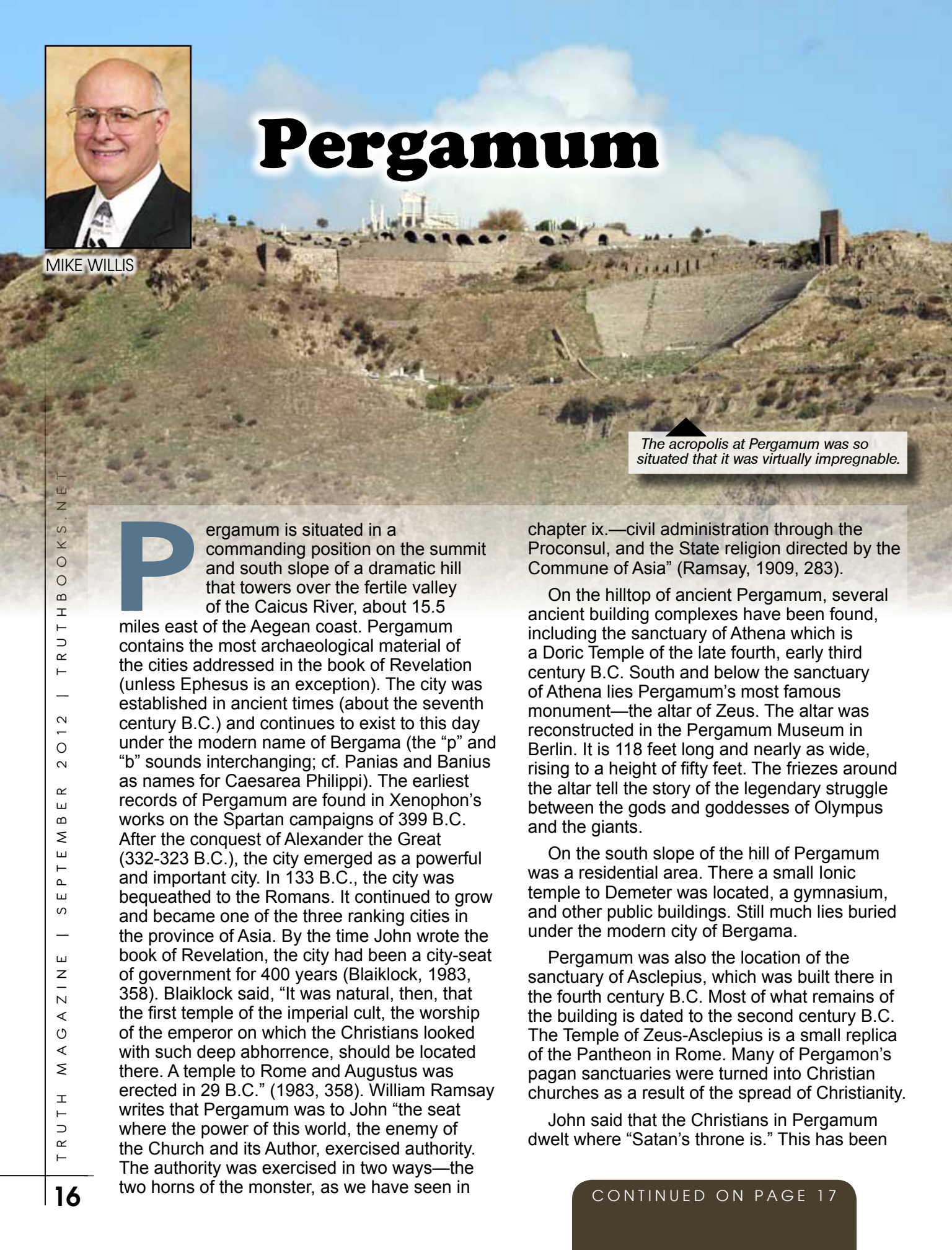
## CONCLUSION

Our children are young only once. We do not have prior experience in how to be a father before God blesses us with our children. But we do have God's word to guide us! As earthly fathers, we love our children more than the whole world. We would die for them. Remember! God loves us more than the whole world. In fact, God the Son died for us. We must remember that God is our Creator. God knows how we feel for our children. He is the One who allows us to be fathers!



MIKE WILLIS

# Pergamum



*The acropolis at Pergamum was so situated that it was virtually impregnable.*

**P**ergamum is situated in a commanding position on the summit and south slope of a dramatic hill that towers over the fertile valley of the Caicus River, about 15.5 miles east of the Aegean coast. Pergamum contains the most archaeological material of the cities addressed in the book of Revelation (unless Ephesus is an exception). The city was established in ancient times (about the seventh century B.C.) and continues to exist to this day under the modern name of Bergama (the “p” and “b” sounds interchanging; cf. Pania and Banius as names for Caesarea Philippi). The earliest records of Pergamum are found in Xenophon’s works on the Spartan campaigns of 399 B.C. After the conquest of Alexander the Great (332-323 B.C.), the city emerged as a powerful and important city. In 133 B.C., the city was bequeathed to the Romans. It continued to grow and became one of the three ranking cities in the province of Asia. By the time John wrote the book of Revelation, the city had been a city-seat of government for 400 years (Blaklock, 1983, 358). Blaklock said, “It was natural, then, that the first temple of the imperial cult, the worship of the emperor on which the Christians looked with such deep abhorrence, should be located there. A temple to Rome and Augustus was erected in 29 B.C.” (1983, 358). William Ramsay writes that Pergamum was to John “the seat where the power of this world, the enemy of the Church and its Author, exercised authority. The authority was exercised in two ways—the two horns of the monster, as we have seen in

chapter ix.—civil administration through the Proconsul, and the State religion directed by the Commune of Asia” (Ramsay, 1909, 283).

On the hilltop of ancient Pergamum, several ancient building complexes have been found, including the sanctuary of Athena which is a Doric Temple of the late fourth, early third century B.C. South and below the sanctuary of Athena lies Pergamum’s most famous monument—the altar of Zeus. The altar was reconstructed in the Pergamum Museum in Berlin. It is 118 feet long and nearly as wide, rising to a height of fifty feet. The friezes around the altar tell the story of the legendary struggle between the gods and goddesses of Olympus and the giants.

On the south slope of the hill of Pergamum was a residential area. There a small Ionic temple to Demeter was located, a gymnasium, and other public buildings. Still much lies buried under the modern city of Bergama.

Pergamum was also the location of the sanctuary of Asclepius, which was built there in the fourth century B.C. Most of what remains of the building is dated to the second century B.C. The Temple of Zeus-Asclepius is a small replica of the Pantheon in Rome. Many of Pergamum’s pagan sanctuaries were turned into Christian churches as a result of the spread of Christianity.

John said that the Christians in Pergamum dwelt where “Satan’s throne is.” This has been

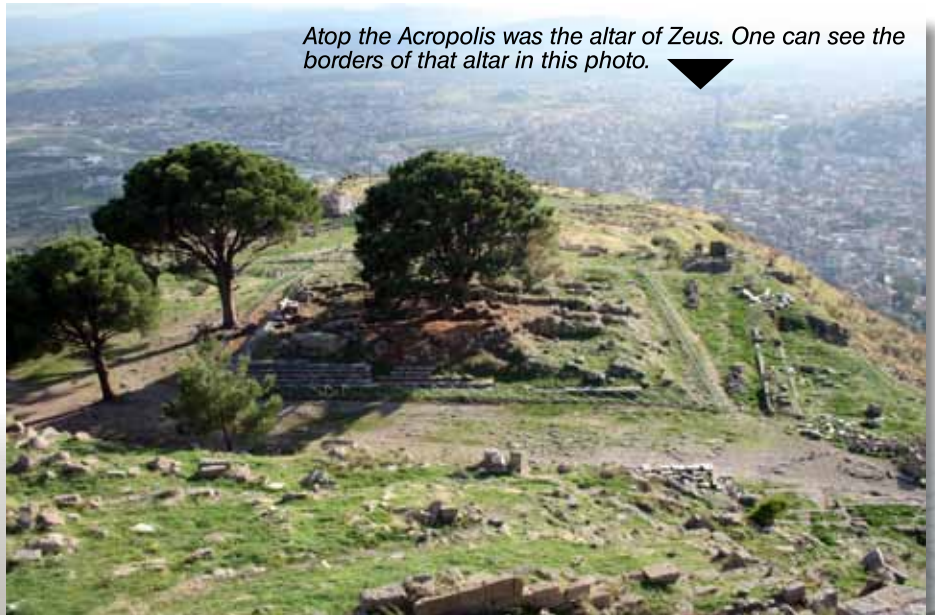


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interpreted in various ways, including (a) a reference to the altar of Zeus; (b) a reference to the temple of Asclepius since it used the serpent as its totem (a staff with a snake wrapped around it); (c) a reference to Pergamum being the chief seat of state religion. Henry Barclay Swete said, "It is better to find in 'Satan's throne' an allusion to the rampant paganism of Pergamum . . . symbolized by the great altar which seemed to dominate the place from its platform cut in the Acropolis rock, but chiefly perhaps to the new Caesar-worship in which Pergamum was pre-eminent and which above all other pagan rites menaced the existence of the Church" (*Commentary on Revelation*, 34-35). Hoerth and McRay believe that first provincial temple built to a Roman emperor in Asia Minor is probably what is intended (230).

In the text of Revelation, the church at Pergamum faced persecution for their faith in Christ. One Antipas had already suffered martyrdom. The church was troubled by a group identified as the Nicolaitans, about whom we know nothing.



Atop the Acropolis was the altar of Zeus. One can see the borders of that altar in this photo. ▼

The Altar of Zeus was restored full scale in the Pergamum Museum in Berlin. ▼







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# "I Will Dwell in Them"

**T**here is a biblical truth that I wish to present in this article. From it I want to stress an important point. This truth is not easily expressed, so bear with me.

The Godhead consists of three personages: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). These three acted together to make salvation possible and to communicate the truth to us.

When Jesus came to earth, He died for the sins of man, was buried, and was raised from the dead by the Father. During His ministry, Jesus taught the Gospel. Upon His resurrection, He returned to Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to confirm the preaching of His disciples. Today, the Gospel remains, and it is to be preached to the World, so that man can be saved. He told His apostles, ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:15-16).

When that Gospel is preached, the hearer is taught to **believe** in Jesus (John 8:24), **repent** of sins (Luke 13:3), **confess** faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32-33), and to **be baptized** (Mark 16:16). This obedience begins a lifetime of faith and trust in God. We are instructed to remain faithful to God during the remaining days of our lives (Rev. 2:10). You have often been reminded of these spiritual truths.

Now, to the point I wish to make: When one obeys those commandments of God, a very special blessing is imparted. **God dwells in that individual.** This is not an easily explained fact, so let me establish it with the Scriptures.

*And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people** (2 Cor. 6:16).*

*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** (1 Cor. 3:16).*

*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And **if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you** (Rom. 8:9-11).*

These verses establish that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all abide or dwell in Christians. But, how? Two verses explain this in-dwelling: "*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord***" (Eph. 5:18-19), and "***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord***" (Col. 3:16).

Thus, when we permit the Word, revealed by the Spirit, to guide and govern our lives, **God, Christ, and the Spirit are dwelling in us.** As we follow the teaching of the Godhead, they can be seen in the decisions, choices, and actions of our lives. This is to continue until death brings Christians to the end of their earthly journeys.

Perhaps this is a truth particularly realized by those of us who are older. We look at our

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**bodies**, and see that they are changing day by day, like a **house** that is growing old. All of this came to mind when I heard a song recently, written by Bill R. Burns. Let me share the words with you.

## GOD STILL LIVES IN THIS OLD HOUSE

If this earthly tabernacle should be dissolved today,  
I'd trade it for a finer one that would not pass away.  
But till the day arrives when it's time for moving out,  
'Tis such sweet peace to know the Lord still lives in this old house.

The sweetest fellowship I've known has fortified these walls,  
And peace has reigned since he's been walking up and down these halls.  
With snow upon the rooftop now, and these hinges near worn out,  
It's such a joy to know the Lord still lives in this old house.

Now there were times he had the right just to up and move away,  
And there were times and days I knew it took God's amazing grace to stay.  
But he never left this old building once.  
That's why I can sing and shout,  
Cause after all these years, the Lord still lives in this old house.

To him it's been a dwelling place where he kept my hand in his,  
To me a home away from home is all it really is.  
It sure ain't fine and fancy, and all I can boast about,  
Is after all these years, the Lord still lives in this old house.

While I would have changed a word or two here and there, the message of that song is so comforting to those who have served God so faithfully through the years. And, that service should be the goal of every Christian: **To have God continue to dwell in our "houses"** until we leave this physical realm. I hope we will all look at the lives we are living as a result of considering this blessing.



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# Sacrifice for Jesus

**T**he words of Romans 12:1-2 are familiar to most of us: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (NKJV). If you’re reading from the newer family of translations (ASV, etc.), verse 1 may say “which is your spiritual service.” The word translated “reasonable” does not have the idea of “logical” but rather that which is governed by the mind, probably in contrast to the merely external “service” of the Jews. But what is entailed in a “living sacrifice”?

Under the Old Testament law, sacrifices were killed when they were offered to God. It was a one-time act—the animal was killed and that was that. Under Christ’s law, our sacrifice is living—our very lives are to be given up to Him. That includes our money, our things, but so much more. To help us grasp just how far a living sacrifice goes, our Savior left us an example.

In Philippians 2:5-8 the Holy Spirit wraps up in a few words what the Lord sacrificed to save us from our sins. He gave up heaven to come to this earth. Can we even begin to imagine what the Son gave up when He left heaven? I’ve visited some places where brethren live without the luxuries we take for granted—electricity, running water, telephone, medical service, but does the contrast between the States and such places compare to the contrast between heaven and earth? I’ve lived a number of years in what I call the “Second world”—not a third world

country, but not the States either, and I’m very glad to be back in the States. But Jesus gave up much more than that. He came to this earth, not as an angel, but as a man. He suffered not only the common problems and inconveniences of His age, but was despised and rejected by His peers and that not occasionally, but almost daily. His enemies were constantly out to trap Him. They denounced and blasphemed Him on every occasion they had. Ultimately, they had Him crucified, not because they overcame Him, but to fulfill God’s plan to save mankind. The same Jesus who told Peter, “Or do you think that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?” hung on the cross, even as His enemies mocked Him, saying, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save” and “If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” He could have descended from the cross at any moment, but He gave up His dignity, His majesty, His life for us.

Is there anything the Lord did not willingly give up for us? Anything we needed He freely gave, as a living sacrifice. Paul makes the application from this living sacrifice in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.” If Christ died so we could live, how should we live? Should we not live for Him, in everything we do? I find it strange that the doctrine of mere mental assent that Jesus lived on this earth and that He is the Son of God is so widely accepted today. Jesus sacrificed everything for me and all He expects from me is to acknowledge His existence and deity? Such is not even logical, much less Biblical. Can we honestly think that showing up at the church building three times a week is all that’s involved in a “living sacrifice”? He died so we could live. Will He satisfied with six hours a week for Him? Foolish question, isn’t it?

That’s the example we have of the early



disciples as well. Remember Peter's statement, "See, we have left all, and followed You." They left their jobs, their families, their "normal" lives to follow Him. Paul gave up all the advantages he and his parents had worked a number of years for: schooling at the feet of the greatest rabbi of his day and a zeal for God that allowed him to "advance in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers" (Gal. 1:14). I don't think it unreasonable to believe Paul could have eventually become a member of the Sanhedrin, but he sacrificed all this for the Lord. When other Christians were in need, brethren "who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet, and they distributed to each as anyone had need" (Acts 4:34).

Perhaps the greatest illustration of what it means to sacrifice is that of the widow in Luke 21:1-4. The rich were casting their bags of coins into the offering, while a widow put in all she had—two half pennies. The application Jesus made of this is recorded forever—"all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood she had." Is the point that we must give all? No, but that we must give until it "hurts"—if we are only giving from what we have left over, we are not sacrificing.

But what does it mean for *me* to sacrifice for the Lord, today in the United States in the year 2012? We can say that it means going beyond what's comfortable for you, but how does that play out in my life? It means serving God where and how *He* wants me to, not just where and how I'm comfortable to serve Him. It means pushing myself beyond what "I've always done" into areas where "I'm just not comfortable doing that."

I'm reminded of Marshall Davis, a preacher long deceased, who was raised in West Texas, where the humidity is less than 20% most of the year. He was asked to move to the Coast to help a church that was split on doctrinal lines, but neither group would budge. The first Sunday he

told them, "I didn't move here because I love the Coast, because I hate every inch of it. I didn't move here because of the church situation, because where I moved from was far better. I didn't move here for the money, because I was making more where I was. I moved here because this is where the Lord needs me to be." Brethren, are we willing to make that kind of sacrifice, to go where the Lord needs me, not where I want to go?

Have you ever attended a worship service that was all in Spanish, or another language you didn't know? "But I wouldn't understand a word" or "I wouldn't be comfortable in that situation." Let me assure you, you would only be uncomfortable for a moment—my wife Dana still recalls the time they went to worship with the church in Chihuahua—not one of them knew any Spanish, but the brethren continued to offer them songbooks (all in Spanish) for ten minutes. But have you thought about what your presence would mean to your brothers and sisters? Most of the time, they are few in number and don't see many visitors. Your mere presence is a great encouragement to them. They will go out of their way to make you feel comfortable—they realize the effort you are making and greatly appreciate it. If you have traveled any distance to be with them, your visit may be remembered (and discussed) for years.

What about preaching or teaching in another culture? How about teaching/preaching with a translator? Again, you may not be comfortable before you get there, but the brethren will do their best to put you at ease. Will your lesson be at "top of your form"? It may or may not be, but whatever it is, it will be greatly appreciated by your brothers and sisters in Christ and will probably be remembered for a long time. Trust me; it will also have an effect on you (for the better).

Am I willing to "give up" "our" preacher for a week or so, to allow him to go preach in an area where there are few congregations and "full-time

preachers”? A trip of seven to ten days can make a great difference in many places. Am I, as a preacher, willing to “give up” a “paying Gospel meeting” for one which I will likely have to seek help to go to, or pay for myself? Among the four million English speaking people in the Eastern Caribbean there are presently three full-time preachers—is there room for those willing to go preach for a week? The problem is not the places needing your help, but the workers willing to go.

Making my life a living sacrifice means giving, but not just in the ways that I am most comfortable. Finding someone to take food to someone who’s sick is usually not too difficult, but what about finding someone to go clean that person’s house, or sit with that person right after he comes home from the hospital, while he still needs help to get to the bathroom, to get things from the other room, etc? Or just to visit him and check on him once or twice a week—to spend thirty minutes or an hour with them? Would you be willing to play cards or dominoes with him? What about mowing the grass, raking leaves, minor repairs around the house, etc? “But that takes time and I just don’t have the time.” Could it be you’re too busy with the important things and so have no time for the urgent?

Part of serving others is “becoming all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” I may need to change my dress at times; I might have to think about what illustrations I will use—wolves are unknown in most tropical climates, so need some explaining, for example. Talk about the subway or even trains produces no response on islands of the Eastern Caribbean—if they ever had trains it was so long ago, most people now living don’t remember them. I may have to eat something that I wouldn’t normally eat—armadillo, opossum, “chiwiri,” or foods prepared in a different way than I’m accustomed. I shouldn’t eat beef, but when I’m served it, I try to eat a respectable portion so as not to offend—I’ll pay for it later, but my physical discomfort is just part of becoming all things to all men.

Brethren, are we truly “presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice”? You alone can make that judgment and only you can change things if you are not. There is more work to be done in the Lord’s kingdom than all the “full-time preachers” can get to. What am I sacrificing for the Lord?



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### ***The Intertestamental Period.***

Mike Willis. Guardian of Truth Foundation, 2011. 92 pages softback. ISBN: 978-158427199-4

A recent adult workbook by Mike Willis titled *The Intertestamental Period* fills a need for the study of ancient history between the Old and New Testaments. Sometimes called the “Silent 400 Years,” the intertestamental period is an important study to anyone who wants to understand the flow of history between the two testaments. While it is true that there is no revelation from God during this time, it is not true that the Bible has nothing to say about this period of history. The book of Daniel, for example, records future events that take place during the intertestamental period and the gospels record persons, places, and institutions that had their beginning during this same period. In *The Intertestamental Period*, Willis offers a good overview of Jewish history from Abraham to Nehemiah. A better knowledge of these periods will help the Bible student to understand some of the many persons mentioned in the Bible. Willis also covers the background to Herod’s temple and the synagogue that appear especially in the gospels and the book of Acts. Key individuals and groups that have their origins in the intertestament period are also included in Willis’ research. He examines various Jewish and Roman leaders, the Samaritans, and the popular sects of ancient Judaism (Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, etc.). Willis closes his study with a brief look at

the intertestamental literature found in the Septuagint and the non-canonical books of the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha. The next time you are looking for something to study between Malachi and Matthew, consider using *The Intertestamental Period* workbook. It is recommended because it helps fill a gap that is often neglected in Bible study.

***The Essential 8: Essentials of a Growing Marriage.*** Sam and Geri Laing. Illumination Publishers International, 2011. 94 pages softback. ISBN:978-0-9835411-1-0

With many marriages “on the rocks” in our society, what married couples need most is counseling from God’s word. God made both marriage and the marriage manual, yet many marriages are in serious trouble today and many others are far less than satisfying. *The Essential 8* by Sam and Geri Laing is a small workbook that helps get marriages back on a solid spiritual foundation and keep them there. The Laings offer bedrock concepts and advice from God’s word to ground married couples (from newlyweds to seasoned couples) and to keep marriages strong and growing. The eight marriage principles offered by the Laings come from the Bible – the ultimate “User’s Manual” for life on earth. The eight principles covered are: (1) Jesus is Lord, (2) Know yourself and your spouse, (3) Communicate clearly and kindly, (4) Husbands love and lead, (5) Wives admire and adapt, (6) Solid stewardship, (7) Hot and holy (sexual intimacy in marriage), and (8) Love

for a lifetime. *The Essential 8* is a good hands-on workbook set up with very practical lessons, questions, and even real-life “homework” assignments. Couples are encouraged to put these principles into practice each day. Married couples would do well to invest their time and attention to go through *The Essential 8* together.

***An Introduction to Ancient Mesopotamian Religion.*** Tammi J. Schneider. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2011. 146 pages softback. ISBN: 978-0-8028-2959-7

The Bible student encounters the ancient Mesopotamian civilizations when studying the lives of men like Abraham, Isaiah, and Daniel. A recent *Introduction to Ancient Mesopotamian Religion* by Tammi J. Schneider will prove helpful in getting a basic overview of these ancient peoples. Schneider covers the history, myths, gods, temples, religious personnel, texts, and rituals of the ancient Mesopotamian people. There are no Biblical references in the book, but the material can be easily placed beside the Biblical narrative that covers the same topics. *An Introduction to Ancient Mesopotamian Religion* is recommended because it is brief, up-to-date, informative, and easy to understand. It will get the reader up and going real quick on ancient Mesopotamian religion.







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# The Story of Absalom

**S**ons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the third Absalom the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Higgith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron (2 Sam. 3:2-5).

David had other sons later, notably Solomon who succeeded him as king, but these six were born in Hebron. Of the six, we know a little bit more about three of them—Amnon, who violated his sister Tamar; Adonijah, who tried to seize the throne when David was old; and especially Absalom, who will be the subject of this study. We are going to look at the story of Absalom primarily in his relationship to David.

## ABSALOM'S FATHER

Absalom did not have a perfect father. David was a man after God's own heart and is a great hero who demonstrated many good character traits as an example for us, but he was not sinless. We remember that he committed adultery with Bathsheba and then had her husband Uriah killed in battle to cover it up. Notice what Nathan told David, "Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of the sun" (2 Sam. 12:10-11). This does not mean that God would specifically cause this to happen just to punish David, but that He simply foresaw what would occur as a result of David's actions. David's own misbehavior in this instance may well have been a factor in his son's misbehavior.

David did repent. "So David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' And Nathan said to David, 'The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die'" (2 Sam. 12:13). The outpouring

of David's penitent heart is found in Psalm 51. Yet, even though David received forgiveness, there were still consequences to his actions that he had to bear. "However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die" (2 Sam. 12:14). A person may repent of a lifetime of alcohol abuse, but he may still experience many bodily and mental infirmities as a result. A person can be forgiven for murder, but he will still have to serve his sentence in jail or even suffer execution. A person may repent and be forgiven of homosexuality, but if he has AIDS, he will likely die from it.

Parents certainly have a responsibility to their children. We are to take the words of God and "teach them diligently to your children" (Deut. 6:6-7). We must "train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6). We are told to "bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). This may be one area in which David failed. At least concerning Adonijah, we read in 1 Kings 1:6, "And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, 'Why have you done so?'" When we fail in our duties as parents, for whatever reason, we can be forgiven, and we should certainly be thankful that forgiveness is available, but sometimes consequences still remain.

## ABSALOM'S CHOICES

However, even though David's own behavior may have influenced his son, Absalom still made his own choices and decisions. Indeed, there may have been various influences which pointed Absalom's life in a certain direction and led him to think as he did, yet he chose his own path. He chose to allow hatred and anger to simmer in his heart which led to his murdering his brother, Amnon (2 Sam. 13:19-29). He chose to undermine the king's authority and gather around him a band of men to seize the throne from his father (2 Sam. 15:1-10). No one put a spear to his head and compelled him to do these things. He charted his own course.

The same thing is true for us. “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren” (Jas. 1:13-16). God did not make us so that we have to sin. The devil doesn’t force us to disobey God. If we think otherwise, we are deceived. You do not have to yield to temptation, but you can “resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (Jas. 4:7).

Therefore, Absalom and everyone else is responsible for his own choices, and will be judged accordingly. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). Parents may point a child in the right way or in the wrong way, depending on how they raise him or her, and they will be responsible for what they have done, but the child ultimately has to make his own decisions and will be held accountable for them.

### DAVID’S LOVE FOR ABSALOM

It is especially touching to note that, in spite of Absalom’s rebellion, he was still loved by his father. Consider David’s reaction to Absalom’s death. “Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: ‘O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!’” (2 Sam. 18:33). Sometimes, our children may hurt us and bring heartache. We may not approve of what they do or endorse their actions, but we still love them, as David did.

I still remember a dear elderly brother in a congregation with which I labored some thirty years ago. He was trying to be just as faithful as he could be. However, many times he told me that, when he was younger and his children were still at home, he was not faithful to God or interested in spiritual things. As a result, he did not take his children to church services regularly or communicate to them the importance of being

right with God. He himself eventually repented and came back to the Lord. He tried to talk to his children after that, but they would not listen. Yet, he still loved them and hoped that someday they would see the truth.

This reminds us of God’s love for us. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). God made us. All human beings can be thought of as His offspring by reason of creation. Yet we sin and we hurt Him. However, even though we are rebels, “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Then, even after we become His spiritual children, we sometimes sin, yet He still loves us and calls us to come back, promising us that, “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). He loves us so much that He does not want us to be lost but to return to Him that we might have eternal life.

### CONCLUSION

The story of Absalom is a sad story. It is sad for him, because he died in his sin, and that also should be a warning for us. “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

However, it is a sad story for David as well, because he lost a son whom he loved. Unlike David, God is the perfect parent, yet so many of His children turn away—His children by creation who reject Him, and even some of His children by spiritual birth who go back into sin. Yet, another lesson that we can learn from this story is that no matter what we do, our God still loves us and has made all the provisions necessary for us to be saved. “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). What a wonderful love!

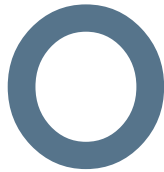


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# “Looking”

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ur eyes are very necessary. Physically, our eyes can get us in trouble or can bless us, depending on where we direct them. At times in Scripture, we find where God referred to looking with our literal eyes. At other times, the “looking” under consideration meant to perceive a certain thing. When we look into the Scripture, we find it to be the case with many Bible characters that where they directed their eyes, i.e., where they “looked,” often determined whether or not God considered them blessed or cursed people. Let us now “look” at some Bible characters and “see” (perceive, understand) what lessons we can learn from them when they looked at certain things.

## LOT’S WIFE

Here is a lady who had a problem with her eyes. In the New Testament, she is referred to by Jesus only one time when He simply said, “Remember Lot’s wife” (Luke 17:32). What happened? Read Genesis 19 where the angels came to deliver Lot and his family from the destruction coming to Sodom, Gomorrah, and the other cities of the plain. Not only were these folks commanded to go, but they were also told, “*Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed*” (v. 17). The next morning after they had entered the city of Zoar (v. 23), “*The LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground*” (vv. 24-25). When this happened, Lot’s wife “*looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt*” (v. 26).

Lot’s wife disobeyed by looking where she should not have looked! As a result, she was punished by being turned into a pillar of salt. Just like Lot’s wife, our eyes can get us into trouble. Especially when we realize that those eyes are controlled by a mind that was determined to do our own will and defy God! When this happens, the result is sin and punishment.

When we understand this, is there any wonder why Jesus would tell folks, “*No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God*” (Luke 9:58)? This is what Lot’s wife did. She “looked” in fondness, longing, and memory of what was being destroyed, and what she left behind, and was punished for it! We ought not look back in fondness to our old lives of sin. This is not where life is! The Christian’s life is in Christ (Col. 3:4)!

## DAVID

David had a similar problem to Lot’s wife. That is, his mind controlled his eyes and made them look in a direction he ought not to have been looking. “*At the time when kings go forth to battle . . . David tarried still at Jerusalem*” (2 Sam. 11:1). One evening, “*David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king’s house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon*” (v. 2). When David saw her, he had a choice to make. Would he turn away his eyes, or would he allow his mind to dwell upon her and lust after her? One trying to keep his mind and actions pure would have turned away, and not lingered on the image he saw. David did not do this. Instead, he looked, lusted, and then acted upon his lust (vv. 3-4). His eyes and mind got him into trouble, and brought about consequences that extended far beyond that moment. He faced consequences he lived with for the rest of his life (see 2 Sam. 12)!

This is not the only time when folks’ eyes got them into trouble! We are aware that Potiphar’s wife did a similar thing when she “*cast her eyes*” upon Joseph (Gen. 39:7)! Lust is not limited to one gender or the other!

Let us learn from these wrong choices, these sins, as well as the consequences David faced because of his sin. John said that Satan uses “*the lust of the eyes*” as a way to tempt men to sin and be lost (1 John 2:16). The lust of the eyes is such a serious matter that Jesus said, “*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old*



time, *Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart*" (Matt. 5:27-28). Let us beware and let us be like Job who made a "covenant with his eyes" not to look and lust (Job 31:1).

### THE PRIEST, LEVITE, AND SAMARITAN

I include these three men because Jesus mentioned them together in His parable of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. Jesus began His parable by speaking of a man who had been badly beaten, robbed, and left for dead on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. After this, three men walked the same road and looked on him (vv. 31-33). Yet, only one had compassion on him! Three men saw; but while two men passed the man and went on their way, one man stopped what he was doing, allowed himself to be "inconvenienced," and took care of the man.

Just as in our earlier examples, we see a man, this Samaritan, whose mind was engaged. Unlike the others though, once his mind was engaged, and he looked upon this beaten man, he would not allow him to be ignored and die on the road. No, he was not a "doctor." He was not a "paramedic." He just did what he could to assist a man who could not help himself. He looked upon someone who had no way of repaying or rewarding him, and had compassion. How this is needed today! In contrast with our first two examples who showed us things we ought not look at, the Samaritan is an example of something we ought to be doing! How considerate are we?

### US

We today are not excluded from the need for being careful what we look at! We need to be looking upon the right things, and what better to look upon than Christ? The book of Hebrews says, *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,*

*despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (12:1-2).

Is there any greater phrase than "Looking unto Jesus" in this study? We need to look to Jesus because He is the "author and finisher of our faith." In other words, He is the beginning and the end! In truth, He is the beginning, the end, and everything in-between when it comes to our faith! When hard times come, where do we look? When the triumphs come in life, where do we look? Christians ought to be "looking unto Jesus" because He deserves the praise (1 Pet. 4:11), the glory (Eph. 3:21), the love (John 14:15), the worship (John 4:24), the obedience (Matt. 7:21), and everything else in our lives (Col. 3:17)! When we look to Him, then we can enjoy spiritual blessings in this relationship (Eph. 1:3).

### CONCLUSION

How are we, spiritually? Are we looking unto Jesus? Is our mind right? What has our attention right now? Don't we want these blessings mentioned in this article? Don't we want to avoid the sins mentioned in this article? It is possible. As we have learned, in order to avoid the sinful practices that come by looking at the wrong things, it requires us to get our minds right so that we can then get our eyes looking in the right direction!

In order to enjoy the blessings found in Christ, it demands that we become a Christian. This also demands our minds be in the right place because we begin by going from being a non-believer to being a believer in Christ (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6). This faith is based upon what we read in the Bible (Rom. 10:17). Based upon our faith, we must repent of past sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30) and confess our faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10). Then, we must be baptized in order to be saved (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21). Following the Lord's plan of salvation puts us into Christ (Gal. 3:27), gives us a new name, Christian (Acts 11:26), and gives us a new relationship, wherein we are "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17). There is no other way but Christ's way! It is foolish to look anywhere else! Friend, where are you looking?



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# Lessons from Israelite “Sacrifice Only” Religion

## “WHAT UNTO ME IS THE MULTITUDE OF YOUR SACRIFICES?”

saith the Lord: “I have had enough of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats... . Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—I cannot away with iniquity and the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble unto me; I am weary of bearing them (Isa. 1:11, 13-14).

These verses in Isaiah, along with a similar message in Jeremiah 6:19-20, have been a source of controversy. God most certainly commanded, not only the sacrifices, but also the festival observances in Leviticus, and yet these prophets speak against them! While some believe that Isaiah and Jeremiah are against the sacrificial system because of these declarations, there is no good reason to believe that they are against it or that they are denying that God commanded Israel to offer the sacrifices and observe the festivals. As far as we can tell, the issue has nothing to do with the form of the offerings or the means by which they are offered. God is not rejecting the sacrifices because they are being improperly offered. Instead, the prophets are saying that God has rejected their sacrifices because the Israelites believe in a “sacrifice only” religion.

In this “sacrifice only” religion, the Israelites serve other gods, commit adultery, wrongfully oppress their fellow Israelites, and stand against the prophets of God, believing that they are nevertheless justified since the Temple is in their midst and they are offering the proper sacrifices at the proper time (cf. Isa. 1:15-20; Jer. 6-7). Whether consciously or not, the rest of what God has commanded Israel is minimized or set aside. The people continue to trust in God’s loving kindness toward Israel, believing that since they are God’s chosen people, all will always be well with them.

These Israelites were sorely mistaken, and their confidence would be shattered by the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple and the subsequent exile in 586 B.C. (cf. Jer. 52). As He spoke through the prophets, God was not pleased with “sacrifice only” religion!

While Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that atoned “once for all” in the new covenant (cf. Heb. 9:11-15), many today still believe in some kind of “only” religion. Many teach a “faith only” religion, positing that all one needs to do is believe in Christ to be saved. The New Testament explicitly teaches that “faith only” religion cannot justify (James 2:14-26). Unfortunately, too many others believe in an “assembly only” religion. Some believe that they can do whatever they wish from Monday through Saturday as long as they “go to church” on Sunday and offer confession, only to go out and do it all again the next week. God will not justify such confession without repentance (1 John 1:9; Matt. 3:2, 9). For others, even though they may not be as sinful, their religion is reduced to the Sunday assembly. They take great pride in doing everything according to God’s will within the assembly, and believe that such alone will justify them.

While many may not intend to have this latter attitude, it is nonetheless present, even among members of the Lord’s body. God has made it abundantly clear that Christianity is not just an “assembly only” affair: we must be as diligent to serve God in every other aspect of our lives as we are within the assembly of the saints (cf. Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:15-6:9). Let none be deceived: God is only truly honored when we give ourselves over entirely to Him and serve Him at every opportunity (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:16-18). Christianity cannot be reduced to any form of “-only” religion. Let us learn from Israel and not follow in their pattern of disobedience!

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# Bible Cups

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**B**ible cups is a Bible subject. The word “cup” is found 59 times in the Bible and the word “cups” seven times. Come and take a look with us as to how the words are used in the Bible:

**1. Lord’s Supper Cup.** The cup in the Lord’s Supper is “*the fruit of the vine*” (Matt. 26:27-29). Some contend that the cup is a container. The text will not allow that, even though the fruit of the vine is in a container of some sort. Paul told the Corinthians to “*drink the cup*” (1 Cor. 11:26-27). How does one drink a cup? The fruit of the vine is something one drinks (Matt. 26:29)! Note 1 Corinthians 10:16, 21.

**2. Suffering Cup.** This cup is called a baptism as the Lord was overwhelmed in suffering. When the “mother of Zebedee’s children . . . said unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to *drink of the cup* that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with. . .” (Matt. 20:20-23).

**3. Cold Water Cup.** Jesus said, “Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a *cup of cold water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward” (Matt. 10:42). Our love for the Lord can be measured by how we treat others. There is a great demand for unselfish service on the part of the Lord’s people. The small things one does, do not go unnoticed by God. It is written in Numbers 16:9: “Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?” The Old Testament “remnant shall be very small and feeble” (Isa. 16:14). Jeremiah reported that “only a small number . . . shall return out of the land of Judah. . .” (Jer. 44:28). Jesus fed 4000 with “*a few small fishes*” and had “seven baskets left” (Mark 8:7-9). James tells us: “Behold also the ships, though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet

are they turned about with a *very small helm*, whithersoever the governor listeth” (James 3:4). So, with the words of Zechariah, we better not “*despise the day of small things. . .*” (Zech. 4:10)! We sometimes sing about the small things we can do.

**4. Within Cup.** Some of the most scathing rebukes of Jesus was toward the Pharisees of His day as recorded in Matthew 23. Among such was the “*within and outside cup.*” Jesus said, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the *outside of the cup* and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is *within the cup* and platter, that the *outside* of them be clean also” (Matt. 23:25-26). Jesus condemned the Pharisees and religious leaders as they appeared saintly and holy outwardly, but inwardly, they were full of corruption and greed. Just living as a Christian to make a show for others is like washing a cup on the outside only. We must also be clean on the inside!

**5. Washing Cups.** Human tradition found the Pharisees “*washing of cups and pots*” as recorded in Mark 7:1-9. Jesus called them “hypocrites, honoring me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; their worship was in vain as they taught for doctrines the traditions of men.” As a result of such, Jesus accused them: “For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the traditions of men, as the washing of pots and *cups*, and many other such things ye do . . . full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition!”

**6. Cup Of Death.** A reading of Matthew 26:36-39 will tell us about the the impending death of Jesus. He prayed, “O my Father, if it be possible, let this *cup* pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt” (Matt. 26:39)! Matthew 27:15-54 reveals His being crucified for the sins of the world! Jesus “tasted death for every man” (Tit. 2:9). He died for you (Rom. 5:6-10)! Why not live for Him?





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# God's Man for All Seasons

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**A** man for all seasons can bear the heat of summer, the cold of winter, as well as the times in between, and still be consistent and reliable. Paul refers to the evangelist Timothy as a “man of God” (1 Tim. 6:17). To be *God’s* man for all seasons would call for him enduring seasons of another kind. Paul wrote to him:

I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will hear to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables (2 Tim. 4:1-4).

This text contains contrasting seasons, courses, hearers, types of preaching and sources for sermons. It teaches a lot about God’s man for all seasons.

## HIS PREACHING MUST BE FIT FOR ALL SEASONS

*It must be done with an eye to the fact that Jesus Christ “shall judge the living and the dead” (v. 1; 2 Cor. 5:10).* The preacher’s hearers will not be judged by the preacher, one another or other preachers, but by Christ. The preacher will not be judged by his hearers, other preachers, elders, the Pope or any other human being.

*It must be done with the knowledge that Christ will judge all men by His word (Matt. 7:21-23; John 12:48; Rom. 2:2, 16; 2 Thess. 1:8).* The changing whims, fancies, doctrines, and desires of man will count for nothing in the judgment (2 Kings 5:11; Matt. 7:21-23; Acts 26:9). The purpose of a man of God’s messages is, ultimately, to prepare his audiences for that great day.

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**IT MUST BE DONE WITH AN EYE TO THE FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST “SHALL JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD” (V. 1; 2 COR. 5:10).**

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*It must be based on the word of God.* (The word is also referred to in this passage as “sound doctrine” and “the truth.”) As we note the changing seasons through which the preacher is seen to pass we conclude that he is not to be known for preaching *some* truth, for avoiding unpopular subjects, or the mention of the kind of teachers spoken of in v. 4 (Matt. 4:5-7; 15:12-14; Acts 20:26, 27). We see this from our next point.

*It must be balanced.* It must “reprove, rebuke” and “exhort.” Since these words characterize *how* the preacher is to preach, their meanings are noteworthy. (a) **Reprove** is defined, “to find fault with, correct’... by word; ‘to reprehend severely, chide, admonish, reprove.’” Appearances of this word in other texts include the following: Luke 3:19, “Herod the tetrarch, being *reproved* by him”; Titus 1:9, “*Convict* the gainsayers.” (b) **Rebuke** is given the definition, “to tax with fault, rate, chide, rebuke, reprove, censure severely.” Some other examples of this word’s usage are, Mark 8:33, [Jesus] “*rebuked*

Peter, and saith, Get thee behind me, Satan"; Luke 9:42, "Jesus *rebuked* the unclean spirit." (c) The following meaning is given to **exhort**, "to admonish, exhort" (all definitions from *Thayer*). Some places where this word is used include Mark 5:17, "They began to *beseech* him to depart from their borders"; Acts 2:40, "He testified, and *exhorted* them, saying, Save yourselves." Putting all this together, the contrast between a message that reproves, rebukes, and exhorts and those of the teachers of v. 3 is stark.

*It must be done "with all longsuffering and teaching."* Simply put, careful explanation of God's word with time allowed for "lights to come on" should characterize the man of God's work (John 16:12; 1 Cor. 3:2). Figures drawn from a farmer's planting and patient nourishing of crops are used to describe it (cf. 1 Cor. 3:5-9 with Jas. 5:7, 8).

### HE MUST BE FAITHFUL THROUGH SEASONS WHEN. . .

*Hearers will not endure sound teaching.* There will always be parts of the Bible that are acceptable to most hearers who profess to be Christians just as the Jews calmly heard the first parts of sermons by Stephen and Paul, which dealt with nothing objectionable (Acts 7:2-50; 13:16-41). The test of faithful preachers and sincere hearers is when preaching against sin, or dangers in the lives or churches of the hearers is needed and done (Acts 7:51-53; 13:45, 46; Rev. 2:14-16).

*Hearers want messages designed to meet their own desires or cravings.* Churches established by the preaching of the original gospel had drifted to this point in the first century and since. We note the following examples of evidence of such desires among church goers of our day. An internet search of "Feel good preaching" brought over *five million* responses! It would seem that a lot of religious people crave such preaching. Those preparing to start community churches have been bold enough to take surveys asking people *what they wanted from a church* and have then gone about to answer these wants!

*Hearers seek preachers who preach what they want to hear.* The messages to meet the desires or cravings mentioned immediately above must come from some source. Sadly, such preachers were obviously to be found in the first century (v. 3). A lot of popular preachers of our day are likewise answering this desire. The experience of the prophet Jeremiah is noteworthy here. We do not read of him reaching anyone and yet he himself records the popularity of those with a pleasing message:

The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and *my people love to have it so*: and what will ye do in the end thereof? (5:31)

It was no doubt discouraging to Jeremiah to see his people following such people pleasing prophets. However, he was a man of God and, therefore, a God-pleaser, not a people pleaser.

### CONCLUSION

In short, the man of God is one who sees beyond this present world by faith. Pleasing God is his main object. His guide for doing this is God's word. His main hope regarding his time on earth is to find and assist hearers with like aspirations.



These sixty-six books were written over a period of approximately 1500 years in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek) by many different authors some known and others unknown. The backgrounds of the authors were varied: shepherd, military leaders, peasants, scribes, king, king's cupbearer, king's counsellor, farmer, tax collector, physician, fisherman, Jewish rabbi, etc. The authors came from different cultures (Egyptian, Israelite, Persian, Greco-Roman) and spoke different languages (Egyptian, Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek). Some wrote in the heights of joy and others in the depths of depression. The literary styles include historical narrative, legal code, poetry, song, personal correspondence, biography, prophecy, etc. The books address many hot topics, including homosexuality, divorce, obedience to civil authority, personal anger, etc. and all parts are in remarkable agreement with each other, in contrast to, for example, the great classics of the world. The composite volume of the Bible tells one unified narrative: God's work in human redemption.

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and are part of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Some of those manuscripts are dated to 200 years before Christ and portions of every Old Testament book except Esther have been identified.

The New Testament was written over a much shorter time frame – about sixty years. Thousands of manuscripts of the New Testament have survived, making collation and evaluation of the variant readings of the New Testament a science within itself. Some of the earliest fragments of the New Testament documents go back to within decades of when the original document was penned.

The New Testament is the best preserved book from ancient times and those best acquainted with its textual history unanimously admit that we have a reliable copy of the original text of the Bible. The Bible has more manuscript evidence to support it than any ten pieces of classical literature combined (Josh McDowell, *The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict*, 9). The preservation of the Scriptures is indeed remarkable in light of the numerous efforts to stamp it out of existence.

To make it easier to locate given portions of Scripture, divisions into chapters and verses were added. Archbishop Stephen Langton and Cardinal Hugo de Sancto Caro developed different schemas for systematic division of the Bible in the early 13th century. It is the system of Archbishop Langton on which the modern chapter divisions are based and rarely is a version published that does not contain chapter and verse divisions.

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which English speaking people could not read. Inevitably the Bible was made available in English. The most widely known translation was the A.D. 1611 King James Version which has subsequently been revised on several occasions. The better translations are those made by a translation committee in contrast to those made by an individual or a sectarian group.

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### THE BIBLE'S CLAIM FOR ITSELF

The Bible makes a bold claim that it is a revelation of the mind of God to mankind. The Apostle Paul wrote,

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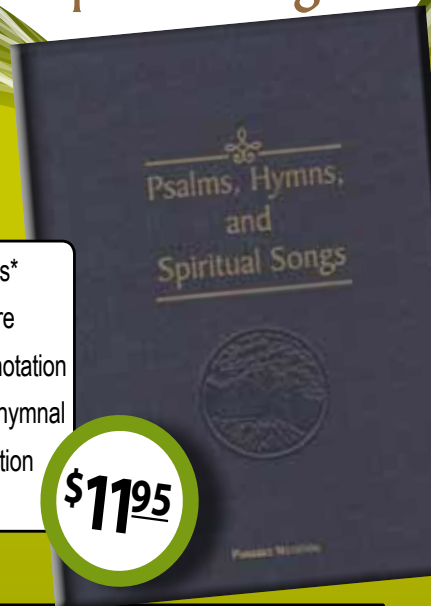
Peter also emphasized that the Bible is of divine origin when he said,

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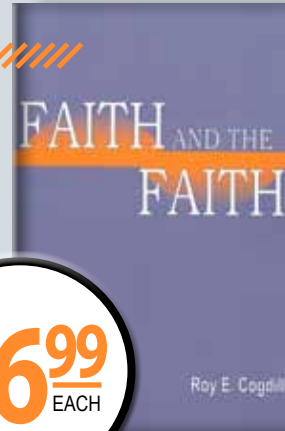
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