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# The Passing of Weldon E. Warnock

Elsewhere in this issue is a tribute to Weldon E. Warnock from Connie W. Adams. Brother Adams has known Weldon since their college years and he is the logical choice to write a tribute to brother Warnock. It was my good fortune to work with brother Warnock for a number of years in two different capacities—on the Board of the Guardian of Truth Foundation and in a two-preacher arrangement for several years with the Knollwood church in Xenia, Ohio.

Brother Warnock was a regular contributor to *Searching the Scriptures* for several years before he started writing for and serving on the Board of the Guardian of Truth Foundation. I had grown to appreciate his work from both his writings and the gospel meetings he had held at Knollwood. I followed Weldon in the church at Knollwood in 1976. In December 1976, I started editing *Truth Magazine* and the Knollwood church began a two-preacher arrangement, first with Ron Halbook and me, and, when Ron moved to Alabama, with Weldon and me. Before inviting Weldon to join the Board and staff, I talked with Connie and explained my thinking. Every human institution either dies or eventually moves into apostasy. I wanted to be sure that we had solid men on our Board and editorial staff to be sure that neither happened under our “watch.” Neither Connie nor I viewed ourselves as competitors, thinking instead that each person and paper would be able to influence some for the truth that the other could not reach. Connie expressed his support of me asking Weldon to join both the Board and to contribute as a staff writer, so in 1982, Weldon began his service. This continued until he moved from Scottsville, KY to Baytown, TX, at which time the geographical circumstances and health problems made it difficult for him to attend Board meetings.

While working at Knollwood, I got to hear Weldon preach and do radio programs on a weekly basis. He was

at his best in front of a microphone and in a pulpit. One could easily detect the entertainment background from which Weldon came, which made him completely relaxed in front of an audience. Whether he was speaking in a pulpit, conducting a debate, teaching a Bible class, or speaking on the radio or TV, he was easy to listen to. Some may not know this, but Weldon was invited to speak about fishing on the local radio programs, sang at country music programs in Renfro Valley, KY, and spoke for the Right to Life association in the Dayton, OH area. I have no idea what “extra-curricular” events he participated in while in other places.

Weldon believed the truth and defended it. I watched him debate J.W. Holcomb on the issue of women teaching classes of women and children. I saw him address specific issues in the local church in a manner that was designed to bring peace and unity. I heard him preach the simple gospel plan of salvation, Christian living, the dangers of liberalism and apostasy, what the Bible teaches about marriage, divorce, and remarriage, etc. He preached topical sermons and exegetical sermons. He was able to keep the audience’s attention whenever he preached. Even if you disagreed with one of his conclusions, what he taught was well worth your time to hear it. It was well organized, clearly presented, and argued on the basis of Scripture, not human wisdom.

His articles that were published in *Searching the Scriptures*, *Truth Magazine*, and other papers were always well written and worth the time it took to read them. His preaching and writing occasionally, if not regularly, used anecdotal material to illustrate his Bible point. He was a master at this. The audience, whether the reading audience or the live audience, would chuckle at his humorous stories that made the truth he was presenting so obvious.

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Have You Not Read...?



CONNIE W. ADAMS

## Weldon E. Warnock

### An Old Friend Gone Home

On Sunday night, October 4, the long battle with cancer ended and my dear friend of 58 years, changed worlds. For all who watched his struggle during the last few weeks, it came as a relief. There is left an empty place which kind deeds and mere words cannot fill. While many knew and loved him as a long time preacher, and many called him “friend,” to my brother, Wiley, and to me, he was a third brother in our family. For years, our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, called him “Uncle Weldon.” My younger son is named Martin Weldon, in honor of him and another friend, Martin Lemon.

Weldon lived 77 full and fruitful years. Born in the hills of eastern Kentucky and cradled in the culture of that region, his life and influence stretched far and wide. He grew up learning to hunt and fish, and those interests lasted a lifetime. In high school at Grayson, Kentucky, he was involved in sports, especially basketball. All of his life, he was interested in baseball, and especially Kentucky basketball. He played golf later. Whatever he did, he learned to excel in that endeavor.

During his senior year in high school, he met and heard James R. Cope and decided to go to Florida College. He arrived in Tampa on a Greyhound bus with less than \$40 in his pocket, with a suitcase and his fiddle in a flour sack. He soon became popular with the students and was much involved in college activities. He studied there for four years and later gained his degree at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

At the beginning of his second year, he teamed up with Wiley and me to perform on radio and stage as Slim, Cedric and Cousin Clarence, the Dixie Boys. Not only was he able as a fiddler and guitarist, his forte was comedy. We did this not just for fun, but to earn extra money so we could stay in school and feed our families.

During his high school years, Weldon began preaching. He filled Sunday appointments while a student. After college

days, his preaching took him to Georgia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Florida for local work. Gospel meetings were conducted throughout the United States. He was gifted as a speaker, had a unique style which set him apart and enhanced his influence. His agile mind and quick wit, together with his vast knowledge of the Bible, ably equipped him as a debater. He met a number of proponents of error over the years. It was my privilege to moderate for him in two debates with Baptists. After his debate with W.T. Russell, a seasoned Baptist debater, James P. Miller (who moderated for Weldon) gave a brief review in *Truth Magazine* (June 17, 1971). Miller said, “Weldon Warnock is an able defender of the faith. He knows the issues and can press a point as well as any man I have heard. He is a good speaker and presents the truth with power. No congregation should be afraid to call him for this kind of work. He is in the prime of life and is well suited in every way for the job.” He had the ability, not only to present his case with clarity and power, but also to keep the audience (and often his opponent) in a good humor with his wit.

His preaching was powerful and substantive. He excelled in exposition. While his illustrations often were humorous, they were not meant for entertainment but were intended to make the truth so plain that all could grasp his point. His preaching was just that—preaching. He did not subscribe to the popular notion that preaching is a conversation. He did not make nice little “talks.” He spoke with enthusiasm, gestured, sometimes would slap his hands to emphasize a point, or slap his leg with his Bible so that it sounded like a shot had been fired. Once in a meeting in Virginia, an older lady near the front went to sleep. When Weldon slapped the pulpit with his hand, it startled her so that she jumped up from her seat and shouted, “OH.” She stayed awake after that! He was not afraid to address controversial subjects, affecting those both in and out of the church. He spoke plainly about worldliness in the church. His preaching on institutionalism helped rescue

some churches which were headed the wrong way, but also made some enemies and closed some doors to him.

Weldon was also known for his writing. He wrote a column for many years in *Truth Magazine* and also in *Searching the Scriptures*. When I became editor of *Searching the Scriptures*, I asked him to write a column dealing with exposition of various texts. When Marshall Patton asked to be relieved from his assignment in writing the question and answer column, I asked Weldon to take on that task, which he did with great effect. Some of his writing stirred controversy. He wrote an article on “Weddings and Funerals in the Church Building” which drew fourteen articles in reply. In one of his answer columns, he expressed some views on marriage and divorce which prompted me to write a piece taking exception to part of what he said. Jim Deason, who spoke at Weldon’s funeral, also responded, and we had a short exchange in the paper between the two of them. Later in *Truth Magazine*, I wrote an article on the subject which drew a response from Weldon, and we had an exchange of articles about it. None of that affected the close friendship either Jim or I had enjoyed with Weldon, nor the mutual respect we had for each other.

What was already a close bond was made even more so when their only daughter married our son, Wilson. To that union was born Luke Weldon Adams. Weldon and Betty took great delight in him.

A large crowd filled the chapel at Kirby Funeral Home in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Wednesday, October 7. Congregational singing was led by David Lanphear, one of the elders of the West End church where Weldon was preaching when David was baptized in 1967. David remarked that, since Weldon had lost his sight several years ago and had to preach and sing from memory, we would all sing from memory. The singing was beautiful. I spoke from Ecclesiastes 3 about the various times and seasons of life. Jim Deason preached about the statement made about the prophet Elisha that “A man of God has passed this way.” Earl Robertson spoke of Weldon’s preaching and life and led a prayer. At the grave, two who yet bear Weldon’s name said the final words. Luke Weldon read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and then Martin Weldon led the closing prayer.



The closing years of Weldon’s life left us with worthy examples in coping with adversity. Macular degeneration (which had beset both his father and mother) robbed him of sight, except for some peripheral vision. This did not keep him from preaching. In addition to doing local work, he held many meetings. He could not drive, but he would either fly, or he and Betty would ride a Greyhound bus. He had memorized a lot of Scripture over the years, and that became very useful when he could no longer see to read in the pulpit. Young preachers, while your minds are young and keen, memorize the Word. You may have to rely on your memory one day. Weldon taught us something else. When he was diagnosed with cancer, he did not constantly talk about himself. I saw him a number of times during the final months and we talked by phone frequently, but unless I asked, he did not give me a health report. He kept his sense of humor. Until the last few times we spoke with each other, he always had a new joke, delivered with that special sense of timing, which is the essence of comedy.

When his change came, he was surrounded by Betty, his wife of 53 years, their daughter Julie, Wilson, Luke, and one of the elders from Cason Lane. He quietly went to sleep. On a bright, crisp, fall day, we laid him to rest until the resurrection of all the dead. All who knew him will miss him, but I can assure you, none more than the writer of this article. Betty is not in good health and needs our prayers. So do Julie, Wilson and Luke who have taken care of both her parents in a loving and thoughtful way.

The Truth Foundation is indebted to Weldon for the twenty-five years he served on the board and helped make possible the publication of this paper and the many publications now in print.

“It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).

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# Jewish Sects of the First Century A.D.



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**W**hen those from Jerusalem and the surrounding area were being baptized by John, the Bible says, “But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers! Who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’” (Matt. 3:7).

The Pharisees and Sadducees were religious parties, or sects, that existed among the Jews during the time of Christ. Far from standing unified in the first century, the Jews divided themselves into various parties based upon their religious and political convictions. The two sects mentioned above are often referred to in the New Testament. However, there were other Jewish parties in existence besides these, among which were the Essenes, the Herodians, and the Zealots.

How often do we read of these Jewish parties in the New Testament without knowing who they were or what their backgrounds were? It will enhance our understanding of the first century to take a brief look at each of them.

## THE PHARISEES

Their name literally means, “separate.” As their name would imply, they were an exclusive group that sought to separate themselves from all evil associations and strictly adhere to the Law of Moses, and to their own religious traditions. They were the largest Jewish sect of the first century, and were considered the strictest observers of the law (cf. Acts 26:5). They were known for praying, fasting, and tithing carefully (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42). They also believed in angels and in the resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:8). However, Jesus rebuked them for their hypocrisy and self-righteousness (Matt. 23:1-36), exposed them for placing their traditions above the law of God (Matt. 15:3-9), referred to them as “blind guides” (Matt. 15:12-14), and warned His disciples about the corrupting influence of their doctrine (Matt. 16:6-12). Not surprisingly, the Pharisees accused Jesus of blasphemy (Luke 5:21) and of being a law-breaker (Matt. 12:2), and plotted to destroy Him (Matt. 12:14). However, some Pharisees, including the apostle

Paul, eventually became followers of Christ (Phil. 3:4-7; John 3:1-2).

## THE SADDUCEES

Their name most likely has reference to the sons of Zadok, who were the high priestly family at the time of the Babylonian captivity (2 Chron. 31:10). This connection makes sense in light of the fact that the Sadducees were the party that included the chief priests of the Jews. Though the Sadducees were smaller in number than the Pharisees, they held the position of political power and authority. They tended to do whatever was deemed necessary in order to maintain their position and power. The Sadducees differed with the Pharisees doctrinally in that they denied the resurrection and did not believe in angels (Matt. 22:23; Acts 23:8). Jesus publicly exposed their error concerning the resurrection (Matt. 22:23-33) and warned His disciples of the corrupting influence of their doctrine (Matt. 16:6, 11-12). The Sadducees questioned Jesus’ authority (Matt. 21:23), plotted with the Pharisees to destroy Him (Luke 19:47; John 11:45-50), stirred up the crowd to ask for His crucifixion (Mark 15:11-13), mocked Him while He was on the cross (Matt. 27:41-43), and later, persecuted His church (Acts 4:1-3, 18; 5:17-18, 40).

## THE ESSENES

Their name most likely means “holy ones.” Their beliefs were much closer to those of the Pharisees rather than the liberal views of the Sadducees. However, the Essenes withdrew from normal Jewish society and formed their own communities in which they observed strict religious regulations and shared their possessions equally. They did not participate in the temple worship in Jerusalem. While they are not mentioned in the Bible, some have speculated that, perhaps, Jesus was of an Essene background. However, Jesus’ behavior was entirely opposed to that of the Essenes in that He mixed freely with those in society and taught publicly in the synagogues and in the temple (John 18:20).

## THE HERODIANS

As their name suggests, they were a party loyal to the

ruling family of the Herods, which family was placed in authority over Palestine by the Roman Emperor. Consequently, the Herodians were loyal to the rule of the Roman Empire and were more concerned with politics than religion. They plotted with the Pharisees to destroy Jesus (Mark 3:6), and worked with them in hopes of trapping Jesus in His words (Mark 12:13). Christ exposed their wicked motives when they questioned Him concerning the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15-22).

## THE ZEALOTS

They weren't so much interested in religious observance of the law as they were in liberating the Jewish nation from Roman oppression. They resorted to violence and assassination in their efforts to rid themselves of Roman control. Likewise, they refused to pay taxes to the Emperor. This name is mentioned twice in the New Testament, both instances having to do with the apostle Simon (not Simon Peter), who was apparently of a Zealot background (Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13).

## CONCLUSION

The Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Herodians, and Zealots all contributed to the state of the environment into which our Savior was born and in which He lived and worked. However, none of these sects was the way of salvation. The way of salvation is found in Christ, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

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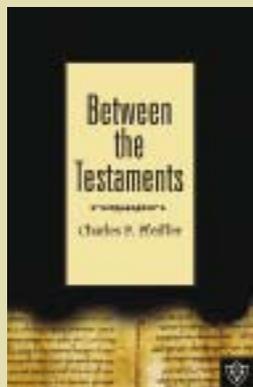
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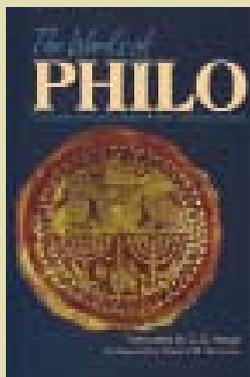
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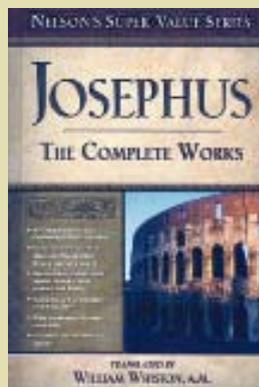
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# The Preeminence of Jesus Christ



DAN KING

I have always been particularly fascinated by the powerful truths set forth in Paul's letter penned to the Colossian Christians regarding Jesus. The most significant word that he employs in his depiction of him, in our own estimation, is the word "preeminence." This is the Greek term *prōteuōn*, which suggests the concept of "being first as to rank, dignity, honor and power." Here is the reference, including the general context of its usage:

(Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.** For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fullness dwell; and through

him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works (Col. 1:15-21).

It is clear from what we read in these lines the apostle wishes us to appreciate the fact that God intended for the human mind fully to conceptualize the notion that Jesus Christ, spiritually speaking, is to have the preemi-

nence (be first as to rank, dignity, honor, and power) "in all things." There is not one thing in heaven or on earth wherein He is not to be given priority and deemed worthy of absolute supremacy. Now, the context specifies several of those areas where we are to understand and recognize His precedence and position as first in rank, dignity, honor, and power. It is important that we do not fail to ascribe to Him His full primacy in these critical areas. Let us spend a few lines explaining those matters which Paul considers most significant in this regard.

## IN GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF AND HIS WILL

The text says of our Lord that He "is the image of the invisible God" (v. 15). This is an amazing statement. It leaves us breathless and bewildered. When one first considers carefully what is embraced by it, he is rather naturally taken aback. He informs us that the carpenter, who was born in a manger at

Bethlehem and grew up at Nazareth, is to be understood as the precise human depiction of the unseen deity. This is a profound proclamation, even theologically challenging. Moreover it does not stand alone in Holy Scripture. There are several other passages in the New Testament which set forth this truth in equally astounding language. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews, for example, confirms it in 1:3 of his work: "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature (the true image of



his substance), and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." One is left almost speechless when considering the complexities of the thing!

The Bible, in its essence, is of course the revelation of God written in human language and intended for the reading of men and women. It has as its essential purpose to inform the human mind about God's nature and His will for us. This writer further educates us that God also had in mind to reveal Himself at another and higher level of sophistication: He sent His Son into the world as His representative in a way never before achieved, even by the greatest and most admirable of the prophetic personages of the past. This notion is illustrated and "fleshed out" in a conversation between Jesus and Philip:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves" (John 14:6-11).

Paul explains that God has more fully shown His nature and love in the person of Jesus and so we have come to understand Him more profoundly: "Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

There is a line that appears in a popular song (written by Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry) that proclaims this truth very well:

Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy will one day walk on water?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know

That your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered  
Will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God?

In Christ the light of true spiritual enlightenment came into the world. As John wrote so eloquently, setting forth the Lord's own description of this reality: "He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil" (John 3:18-19). Men still love the darkness; nothing has changed since the Lord walked among the sons and daughters of men. Occasionally we will meet a seeker of truth, and, when we do, the light will have a chance to purge away the darkness from another life and from that small corner of the world where he or she lives.

### IN THE CREATION

When God made the world, His Son was involved in that creative process. For Him to enjoy a proper position in terms of rank and priority, this fact in our hearts and minds needs to be understood fully. So declares Paul in the Colossian epistle:

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things consist (1:15-17).

Were it not for the New Testament we would not possess this fuller knowledge of creation. We would not appreciate the place of the Son in this magnificent universe which testifies so forcefully to the divine genius. The principle is set forth in the very opening lines of the

***"Therefore,  
it must be  
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that the Mighty  
God who made  
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# The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

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Gospel of John:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made (John 1:1-3).

The writer of Hebrews reveals this truth also in an almost offhand remark: "God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, *through whom also he made the worlds*" (Hebrews 1:1-2). Then, he says it again (quoting from Psa. 102:25) in Hebrews 1:10, "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of thy hands." The Lord referred to here in v. 10 is the Lord Jesus, the Son of God; the context clearly intimates this and so confirms what is taught elsewhere.

Therefore, it must be acknowledged that the Mighty God who made all things by the word of His power has walked among men and demonstrated His deity by His amazing deeds of power: He turned water into wine; He evidenced an absolute mastery over human health and sickness, healing all who came to Him for relief from disease and various maladies of the human physique; He raised the dead, even after four days when the body had already deteriorated (John 11:39); He fed 5000 with five barley loaves and two fishes; He also fed 4000 (men, besides women and children) with seven loaves and a few small fishes; on top of all this, He arose from the dead after a cruel crucifixion where His human body was horribly abused and disfigured. All of these things are acts of creative power. This should come as no surprise to us, for the Creator God had inhabited human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.

## IN THE CHURCH

God also made His Christ preeminent in the church; He is its head. Paul argues this point forcefully in Colossians:

And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the

beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18).

No man on this earth is capable of standing in His high and holy place; the apostles revealed His will for the church, and it is incumbent upon us to follow it in all things. As Paul further enunciated the point in the epistle to the Ephesians:

... which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and **he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church**, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all (Eph. 1:20-23).

The Lord's love for the church is acutely evident from His sacrificial death for it. Paul said it more memorably than anyone else because he placed it in the context of an illustration that all married people can understand and apply easily to their own situation, assuming, of course, that their marriage is happy and loving:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Even so ought husbands also to love their own

wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself: for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church; because we are members of his body (Eph. 5:25-30).

Why should He not be preeminent in the church? Who should take His place? Who is worthy to do so? Paul urged Timothy thus:

That thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in its own times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom

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no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal (1 Tim. 6:14-16).

For many this recognition will not come until it is too late, but come it will, you can be assured of that! Our Lord and His saints will ultimately be victorious over sin and death as well as every spiritual enemy. The end has already been written!

These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they also shall overcome that are with him, called and chosen and faithful (Rev. 17:14).

### IN THE RESURRECTION

Resurrection from the dead is described in the Old Testament, yet it appears therein only in the barest of outlines. The fullness of this biblical doctrine and its revelation to the human race is found in the New Testament record. Moreover, the Lord Jesus made Himself

the perfect illustration of the powerful notion of bodily resurrection. Jesus was victorious over death in a way that we cannot fully comprehend. Paul asserts that the Lord mastered death by His own ability to abandon the grave after three days: “Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him” (Rom. 6:9).

More than this, Paul calls Jesus the firstfruits of them that sleep in the grave: “But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep” (1 Cor. 15:20). He is God’s promissory note to the constantly dying human race regarding their own victory over death: “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ’s, at his coming” (1 Cor. 15:21-23).

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# The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

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So, our author declares him to be the “firstborn from the dead,” that is, the first of many others in the family:

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fullness dwell (Col. 1:18-19).

## IN THE GODHEAD

It must be recognized that no angel came to earth to represent God in this case; that had happened many times before; this was very different. Writes Paul:

For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fullness dwell (Col. 1:19).

“All the fullness” means that there was nothing of God that was not present in Jesus Christ; God showed up in person, so to speak, in order to reveal His mind as well as His heart to the human race.

The great prophets had predicted this phenomenal truth:

Isaiah 7:14—Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name *Immanuel* (“God with us”).

Isaiah 9:6—For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, *Mighty God*, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Micah 5:2—But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; *whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.*

## IN HUMAN SALVATION

The great goal of God in all of this was to save some bare vestige of the human family unto Himself:

...and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the

heavens. And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprouable before him (Col. 1:20-22).

All of this is based upon the fullness of deity that was dwelling in Him at the time of His sacrificial death:

This is to us a most precious truth. We have a Savior who is in no respect deficient in wisdom, power, and grace to redeem and save us. There is nothing necessary to be done in our salvation which he is not qualified to do; there is nothing which we need to enable us to perform our duties, to meet temptation, and to bear trial, which he is not able to impart. In no situation of trouble and danger will the church find that there is a deficiency in him; in no enterprise to which she can put her hands will there be a lack of power in her great Head to enable her to accomplish what he calls her to. We may go to him in all our troubles, weaknesses temptations, and needs, and may be supplied from his fullness—just as, if we were thirsty, we might go to an ocean of pure water and drink (Albert Barnes).

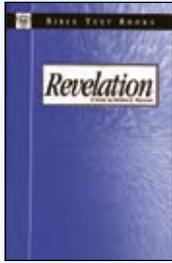
## CONCLUSION

Paul’s great masterpiece of logic and revelation sets before our minds several very challenging but important truths regarding the place and position of Jesus Christ in the divine economy. He says that the Lord’s Christ is preeminent in God’s revelation of Himself and of His will for man, that He was preeminent in the creation of the heavens and the earth, that He is to be assigned absolute priority in the church, that He is first as regards the resurrection of human

beings from death, that He is to be recognized as possessing the fullness of deity within Himself, and that He must certainly be seen as having preeminence in regard to the plan of salvation for lost and dying humanity. In all of these things, He must be recognized in terms of His divine nature and being, and that forces upon us the recognition also of His unparalleled preeminence.

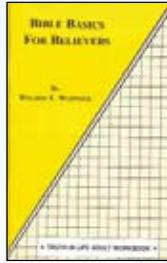
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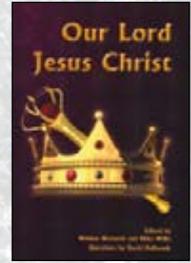
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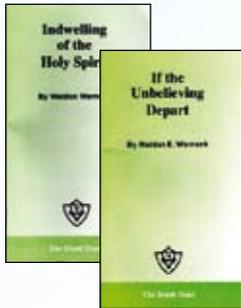
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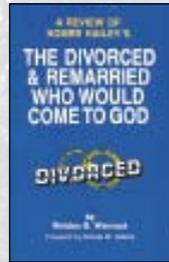


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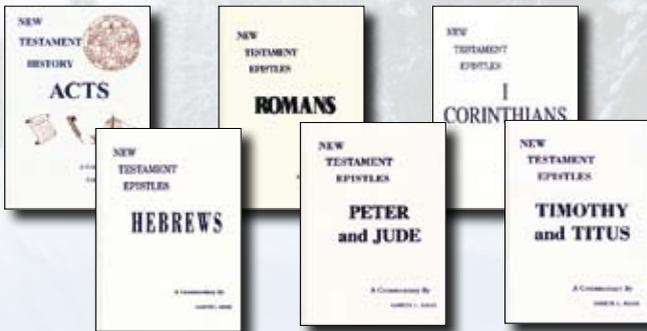
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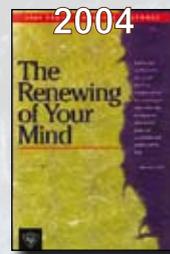
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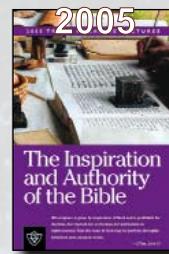


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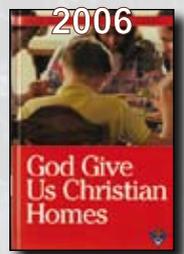
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# Senseless Death of a Daughter

The *Associated Press* reported on August 1, 2009 that a man in Wisconsin was found guilty of second-degree reckless homicide in his 11-year-old daughter's death. It was not a typical domestic violence case. The man did not physically attack his daughter, beat her with a hammer, or starve her in a locked closet. What did he do? He prayed for her.

Dale Neumann, along with others, prayed over his daughter while she was unable to walk, talk, eat, or drink. She died in his home from undiagnosed diabetes, a readily treatable ailment.

Some people wonder why Christians, preachers in particular, may go after "faith healers" so hard. This is why.

Faith healing is a fraud. Those who attempt to practice it are either liars or severely deluded. It leads to unnecessary deaths, and worse, to infidelity. People see men and women who supposedly believe in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit and who claim to have miraculous powers, loose their children because of their dependence upon these "miraculous cures." When they see them fail in their quest for a healing, they often turn completely away from God in disgust.

The Bible is clear on the point that miraculous powers ended either in the late first century or early second century.

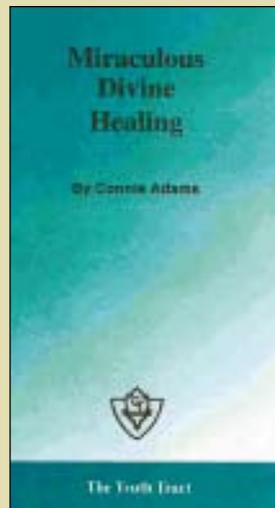
Miraculous powers were passed on to men through the laying on of the apostles' hands (Acts 8:14-18). All the apostles were dead by the turn of the century (first to second). Thus, after that point, no spiritual gifts could be acquired by anyone.

Further, Paul told the Corinthians that spiritual gifts would be done away in their lifetime (1 Cor. 13:8-13). They had them at the time they received the letter, but the day was coming when those gifts would be done away and all that would be left were "faith, hope, love." Inasmuch as it

was written to them, they would experience it. The letter was written around 55-56 A.D. Therefore, there was a limit of about fifty years for the spiritual gifts to last.

Christians need to combat the errors of the world. Satan has deceived many with false religions which seem true to the Bible and are filled with truly dedicated people. Dale Neumann was (and probably still is) a true believer in "faith healing." We have no doubt that he loved his daughter. Yet, because of the false religion with its damnable practices, his daughter is dead and the cause of Christ damaged.

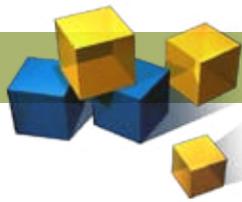
Do not be shy about telling your friends that "faith healing" is actually fake healing. Press them to study the Bible with an open mind. Ask them to consider seriously the miracles of the Bible, which we all agree are true, to what they claim are miracles today. Keep your faith in God's word. Do not be deceived, there are no miracles today.



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# A Kind of Church Some Need

**I** just thought of the kind of church some folks need. Take a look and see if you agree and know anyone like this:

## COME AND GO AS YOU LIKE

Some want a church that never mentions Hebrews 10:25 about “forsaking the assembling of yourselves together” (Heb. 10:25). Let the members know that they can come and go as they please, for this is the church they want—one that shows no concern if members attend or not.

## PUT’S EVERYTHING BEFORE THE CHURCH

As you make a list of priorities, you can put the church at the bottom of the list. Oh, I know the Bible says: “But seek ye first the kingdom of God” (Matt. 6:33).

## KIND OF SERMONS

Some need a church whose sermons are on love, grace, funny stories that make one laugh, kid skits and drama, news events, not always quoting Scripture, nothing said about sin and hell. Who wants to hear that old stuff? Modesty was for those who lived back in the first century (1 Tim. 2:9).

## A CHURCH THAT ALLOWS SOCIAL DRINKING

Oh, I don’t mean getting drunk! A church that understands that “wine is good for the stomach” is my kind of church (1 Tim. 5:23). Everyone knows that Jesus turned water into wine (John 2).

## SPORTS BUILD CHARACTER

A church that doesn’t know this is just out of touch. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, you know. I know what old Paul said about “exercise” but, after all, he didn’t have any kids (1 Tim. 4:7-8). A church should not expect my son/daughter to leave a game on Wednesday night to attend Bible study. They get enough studying at school!

## A NON-WITHDRAWING CHURCH

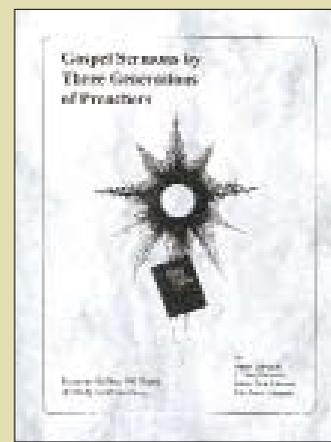
Oh, I know the old apostle Paul said, “Withdraw from those who walk disorderly” (2 Th. 3:6-15); but that will just make folks mad, and they may “withdraw themselves from the church.” After all, not many churches today are practicing this old command!

## A CHURCH WITH LESS SCRIPTURE QUOTING

We need a church which is fun to attend with funny stories, kids skits, book/movie reviews, and not so many Scriptures being used, so we can leave with a warm, fuzzy feeling.

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# The Ancient Use of Seals



MIKE WILLIS

The ancient practice of “sealing” is not too familiar to modern man. We certify the accuracy of written documents with a “notary,” with an embossed seal stamped into the papers that verify that this particular document is the one that he witnessed being signed in his presence. Ancient people also needed to verify the accuracy of various documents. They used seals. The two most common types of seal were the stamp seal and the cylinder seal; later, scarab seals were also used. The use of stamp seals is thought to go back to the seventh millennium B.C.

## THE KINDS OF SEALS

The word “seal,” or one of its derivatives, occurs over fifty times in the Bible. The Hebrew word *chatham* means “to seal, affix seal, seal up.” There are different kinds of seals mentioned in Scripture.

1. *The Royal Seal.* It is used to attest that something is authorized by the king. 1 Kings 21:8 says of Jezebel, “And she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth” (1 Kings 21:8). There are several references to royal seals in the Bible (Esth. 8:8, 10; Neh. 10:1, 2; Dan. 6:17). The significance of the king’s signet was greater than a signet from an ordinary man because it expresses royal authorization. He who has the king’s signet ring is entrusted with his power and represents him. The

holder of the king’s seal held the king’s authority. Joseph had Pharaoh’s ring (Gen. 41:42). Sometimes changes in career status of an official was marked by a new seal.

2. *The Personal Seal.* As the practice of using seals became more accessible, common men had their own signet rings. Judah committed fornication with his daughter-in-law Tamar, thinking she was a harlot. He offered a young goat from the flock for her services. She took in pledge his “signet and cord” (Gen. 38:18), while waiting for the payment for her services. Later, Tamar used Judah’s signet and cord as her proof of who was the father of her unborn child.

3. *Seals to secure property.* Not only were seals used for authenticating royal authority, the seal also served as legal protection and guarantee in relationship to property. This practice may go back to marking animals and slaves by notching, slitting, or branding (most people are familiar with branding cattle). All objects suitable for sealing could be marked as the property of the owner in this way. One purpose served by such seals was to mark ownership of the property.

Seals that secured property also could be used to secure its contents. The contents of a container, purse, vessel, sack, bale, packet, document, or even houses and graves could be sealed. The seal served as a guarantee against violation.

## STYLES OF SEALS

Biblical texts speak of several different types of seals: the signet ring and the cylinder seal (which in Judah’s case was worn on a cord about the neck). (Photo 1) The Song of Solomon records the lady as wanting to be as close to her lover as the seal upon his heart (8:6), an allusion to wearing one’s seal on a cord around



Stamp seal

Cylinder seal

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Cylinder seal



his neck, and hanging close to his heart. The earliest seals were made of stone, bone, or fired clay, but later harder stones, such as quartz, hematite, carnelian, and lapis lazuli, became popular in the third and second millennium B.C. The cylinder seal

was drilled through from top to bottom and then engraved (in intaglio, reverse drawing) to produce a positive image when rolled; the stamp seal was also engraved in intaglio. Some of the engravings include presentation themes (a person in the presence of a king or god), animals, or even childbirth.



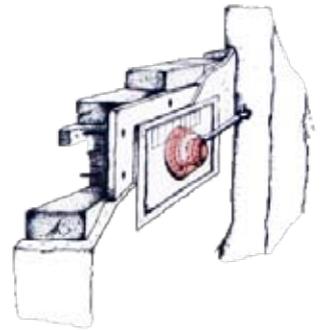
In the 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty of Egypt, the cylinder seal was replaced by the scarab or seal ring with a scarab. The scarab looked like a beetle, but was engraved on its under side. Scarab seals have been reported in all countries of the Near East.

Some stamp seals were rings and others were stamps that might be held by a figure carved as a handle for the stamp seal. The impressions left by the stamp seal were called "bullae" (plural: "bullae"). Inasmuch as a signet ring would be used over and over, the likelihood of finding a bulla of a ring is greater than finding the signet ring itself. Nevertheless, the signet ring of Jezebel, wife of Ahab, and Jotham, king of Judah (750-731 B.C.) have been found.

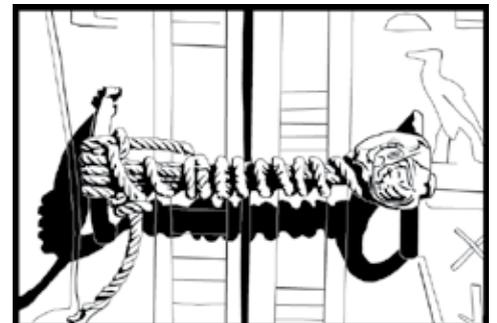
On two separate occasions, the Bible speaks of the opening of something being sealed. The lions' den into which Daniel was placed was sealed by the king's signet (Dan.



6:17), and the tomb of Jesus was sealed. A model for how these work was prepared at the Oriental Institute in Chicago, IL when I visited there in 2008. The door was shut, and then a rod attached to the doorpost was inserted in a ball of clay which was subsequently sealed with an authorized seal. The clay did not secure the den or tomb, but just verified whether or not the den/tomb had been opened by unauthorized personnel.



A similar seal was found on the tomb of King Tutankhamun when it was excavated. On some occasions where a group was responsible for something, each one of those responsible would add his own seal to the clay. Only when all were present could the seal be broken to verify that the contents had not been disturbed.



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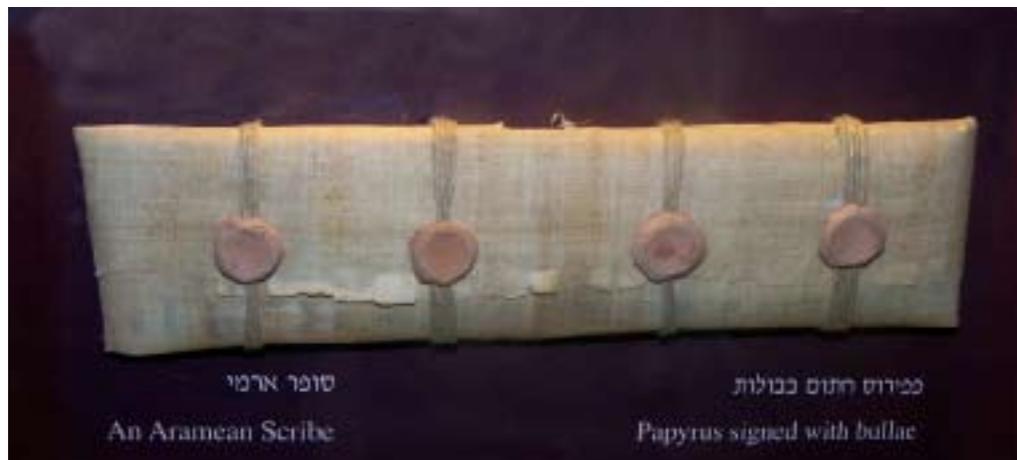
# The Ancient Use of Seals

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Seals were used to verify the authenticity of a document. A document might be written on clay and then put inside a clay envelope. Part of the document would be written on the envelope and then sealed. Should anyone dispute the authenticity of the text on the envelope, the envelope could be broken and the clay tablet inside could verify that the outside text was reliable.



When the book of Revelation begins the revelation to the seven churches, there is a scroll sealed with seven seals awaiting someone worthy to open them. This photo shows what was practiced. Papyri and leather were rolled and tied by a string or cord, whose contents were kept secure by stamping a seal on clay. The small sealed lump of clay (bullae) served to fix the string binding the rolled document or cylinder on a clay tablet as means of authorizing, witnessing, or securing the text (*Anchor Bible Dictionary*, V:



סופר ארמי  
An Aramean Scribe

פפירוס חתום בבולות  
Papyrus signed with bullae

1063). The practice of sealing a book may also be alluded to in Daniel 12:4.

## THE FIGURATIVE SENSE OF SEALING

Because of how common was the practice of sealing, the figurative use of “sealing” developed. It is used several ways in the New Testament. Here are some of them:

**1. Jesus is sealed.** John wrote, “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God *the Father has set His seal on Him*” (John 6:27). The sense is that God has authenticated that Jesus is His Son. Rather than giving him a ring to wear, Jesus was sealed by the miracles which authenticated that He was God on earth, representing the Father who sent Him.

**2. The proof (seal) of Paul’s apostleship.** When some false teachers challenged Paul’s apostleship, he said that the saints whom he had converted were his seal of authentication. “If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For *you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord*” (1 Cor. 9:2). As a seal confirms that someone is the holder of an office, so the Corinthian church was proof of Paul’s apostleship.

They confirmed Paul as an apostle, not from their mere existence as a Christian community (In this case, anyone who established a church could use the existence of that church as proof of apostleship.), but because of the miraculous gifts which Paul imparted to them and performed in their midst.

**3. Circumcision** was the “seal of the righteousness” Abraham had received while yet uncircumcised. Paul compared circumcision to God’s seal saying, “And he received the sign of circumcision, *a seal of the righteousness of the faith* which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also” (Rom. 4:11). Circumcision was not what made the one justified before God, but was a designation of membership in the covenant community. It was evidence that such a one was part of the community of people who descended from Abraham.

**4. God's people are sealed.** Paul used the figure several times when he wrote:

... who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee (2 Cor. 1:22).

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1:13).

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).

The sealing of the Holy Spirit is evidence that one is a child of God. Some have understood this in the sense of a personal indwelling. However, such an indwelling would be no evidence to others. A better understanding is to see the miraculous gifts which the Holy Spirit gave to the Gentile Christians as evidence of their acceptance before God on the same conditions as the Jews. Miraculous gifts also certified their standing before God. The sealing shows that these people belong to God; they have been marked in the same way as the slave or the soldier.

**5. The sense of security.** Not only did seals provide an authenticating evidence, they also preserved something intact until it was ready for use. The sealing of a door guaranteed that no one had entered that door without permission.

The sealing of the tomb of Jesus showed that no one had entered the tomb in order to steal His body.

Saints are sealed until they stand before God. Paul wrote, "Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His'" (2 Tim. 2:19). God knows those who are His, and draws His saints near to Him. He knows His own lovingly, and does not cease to know them, but always keeps them for His own. These saints are sealed, preserved safe and intact, until they stand before the Lord in heaven.

John used the same figure when he described God's faithful as having the "seal" of God on their forehead (Rev. 7:4). The mark identifies them as God's own and, by so identifying them, serves as a protection against the coming attacks of the demonic powers. In face of serious assaults, the faithful feel wholly incompetent to do battle. So God seals His servants on their foreheads to show that they are His own possession, and that no spirit, whether human or demonic, can separate them from His love.

## CONCLUSION

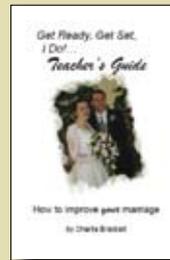
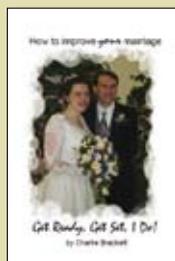
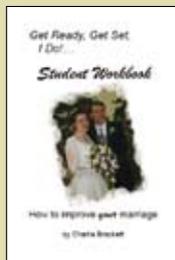
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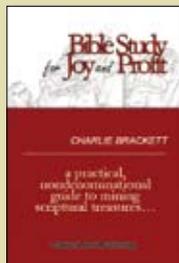
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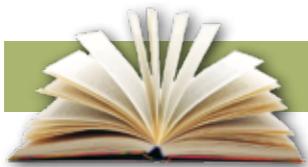
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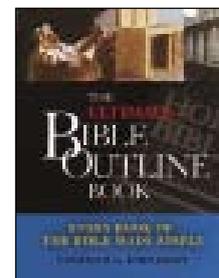
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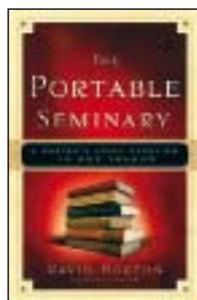
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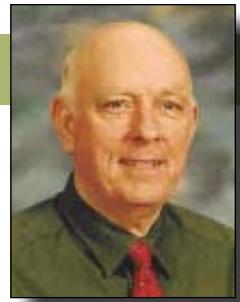
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BOBBY L. GRAHAM

### **Question:**

***Why does the Bible describe God as approving the murder of ancient people, even their children? Is not this beneath the character of God?***

### **Answer:**

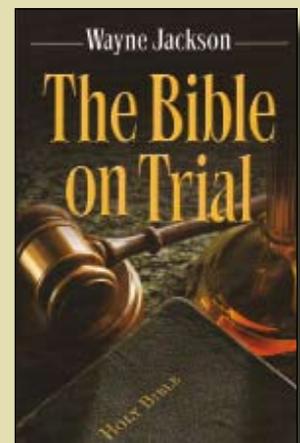
*A local college professor wrote a column in our local newspaper; to which I wrote a response in the "Letters to the Editor" column. That letter, necessarily brief, follows in this answer column, because it includes the salient points of this issue.*

Professor Mark Durm criticized Israel's destruction of the Midianites (Num. 31), though admitting its coming from a "very reliable source." He described it as "appalling" and a "travesty" to the civilized world, omitted the Law of God's treatment prescribed in Deuteronomy 20-21 for captured female slaves (Did he imply the army's sexual abuse of the victims?), compared Israel's destruction of Midian to Al-Qaeda terrorism, and confessed himself unable to worship such a God as the Old Testament depicts. Such attacks on the Bible will not go unchallenged!

We first ask why the learned professor ignored facts from that same "reliable source": (1) God promised protection of His people Israel against her enemies (Gen. 12:3). (2) In a conspiracy with Moab, Midian earlier opposed Israel and attempted to involve her in the sluttish immoralities of pagan idolatry (Num. 25). (3) When God, who says, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," directed His people to execute His judgments, they were not then carrying out personal revenge. (4) Divine punishment, even when executed by human agents, does not equate the terrorism plaguing our world. (5) Some moral influences are so degenerately evil that God says they must be removed, even as a cancer must be cut away (Prov. 14:34).

May we understand that arguing with this treatment of the Midianites is arguing with God. Is the psychology professor so erudite or wise that he can counsel God? The same reliable source records similar treatment of evil societies in the world before the flood and in Sodom. The basic

problem which we here address is man's unwillingness to let God be God. He seeks to become God by de-throning God and enthroning his own path (Jer. 10:23). Unwilling to let God instruct him, He decides which God/church he prefers. Such is the essence of paganism and of all humanly invented religion. The professor indicated his unwillingness to worship Jehovah of the Old Testament, but he will discover by careful study that God in the New Testament exercises the same power of Deity to punish and to wield the sword of justice (Rom. 12:17; 13:1-7). He is both good and severe (Rom. 11:22). Will the professor now also refuse to worship the God of the New Testament? To disregard any teaching of the Scriptures is to create an artificial view of God or His will.



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# Steal Away Somewhere and Pray



LEWIS WILLIS

I have had a thought “floating around in my head” for several weeks. I have simply been unable to make up my mind about how to address it. The thought is one of comfort to God’s people. I hope the message of this article promotes that comfort in you. First, I need to present some obvious points.

In the discussions that followed Jesus’ healing of the blind man, the Jewish leaders acknowledged an understood truth: “Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth” (John 9:31).

This understanding of the Jews was based on the teaching of the Law. The Psalmist wrote: “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate” (Psa. 34:15-22).

This truth was also understood by Peter when he addressed this same subject. “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil” (1 Pet. 3:12).

Therefore, a person in rebellion against God will not be heard when he prays.

## THE SINNER MUST OBEY GOD

God’s Word tells the sinner to believe, repent, and be baptized to be saved and become one of God’s children (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27). Thus, one need not think that he can live in defiance of God’s teaching in the

Bible, yet expect God to help in his time of trouble, if he prays to Him. Such will not happen.

## A DIFFERENT REQUIREMENT

On the other hand, if a person worships God, and does His will, that person’s prayers are heard by God. An honest, sincere attempt to live as God instructs brings the blessing of access to God through prayer.

Jesus and the apostolic writers instruct God’s people to pray. Notice some of these instructions:

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name...” (Matt. 6:9).

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Lk. 18:1).

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints...” (Eph. 6:18).

“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).

“I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (1 Tim. 2:8).

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42).

So, there is no doubting that the Lord expects His servants to be a people of prayer. None will deny the need for such.

## A SPECIAL BLESSING

I’ve known a great number of Christians in my time. Among those one would regard as faithful to God, a distinguishing characteristic has been their readiness to confess, “I’ve made, and make, a lot of mistakes in my life!” This statement is made, not as a boast, but as a simple confession of weakness at times, when one fails to do what God requires.

A special provision has been made by God for His people in those circumstances. Two passages of Scripture come

to mind when I think of this truth. After Simon had been converted to Christ, he sinned. He was told: "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee" (Acts 8:22). The other statement is found in James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Thus, a faithful child of God, knowing sin has occurred in his life, confesses that sad fact, repents, and then he prays to God for forgiveness. God hears that prayer and promises forgiveness. This is the special blessing and provision God made for His children.

### THE THOUGHT WHICH PROMPTS THIS ARTICLE

I have heard a song, the message of which brings comfort to me. My daughter-in-law, Michelle, found the words for me on the Internet, so I could share them with you. The song was written by Albert Brumley about 1946. Consider the comforting thought of that song.

Ev'ry time I do a deed I shouldn't do,  
Ev'ry time I say a word I shouldn't say;  
Let me tell you what I do and it brings a blessing, too,  
I just steal away somewhere and pray.

Oftentimes I'm made to bow my head in shame  
At some idle thought or deed along life's way,  
I never am ashamed of my Savior's precious name,  
I just steal away somewhere and pray.

Christ, the Savior, always hears and answers pray'r,  
And He gives me many blessings ev'ry day;  
So when I have tried my best and I've failed to pass the  
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I just steal away somewhere and pray.

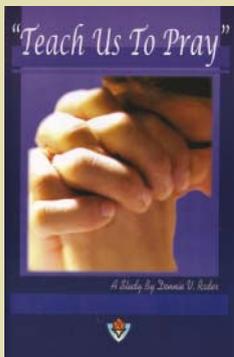
I just steal away, I just steal away,  
And I ask my blessed Lord to lead the way;  
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I just steal away somewhere and pray.

### CONCLUSION

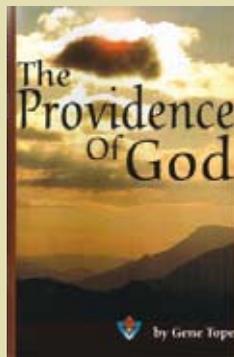
How often, in the lives of those who sincerely serve the Lord, do we find it necessary to do as that song says? Sure, we all confess that we fail to do as we should from time to time! Can you imagine not having this blessed provision of God to use on those occasions when sin has entered our lives again, interrupting our fellowship with God?

Yes, there is a blessing and a comfort in these words penned by Albert Brumley years ago. They convey God's promise of forgiveness when His children try, but fail, to live as they should. My brother, don't stop trying, and don't stop praying when you fail! What benefit is there in this special blessing from God, if we fail to avail ourselves of it when we need forgiveness?

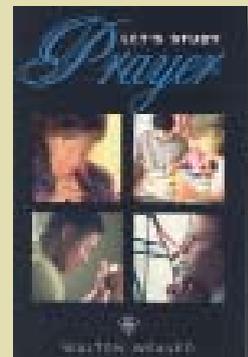
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# “By Reason of Strength”

RONNY E. HINDS

I am sure that most of us are familiar with Psalm 90:10. It says, *“The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”*

I have a tendency to think more about those words now, having just a few days ago bumped across the 73 marker of my life. I guess one could say that I am on the “*by reason of strength*” side of those words. At least I am still here and heading in that direction.

Old age brings on the reality of aging, its aches and pains, its wearing out and visiting the doctor more.

I am extremely sensitive to the many difficulties young people face in their lives – especially young Christians. I pray for them often. I wouldn’t want to go back to those days.

However, I have come to fully appreciate the serious difficulties old people face. There is the physical and emotional frustration of no longer being able to do the things you once did – at least with the ease you once did them. There is the concern of diminishing mental abilities. There is often financial concerns and of being able to continue to provide for yourself. There is the concern over family and of their faithfulness to the Lord. There is the loss by death of friends, brethren, family, and, yes, spouses. All these things rob the aged of the context in which we have lived our whole lives. That is our comfort zone and now it is gradually and knowingly going away, and there is nothing we can do about it. It is like entering an unfamiliar, new world. I understand how it can be scary for some.

I remember when I was younger and dealing with my aged parents. Honestly, I must admit now, that I don’t think I really understood what was going on in their lives – how they felt. Maybe I offer it as an excuse, but I don’t think I really could. It is one of those things you have to experience. We all have a tendency to limit our vision to only what we see out of *our* eyes. If I were to offer some advice, it is for children and others to try to see the lives of the aged through their aging eyes and to exercise patience and forbearance. I know it’s hard, but try! For us older ones, be more forgiving, tolerant, and under-

standing when those younger don’t quite get it. Remember when you were their age!

In all of this, I trust I have learned something about aging, pain, sickness, approaching death, and the answering of prayer. It is that God doesn’t always see it as I see and want it. God may well see it as a time for my/your re-evaluation of priorities – both spiritual and physical – for all involved. The aging can learn. Their children can learn. Their friends can learn. We must be open, self-evaluating and honest with ourselves as we experience this time in our lives. Listen: *“It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes”* (Psa. 119:71). *“Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness’”* (2 Cor. 12:8-9). *“Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?”* (Job 2:10).

Since sin came into the world, life cannot be lived without pain and sorrow. It is the way it is, even for Christians. Yes, God wants us happy, but He speaks of happiness through trials (James 1:12). He also says, *“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution”* (2 Tim. 3:12). And He promises, *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it”* (1 Cor. 10:13).

Adult children, you have responsibilities to your parents even if they have not been the best of parents. The requirement of honoring is not qualified by if they have been good (Eph. 6:1-3; 1 Tim. 5:1-4). Aging parents, if you have not been what you should have been, ask God’s and your children’s forgiveness. Everyone! Seek reconciliation! Make the closing years good ones. Do what you can (Mark 14:8), *“as much as [it] depends on you”* (Rom. 12:18).

Scripture says of Abraham’s death that he *“breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was gathered to his people”* (Gen. 25:8, NASB). I pray yours and mine will be such.

*“Maranatha”* (1 Cor 16:22 KJV/NASB).

# John Cooper: When He Was Reviled, He Followed Christ

DEBORAH WILLIAMS

**W**e all influence many people in our lives, sometimes positively, and unfortunately, sometimes in a negative way. At times, we intentionally do or say something with the goal of influencing another. Other times, without even realizing it, our actions and words influence the people around us, even people whom we have never met. As Christians, we must strive to follow Christ's example, so that our influence will always be for the good of ourselves and others. Peter urged us to do this in 1 Peter 2:21-23.

For even unto this were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps, "who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth"; who when He was reviled, reviled not in return; when He suffered, He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously. . . .

One way that we influence people is by our reactions to what is said about us, said to us, or done to us. When someone says something cruel to us, do we say something cruel back?

In the *Baytown Sun* newspaper (June 25, 2008), there was an article about John Cooper. He has been a member of the church, attending at Pruett and Lobit Church of Christ in



Baytown, TX for as long as I can remember. The article was about his work as the shoe shine man in a barbershop. He has retired after forty-six years of work there. Here is an excerpt:

Though Cooper said he was always treated well, back in the old days, a different time, folks would make their comments about this black man, using racial slurs in the second person. But Cooper shrugged it off. "Didn't make any difference to me," Cooper said. "They said what they said. I knew who I was. Didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't run around. The people that got to know me found out I was a good fella."

Mr. Cooper followed the advice of wise Solomon in Ecclesiastes 7:21

Also, do not take seriously all words which are spoken, so that you will not hear your servant cursing you.

He also followed Christ's example, as seen in 1 Peter 2:23 and Philippians 2:6.

. . . who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped.

We often feel justified if we lash back, end all contact, end friendship, or refuse courtesy towards someone who has truly wronged us. After all, we think, they deserve it. Maybe they do, but that does not mean we have the authority to give them what they deserve. When reviled, John Cooper followed Christ's example, and we must do the same. Christ had every right to destroy all those who opposed Him while on this earth and to shun Judas and Peter, but He took the high road.

We need to realize that Christ has every right to lash back, end all contact, end friendship, and refuse courtesy towards us, for we have truly wronged Him. He does just the opposite. He continues to plead for us to draw near to Him, and graciously accepts us when we come back to Him.

Let us often look to mature, wise members of the Lord's body, such as brother Cooper, and learn from them. Let us pray for them, that they will continue to have strength in the Lord. Ultimately, let us realize that their wisdom comes from studying and applying God's word, and let that encourage us to do the same.

# Did Holy Spirit Baptism Save the Household of Cornelius?



JUSTIN MONTS

**M**any in denominations claim that Holy Spirit baptism saved the household of Cornelius. This passage is commonly cited by those who do not believe that immersion in water is for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). What exactly are we to learn from this case of conversion?

Let us bear in mind that the same man who was sent to Cornelius' house later wrote in an epistle that baptism now saves us, and years earlier had taught that one must repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (1 Pet. 3:21; Acts 2:38). Would he bring a different plan of salvation to Cornelius? Look at the details of the narrative. An angel told Cornelius that he would hear *words* from Peter by which he would be saved (Acts 11:14). The angel said to Cornelius that Peter would tell him what he must do (Acts 10:6). Upon the arrival of the apostle, Cornelius acknowledged, "We are all present before God to hear all the things commanded you by God" (v. 33). What did he look for in these commands? "Words" which he "must do" (obey) (10:6) in order to be "saved" (11:14). After having told Peter that all were gathered together to hear all the things commanded him by God, Peter responded by saying, "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation whoever fears him and works righteousness is accepted by him." Peter then showed what works of righteousness were needed to be accepted by God. As with every other conversion in the book of Acts, Cornelius would have to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized to be saved (Acts 2:1-47; 8:5-13, 26-39; 9:1-18; 16:14-34; 18:1-8; 19:1-7). These are the works of God, not of men.

So why did the Spirit fall upon Cornelius' house? The Spirit fell to demonstrate to the Jewish Christians present with Peter that Gentiles were candidates for the gospel. Peter himself did not have a full understanding of this prior to the vision of the sheet of unclean animals coming down and being pronounced clean. Note what the record says: "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell

upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also" (Acts 10:45). The circumcision who believed were amazed, because God had demonstrated that even the Gentiles could stand on the same level as Jewish Christians, if they complied with the terms of the gospel. The Gentiles would not first have to become Jews before becoming Christians! God acknowledged that they could be as "fellow heirs of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ through the gospel" (Eph. 3:4). How would that be accomplished? How would they enter into that same body? Jesus already gave the answer in the great commission. It would be by means of water baptism (Mark 16:15-16). Thus, Peter asked, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized" (Acts 10:47)? Now convinced that Gentiles should be recipients of the gospel, Peter's companions could not object. So Peter "commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (v. 48).

What is baptism in the name of the Lord? Baptism in the name of the Lord is baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 10:48). Look at the immediacy of such action! They did not wait several weeks or months to perform the baptism. They did not wait until others could first be gathered together who might also be interested in committing themselves to Christ. Why was it done so soon? It's because Peter and all first century Christians understood that water baptism is *essential* to salvation, *essential* to becoming a child of God.

We must always look at the context to see what is signified by the manifestation of the Spirit. The Spirit's manifestation can mean different things in different contexts.

John the Immerser was filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). Did that mean he was saved even before he was born? No. It signified that he was to play a special role in paving the way for the Messiah (John 1:22-23).

The Spirit fell upon Jesus at His own baptism. Did that mean that Jesus was saved by the Spirit falling on Him? No. Jesus was the author of salvation. He did not need salvation. The Spirit falling upon Jesus verified to the audience that He was God's chosen one (John 1:33-34).

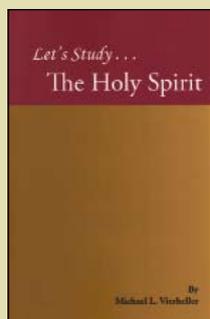
The Spirit fell upon the apostles on the Day of Pentecost. Did that mean that the apostles were saved by the Spirit falling on them? No, because Jesus, during His ministry, had already declared them to be clean (John 13:10). The Spirit falling upon the apostles informed the multitudes that God approved their message.

In like manner, the Spirit falling on Cornelius' house taught Peter and his company that Gentiles were to be brought into the church even as the Jews were to be brought in (Acts 10:45). That was the purpose.

If we say that the Spirit falling on Cornelius' house means that salvation occurred at that instant, we run into many dilemmas, not the least of which is in this text, too.

Peter said, "And as I began to speak the Holy Spirit fell..." (Acts 11:15). Did you ever realize that the Spirit fell on Cornelius' house even before they could believe? If the Spirit falling upon Cornelius' house means that baptism is not necessary, it also teaches belief is not essential! Those in denominations haven't used this passage to teach faith is not required. So why do they teach water baptism is not a part of the plan of salvation by using this text?

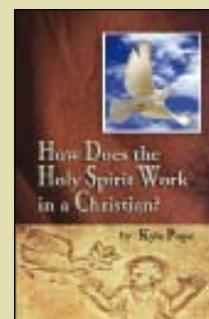
Let us be fair with the teaching of Scripture. The Bible says, "The sum of your word is truth" (Ps. 119:160). Belief and baptism are joined together in salvation (Mark 16:16). To borrow an expression from Peter, "But we believe that through the grace of Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they" (Acts 15:11). Cornelius and his house were saved with water baptism and not apart from it! Would you not submit to the same plan of salvation taught consistently in the book of Acts? The good news of the gospel is that *you* can be saved in the same manner as they!



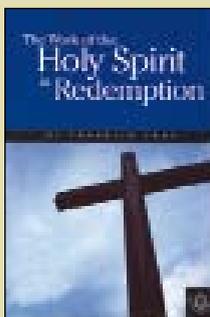
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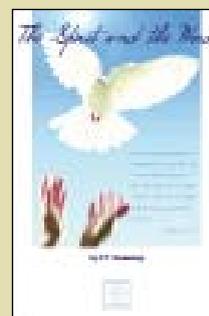
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# Life Mingled with Myrrh



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**M**ark 15:23 says of Jesus before His crucifixion, “Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.”

Imagine you are going to have an operation: Major Surgery. Hypothetically speaking, you are given the choice: anesthesia or nothing at all for the pain. Which would you choose?

If you are like me, you take Advil (or some other painkiller) for a headache. So, of course, if given the choice, we would take the anesthesia for surgery. Painkillers for physical ailments are commonly used. We need to ease the pain, to dull the senses. This was no different in ancient times. Consider the context of Mark 15:23.

## WINE MINGLED WITH MYRRH

Before His crucifixion, Jesus was subjected to substantial bodily harm and pain. After being betrayed by one of His own, taken into custody to the High Priest and elders, He was spat upon, blindfolded, pummeled with fists about the head, and slapped in the face, bound, and led to Pilate (Mark 14:53-65). There He was scourged. The purpose of a scourge was to rend and tear flesh open. So His back was torn apart and bloody. At that time, the Roman cohort mocked Him by clothing Him with a purple robe and placing a crown of thorns on His head. Then they beat his head with a rod, digging those thorns into His brow deeper and deeper (Mark 15:15-20). His back was bloody and shredded at that point, and they placed cloth over it. Remember what happens when you place cloth over an open wound? It sticks to it. Then they tore the robe off Him, reopening the wounds. His own clothes were placed on Him and He was led way to be crucified. He was so weak He couldn't carry His own cross, so they enlisted the aid of a man named, Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:21). Jesus was brought to Golgotha where He would be crucified. The Jews offered Him something to drink (Mark 15:22-23). They offered Him wine mixed with myrrh. Why? What is myrrh? Why didn't He take it? Myrrh has many uses: perfume, incense, cosmetics,

embalming, medicines, and drugs, or narcotics. The Jews had a custom of offering a condemned man wine mixed with myrrh to deaden the pain. In this case, the myrrh was like labdanum, it would dull the senses before execution. Jesus refused it.

## DULLING THE SENSES

Why did He refuse it? Jesus was facing the problem of sin, the sin of the world, and He chose to confront it head-on. To take the wine mixed with myrrh would deaden the pain and dull the senses. He may not have been conscious enough to fulfill the prophecies about Himself as fully as He did (John 19:28-30: He knew there was Scripture still to fulfill from Psalm 69:21: “They gave me gall for my food and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink”). Gall is a poisonous herb. The myrrh was poison to His mind. He refused it so that He might be conscious of His mission and confront the problem. Right after He refused, they stripped Him again, tearing His body's wounds open, and then they drove nails into His hands and feet and crucified Him on a cross. *If ever there were a time for anesthesia, we would think this is it!* Our Lord refused it so that He might endure it on His own rather than through the aid of a narcotic.

We understand the need for physical painkillers and I'm not against them (when used as directed). There is a spiritual application in this account of refusing the “wine mingled with myrrh.” What happens when we take the mindset of “easing the pain” physically and apply it to our spiritual lives? By that, I mean there are things we sometimes do to ignore spiritual problems in our lives, in our congregations, etc. that act as spiritual painkillers and dull the senses.

## TURNING TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ARE FORMS OF DULLING THE SENSES

They don't solve problems; they often make bigger ones. Drunkenness is listed as one of the deeds of the flesh for which one can lose his soul (Gal. 5:21, 23). Self-control is listed, as one of the deeds of the Spirit, against

which there is no law. Elders of the church are not to be addicted to strong drink, but to be sober (1 Tim. 3:2-3). It is not for leaders who shoulder responsibility to drink lest they forget their duty (Prov. 31:4-7). Let us not be drunk as some become, for that is a deed of darkness; let us be sober as we are of the light (1 Thess. 5:4-8). Drugs and alcohol are a physical substance some use to avoid dealing with emotional problems, and sometimes spiritual problems. It might drown the pain, but the problem still exists, and turning to those forms of “painkillers” only causes more problems.

### **PRETENDING NOTHING IS WRONG**

Pretending the problem doesn't exist doesn't make the problem go away. As Christians we are told to be ready for action (1 Pet. 1:1). Peter says be ready for it. Prepare to act. Be sober minded. Confront it head-on. Church discipline would not get done properly if the members pretended there was no sin in the camp (Rom. 12:3-5). When one of the members of our body has a problem, even a tiny part like a fingernail or pinky, are they easy to ignore? They can't heal if we ignore them; so it is with the church. We need to be prepared to fight (if need be) to get the sin out of the camp. The church at Corinth was condemned by Paul for doing just that. In 1 Corinthians 5 Paul rebuked them for not taking action against a man who took his father's wife. They allowed sin in the camp! Our families are the same, in that we must confront problems within our families to get rid of sin, rather than pretend it's not there and hope it goes away. We need to be alert and ready for action!

### **OCCUPYING OURSELVES WITH EVERYTHING BUT THE PROBLEM**

There are those who handle emotional/spiritual pain by busying themselves with other things. Problem procrastination can make a problem bigger by the time we do confront it. Sometimes we let other things distract us; we actively pursue other things so as not to have to deal with what is going on in our lives. In the process we not only ignore the problem, but create bigger ones by ignoring our families, loved ones, and friends. Often we ignore God. Some people make themselves busy with work or hobbies, or chores around the house, which by themselves are good things to do, but can distract one from facing the problem. Ignoring one's problems by focusing on other things usually creates many smaller problems and causes strife within a family and church. By ignoring it we deaden the pain and do not deal with it.

### **BLAMING THE PROBLEM ON OTHERS**

Pointing fingers and placing blame on others instead of confronting your problem causes bigger problems and

can ruin relationships. Each person will give account of his own deeds (Rom. 14:11-12). There will be no excuses or blame for sin. Drugs and alcohol won't even be an excuse for wrongful behavior. Temporary insanity won't cut it. God will judge according to each person's deeds. Blaming and ignoring as a way of deadening the pain may have a temporary effect here, but will carry over an eternal pain in the long run. Take responsibility for your actions, repent and ask for forgiveness, and move on. It will lift a huge weight from your shoulders. It is the right answer.

### **LOOKING THE OTHER WAY**

Looking the other way is an improper action. Peace at all costs. “If I don't see it, I don't have to deal with it.” Looking the other way is to be a blind, dumb watchman (Isa. 56:10). What are they good for? Nothing. Ineffective. Useless. Blind and dumb watchmen cannot warn or alert anybody of impending doom. Paul warns Timothy that there will come a time when men of the faith, men he might even know personally, will find teachers more to their liking, to hear what they want to hear. Timothy is warned to be alert and to be sober in all things. He is warned to be a watchman (2 Tim. 4:5). One cannot be a good watchman if he is looking the other way, and cannot warn others if he is unwilling to speak up. Blind and mute! Looking the other way is an invitation for Satan to blind-side you. It doesn't solve anything. Often, a “blind and dumb watchman” becomes a dead watchman. So it is for our souls. When we purposefully look the other way, our souls are spiritually dead.

### **LIFE MINGLED WITH MYRRH**

All these and others are forms in which we ignore the problem, hoping it will go away.

More often than not, we end up ignoring God along with our families and loved ones. Jesus refused the “wine mingled with myrrh” so that His judgment would not be clouded, that His purpose would not be hindered. Spiritually deadening the pain is the beginning of eternal pain.

We are told the end is near and we need to be found watching and waiting (1 Pet. 4:7; 5:8). Be alert. Be sober. Satan is looking for the opportune moment to strike. When our senses are dulled, and our judgment clouded, don't think we're not weak. Satan knows a blind and dumb watchman when he sees one. We need to be alert watchmen. Will you be found watching and waiting? Or, do you live your life mingled with myrrh? If you haven't already, be alert, become a watchman on the wall, and suffer hardships as a good soldier of Christ (2 Tim. 2:3)!

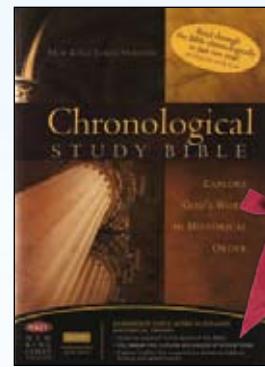


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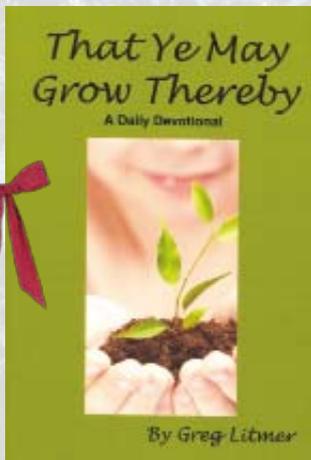
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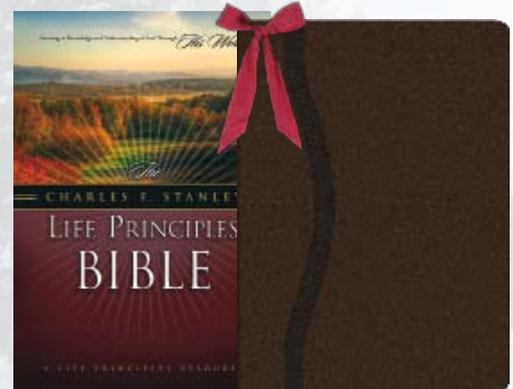
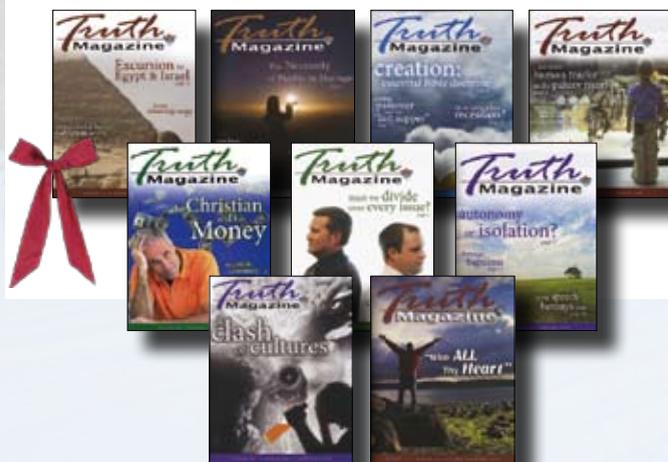


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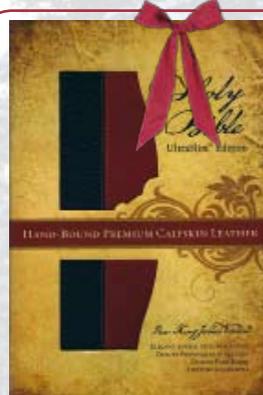
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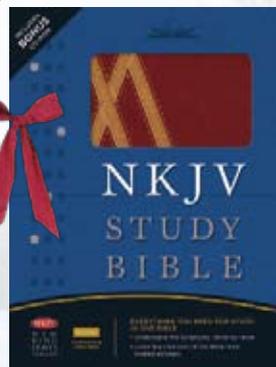


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# The Passing of Weldon E. Warnock

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I never tried to copy Weldon, although I learned from him. He was inimitable. Anyone who tried to copy him was doomed to fail.

Weldon was a much more “rounded” individual than I am. He was an avid golfer, a fisherman, hunter, comedian, softball player, and could play the piano, guitar, banjo, violin, and perhaps other instruments. And, he took the time to enjoy each of these things. In the meantime, I had my head stuck in a book.

He pulled all of the teeth of my two children, Jenny and Corey. Neither Sandy nor I was able to bring ourselves to give those baby teeth the little jerk that they needed to finally break loose. I think Jenny and Corey probably collected a \$1 from him from each of those teeth that he pulled! They have not forgotten.

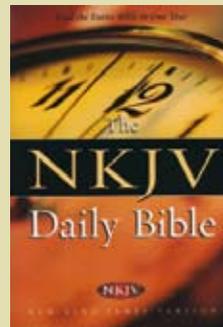
While Weldon was at Knollwood, he invited me to play golf with Harold Smith and him. We went out that morning and I chased the little white ball all over those “cow pastures.” They were patient with me. At the end of nine holes, I was thinking we would go home. I was ready for this adventure to be over. Harold and Weldon proceeded to the tenth hole. I picked up my ball and watched as we walked the back nine. I was bored and I had already realized that I couldn’t count high enough to keep up with my score anyway!

On another occasion, the same two brethren encouraged me to go rabbit hunting with them. Both of them owned rabbit dogs and went out regularly during hunting season. We had not been out very long until the dogs jumped a rabbit that ran in my direction. I cracked off a shot and nailed it on the first shot! We hunted for another couple of hours, during which they did most of the killing and I walked through the weeds. Toward the end of the morning the dogs brought a rabbit toward me. It was coming down a hill towards me when I spotted it. I was using a 12-gauge pump shotgun and as it came closer toward me, I started shooting. I think I emptied my gun. Finally, the rabbit got right in front of me, held up its ears in surrender, and I shot it! Harold and Weldon were almost rolling in laughter, telling me that it sounded like a war, but I brought home the poor rabbit, though neither Sandy nor I knew what to do with it once I had killed it!

Weldon loved to tell jokes. On several occasions, he was the “entertainment” at our Board meeting. It didn’t matter if you had heard him tell the same joke two or three times before, just watching him tell it made it just

as funny as the first time you heard it. He laughed at his own joke, as much as his audience did!

I will miss my good brother. He was an encouragement in the Lord. Right before our eyes, we are witnessing the passing of a generation of God-fearing men who helped lead God’s people through the troubled waters of church sponsored recreation, the sponsoring church arrangement, and church support of human institutions (orphan homes, colleges, medical missions, old folks homes, unwed mothers homes, etc.). These brethren preached the truth on these issues clearly enough that they were able to salvage the churches with which they labored from following the majority of congregations into liberalism. Most of these brethren lived long enough to wonder whether or not this generation is hearing enough preaching on these (and other) issues to recognize error and to have enough conviction to stand when facing the issues of this generation. Many of them have lamented in my presence preaching that is not emphasizing the first principles, is not proclaiming the distinctive characteristics of the Lord’s church, and not educating the local church to understand the difference between the Lord’s church and humanly devised religion. May their example remind us of our need for faithful adherence to the truth. “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation” (Heb. 13:7).



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<p><b>FLORENCE, AL</b> College View Church of Christ 851 N. Pine St. (Next to University Campus) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Mark White (256) 766-0403</p>	<p><b>MONTGOMERY, AL</b> Eastbrook Church of Christ 650 Coliseum Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Bldg: (334) 272-4232 Evangelist: Brian Moore 279-1077 Carroll Puckett 288-1461; Charles Martin 283-2983; Bob Smith 334-277-1904</p>	<p><b>GLENDALE, AZ</b> Church of Christ 6801 N. 60th Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:40 A.M. Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Evening 5:40 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Harper</p>	<p><b>FT. SMITH, AR</b> South 46th St. Church of Christ 2323 South 46th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Hagenbuch (479) 478-6108 or 782-0588</p>	<p><b>ROGERS, AR</b> Central Church of Christ P.O. Box 763 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ricky Manes (479) 636-7484 (479) 685-5067</p>	<p><b>EL CAJON/SAN DIEGO, CA</b> Church of Christ 523 S. Johnson Ave El Cajon, CA 92020 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Mulligan (619) 444-6106 (619) 922-0395</p>
<p><b>HUNTSVILLE, AL</b> Chapman Acres Church of Christ 2137 Penhall Dr., NE (I-565, Exit 21, left on Maysville Rd., left on Chapman Ave., right on Penhall Dr.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Roger Blackwelder (256) 536-5296 or 617-2848</p>	<p><b>NORTHPORT, AL</b> Northwood Church of Christ 4601 Northwood Estates Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Hartselle</p>	<p><b>TUCSON, AZ</b> Church of Christ 145 N. Country Club Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Hugh Delong 326-3634 or 722-3179</p>	<p><b>HARRISON, AR</b> Capps Rd. Church of Christ 407 Bella Vista Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Sewell 741-9104 or 741-5151</p>	<p><b>TEXARKANA, AR</b> Church of Christ 2301 Franklin Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marc R. Hinds</p>	<p><b>FOLSOM, CA</b> Church of Christ 900 E. Natomas St. P.O. Box 492 Worship 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: David Posey (530) 676-9514 or (916) 608-4866 www.folsomchurch.com</p>

<p><b>FREMONT, CA</b> Centerville Church of Christ 3885 Beacon Ave, Ste D Fremont, CA 94538 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (510) 794-7659</p>	<p><b>MONTRORSE, CO</b> San Juan church of Christ 1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit C Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 2:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Richard Thetford (970) 626-5558 or (970) 249-8116 www.sanjuanchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>FORT LAUDERDALE, FL</b> Northside Church of Christ 912 NW 19th St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (305) 763-1404</p>	<p><b>KEY LARGO, FL</b> Key Largo Church of Christ 100695 N. Overseas Hwy. 33037 m.m. 100.5 on U.S. 1 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Roland Fritz (305) 451-1194</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> S. Bumbo Church of Christ 3940 S. Bumbo Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua C. Creel (407) 851-8031 or (321) 235-3307</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>
<p><b>HEMET, CA</b> Church of Christ 203 W. Acacia Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (951)925-1991</p>	<p><b>Place Your Ad Today!</b></p>	<p><b>FORT MYERS, FL</b> Church of Christ 200 Pine Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Vernon E. Ford (239) 567-0819</p>	<p><b>KISSIMMEE, FL</b> Church of Christ 2431 Fortune Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Copeland (407) 931-1725 or 348-0300</p>	<p><b>PALATKA, FL</b> Palatka Church of Christ 505 Third Ave. (Third Ave. intersects Hwy. 19 one block south of Hwy. 20) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Skomp (386) 326-3952 or 546-5689</p>	<p><b>SEFFNER, FL</b> Church of Christ 621 E. Wheeler Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297 www.seffnercoc.org</p>
<p><b>LONG BEACH, CA</b> Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Lonnice Fritz (562) 420-2363 Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577 (562) 377-1674</p>	<p><b>DOVER, DE</b> Kent-Sussex Church of Christ 2041 South DuPont Hwy Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (302) 672-7087 www.delawarebiblestudies.com</p>	<p><b>FORT MYERS, FL</b> Southside Church of Christ 13641 Learning Ct. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David P. Schmidt 433-2838 or 482-2158</p>	<p><b>LAKELAND, FL</b> Lakeland Hills Blvd. Church of Christ 2510 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelists: Marc W. Gibson Don Hastings (863) 688-4336</p>	<p><b>PALMETTO, FL</b> Palmetto Church of Christ 1575 14th Avenue W. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: David Beck (941) 722-1307, or (941) 803-8084 www.palmettochurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>TAMPA, FL</b> Central Church of Christ 2701 E. Fowler Ave (in the Clarion) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. John Lockaby (813) 833-5786 John Trimble (813) 914-0546 Tom O'Neal (813) 625-5651</p>
<p><b>OCEANSIDE-VISTA, CA</b> Church of Christ 2020 Sunset Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Lowell C. Bell (760) 940-8003</p>	<p><b>ALACHUA, FL</b> Santa Fe Hills Church of Christ Hwy. 441, 1/2 mile west of I-75 (Exit 78) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (386) 462-4325 or (352) 333-7003</p>	<p><b>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL</b> 6 Lane Dr. Mary Esther, FL Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222</p>	<p><b>MERRITT ISLAND, FL</b> Church of Christ 512 Plumosa St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (321) 453-3320</p>	<p><b>PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL</b> Beach Church of Christ 8910 Front Beach Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ben Liggins (850) 234-2521 or 234-1368</p>	<p><b>ZEPHYRHILLS, FL</b> Church of Christ 5444 4th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Assembly 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (813) 788-9587</p>
<p><b>ARVADA, CO</b> (Denver) Northgate Church of Christ (Lincoln Academy Charter School) 6980 Pierce Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Afternoon Class/ Worship 1:30 P.M. (303) 456-4895</p>	<p><b>BRONSON, FL</b> Church of Christ 894 E. Hathaway (Hwy. 27A) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Zellner (352) 528-3058</p>	<p><b>FROSTPROOF, FL</b> Church of Christ 40 W. "A" St. Frostproof, FL 33483 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Freese (863) 635-2607 or 635-4278</p>	<p><b>MIAMI, FL</b> Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p><b>PANAMA CITY, FL</b> Church of Christ 3339 Florida Ave. (Between Baldwin Rd. &amp; Hwy. 390) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin Hudson (850) 265-6539</p>	<p><b>CENTERVILLE, GA</b> Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1128</p>
<p><b>COLORADO SPRINGS, CO</b> Northeast Church of Christ 6660 Galley Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (719) 597-6661</p>	<p><b>BROOKSVILLE, FL</b> Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803</p>	<p><b>GENEVA, FL</b> Church of Christ Ave. C and 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. (407) 349-9998</p>	<p><b>MIAMI, FL</b> Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437</p>	<p><b>PENSACOLA, FL</b> East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Stan Adams 479-2130 or 994-7749</p>	<p><b>CONYERS, GA</b> Rockdale Church of Christ East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932; Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987; Building (770) 929-3973</p>
<p><b>FT. COLLINS, CO</b> Foothills Church of Christ 1200 Raintree Drive Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:30 A.M. Call (970) 482-9690 for Wednesday Service (Meets in home.)</p>	<p><b>CHIPLEY, FL</b> Church of Christ 1295 Brickyard Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 638-4942</p>	<p><b>HOLLYWOOD, FL</b> Harding St. Church of Christ 5828 Harding St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (954) 961-4112</p>	<p><b>OCALA, FL</b> Church of Christ 3900 S. Pine (441, 301 &amp; 27 S.) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Al Sandlin 352-351-5188</p>	<p><b>To make changes to your ad, contact us at andyalex@bellsouth.net</b></p>	<p><b>CORDELE, GA</b> Crisp County Church of Christ 120 Emmaus Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jimmy Tuten Call for directions: (229) 271-1964 (229) 382-8766 (229) 3263715</p>
<p><b>GRAND JUNCTION, CO</b> Valley Church of Christ 491 Sparrn Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Bohannon www.ValleyChurchofChrist.net</p>	<p><b>DELAND, FL</b> North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Julington Creek Church of Christ 1630 State Rd 13N Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (904) 230-3332 (Bldg.) or 268-9638 (Wendell Bowman) jimbello07@netzero.net www.jccoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p><b>PUNTA GORDA, FL</b> Church of Christ 2300 Taylor Road PO Box 511069 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov.-Mar.) 4:00 P.M. Evening (Apr.-Oct.) 5:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paul Branch (239) 458-3566</p>	<p><b>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA</b> Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>
<p><b>IGNACIO, CO</b> Church of Christ 295 Burns Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. (970) 563-9418</p>	<p><b>DESTIN, FL</b> South Walton Church of Christ 64 Casting Lake Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 622-3817 www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Marietta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden Elders: Jamie Rhoden &amp; Steve Frazier (904) 781-5704 or 693-0432 www.mariettacoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p><b>ST. PETERSBURG, FL</b> Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p><b>SAVANNAH, GA</b> Coastal Church of Christ 7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Nelson ronnelson@embarqmail.com (912) 306-4631 www.coastalchurchofchrist.com</p>

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<p><b>VALDOSTA, GA</b> Church of Christ 4313 North Valdosta Rd. (Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. (No evening worship) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (229) 244-8630</p>	<p><b>PALATINE, IL</b> Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 967-9667</p>	<p><b>MUNCIE, IN</b> Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488</p>	<p><b>EL DORADO, KS</b> Emporia St. Church of Christ 1154 S. Emporia Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (316) 321-1025</p>	<p><b>CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY</b> Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651</p>	<p><b>REGINA, KY</b> Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 &amp; Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (606) 754-9883, 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>
<p><b>BLACKFOOT, ID</b> Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 1:30 P.M. Worship 2:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>	<p><b>CLARKSVILLE, IN</b> Clarksville Church of Christ 407 Lewis and Clark Pkw. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (812) 941-0747 or 944-2305 KCcampbell@earthlink.net Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>	<p><b>OOLETIC, IN</b> Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p><b>LENEXA, KS</b> Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p><b>CANEYVILLE, KY</b> Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 879-6152 or 274-3065</p>	<p><b>BATON ROUGE, LA</b> Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>
<p><b>ABINGDON, IL</b> Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>	<p><b>ELLETSVILLE, IN</b> Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285</p>	<p><b>PEKIN, IN</b> Church of Christ (First St. &amp; Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p><b>TOPEKA, KS</b> 17<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>DANVILLE, KY</b> 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Scott Viquian (859) 236-4204 or 238-0860</p>	<p><b>BOSSIER CITY, LA</b> Bossier Church of Christ 2917 Foster Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 747-4308 or 742-4557</p>
<p><b>BENTON, IL</b> Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (west of Wal-Mart) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Greg King (618) 438-2911 or 435-2981</p>	<p><b>HAMMOND, IN</b> Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p><b>PLAINFIELD, IN</b> Church of Christ 350 E. Township Line Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards (317) 839-0174</p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Ridge Road Church of Christ 7001 W. 21st St., North Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (316) 722-6622 or 744-1841</p>	<p><b>FRANKLIN, KY</b> 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>	<p><b>HOBART, IN</b> Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, IN</b> Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p><b>GLASGOW, KY</b> East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Carnation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Lancaster (270) 404-0346 or 651-7141</p>	
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>	<p><b>INDIANAPOLIS, IN</b> Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St., 46256 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (317) 842-3613</p>	<p><b>SALEM, IN</b> Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Evan Casey (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p><b>BEAVER DAM, KY</b> Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p><b>LEITCHFIELD, KY</b> Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Cooper (270) 259-4968</p>	<p><b>MANY, LA</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>
<p><b>DOWNERS GROVE, IL</b> Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>	<p><b>JAMESTOWN, IN</b> Church of Christ (1 Mi. south of I-74) Cor. Darlington &amp; Mill Sts. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Halbrook (765) 676-6404 or (317) 892-6285</p>	<p><b>TRAFALGAR, IN</b> Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David R. Dodd (317) 878-5969 or (317) 439-3252 spearsvilleroadmessenger@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> Eastside Church of Christ 1706 Smallhouse Rd Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wed. 10:00 A.M. &amp; 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Gary Kerr (270) 843-9925 www.mightytisthelord.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822</p>	<p><b>STONEWALL, LA</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>
<p><b>GLEN ELLYN, IL</b> Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630) 529-2149 (630) 858-2290</p>	<p><b>KOKOMO, IN</b> Church of Christ 1217 S. Courtland Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Welch (765) 453-2356</p>	<p><b>DES MOINES, IA</b> Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Todd Chandler &amp; Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>	<p><b>WEBSTER, MA</b> Church of Christ Webster 168 Main St. Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Wed Bible Study Call for details (508) 765-6067 Preacher: Peter Capoccia</p>
<p><b>MATTOON, IL</b> Southside Church of Christ 1100 S. 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (217) 234-3702</p>	<p><b>MARION, IN</b> South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602</p>	<p><b>GRINNELL, IA</b> Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 236-1955 (641) 521-6485</p>	<p><b>BRANDENBURG, KY</b> Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p><b>OWENSBORO, KY</b> Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>	<p><b>PORTLAND, ME</b> Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times &amp; places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>

<p><b>ARBUTUS, MD</b> Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, (410) 590-2852</p>	<p><b>CLINTON, MS</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (120, exit 36) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>	<p><b>DONIPHAN, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. ½ mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p><b>ST. JAMES, MO</b> Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p><b>ALAMOGORDO, NM</b> 25th &amp; Hawaii Church of Christ P.O. Box 2065 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (505) 434-5834</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>
<p><b>SEVERN, MD</b> Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brandon Trout (410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, MS</b> Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>	<p><b>FAIR GROVE, MO</b> Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylinechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (call to confirm time) 764-9277</p>	<p><b>HOPE MILLS, NC</b> Gray's Creek Church of Christ Gray's Community Bldg. School Road Worship 10 am Bible Study 11am (910) 321-9023 (910) 424-2372</p>
<p><b>RIVERDALE, MD</b> (Washington, D.C. area) Wildercroft Church of Christ 6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomley (301) 474-7460 or 446-1912</p>	<p><b>GULFPORT, MS</b> Morris Rd. Church of Christ 1 blk. N. of Dedeaux Rd. &amp; 3 Rivers Rd. on Morris Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Don Davis (228) 832-5529</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Nashua Church of Christ 11425 N. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> Prairie Hills Church of Christ 14273 County Rd. 307 (.7 mi. E of Intersection I-29 &amp; Hwy. 169) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 233-6485 Evangelist: Erik Smith</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Heights Church of Christ 7801 Zuni Road, S.E. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Darrel Yontz (505) 266-7577 www.heightschurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>MARION, NC</b> Hwy. 70 Church of Christ 18 Peachtree St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (828) 652-7504 or 652-2584</p>
<p><b>CEDAR SPRINGS, MI</b> Grand Rapids Area W. Michigan Church of Christ Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. David Waldron (231) 832-2189 Joseph Gladwell (231) 975-2778</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Danny Gardner (601) 681-4505 or 482-9543 dg1969@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Vivion Road Church of Christ 2026 N.E. Vivion Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Kinzel (816) 453-6157</p>	<p><b>BEATRICE, NE</b> Church of Christ 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3827 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p><b>Place Your Ad Today!</b></p>	<p><b>BEAVERCREEK, OH</b> Knollwood Church of Christ 1031 Welford Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Keith Greer (937) 426-1422</p>
<p><b>DULUTH, MN</b> Church of Christ 4401 Glennwood St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Nick Krumrei (218) 728-3233</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> 7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 483-3101</p>	<p><b>KENNETT, MO</b> Church of Christ 703 Harrison St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 888-6778</p>	<p><b>LAS VEGAS, NV</b> Vegas Dr. Church of Christ 3816 Vegas Drive Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (702) 648-4827</p>	<p><b>BUFFALO, NY</b> Greater Buffalo Church of Christ 3578 Walden Ave Lancaster, NY 14086 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Daniel Bailey (716) 870-3259</p>	<p><b>CINCINNATI, OH</b> Blue Ash Church of Christ Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. 891-3174</p>
<p><b>Shop online at truthbooks.net</b></p>	<p><b>SOUTHAVEN, MS</b> (Memphis area) Church of Christ 2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Landon Hope (662) 342-1132 - Church Building</p>	<p><b>LILBOURN, MO</b> P.O. Box 270 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-5204</p>	<p><b>RENO, NV</b> Central Church of Christ 2450 Wrondel Way, Ste. A Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (775) 786-2888</p>	<p><b>CARY, NC</b> Walnut St. Church of Christ (Raleigh) 217 Walnut St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Rick Billingsly (919) 467-0012 (919) 372-1497</p>	<p><b>CLEVELAND, OH</b> Lorain Ave. Church of Christ 13501 Lorain Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (216) 476-0660, 651-1689 or (330) 725-3960, 723-0111</p>
<p><b>ROCHESTER, MN</b> Church of Christ 2002 Second St., SW Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Russ Jones (507) 254-3929</p>	<p><b>BLUE SPRINGS, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ 4000 SW Christiansen Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Bailey (816) 228-9262</p>	<p><b>RAYMORE, MO</b> Raymore Church of Christ 107 N. Woodson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ryan Boyer (816) 322-0042 www.raymorechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>SPARKS, NV</b> Sierra Nevada Church of Christ 2425 Pyramid Way Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Monday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Triplett, Sr. (775) 972-4911 retriplett@triplettweb.com</p>	<p><b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b> Harris Blvd. Church of Christ 5424 E.W.T. Harris Blvd. Worship 8:30 A.M. Bible Study 9:30A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Various members of local congregations Don Moeller (704) 532-9242</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, OH</b> Laurel Canyon Church of Christ 409 McNaughton Rd. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (614)868-1375 www.lccoc.net</p>
<p><b>ST. CHARLES, MN</b> Church of Christ 636 Whitewater Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 2:45 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905 or 932-3521</p>	<p><b>CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO</b> North Cape Church of Christ 121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Lee Westbrook (573)334-9673</p>	<p><b>RAYTOWN, MO</b> Sterling Ave. Church of Christ 5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 792-2040 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>PISCATAWAY, NJ</b> 258 Highland Ave. Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Bible Classes 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Gary P. Eubanks (732) 463-1323</p>	<p><b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b> Charlotte Church of Christ 5327 S. Tyron St. Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Wendell Powell (704) 525-5655 or 522-9971</p>	<p><b>DAYTON, OH</b> West Carrollton 28 W. Main Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Michael Grushon (937) 866-5162 or 434-3090 E-mail: www.wc-coc.org</p>
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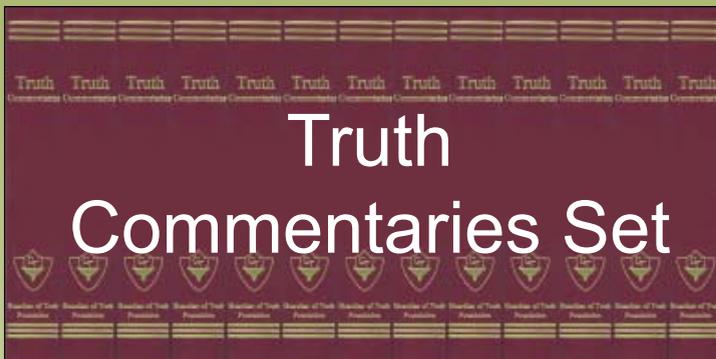


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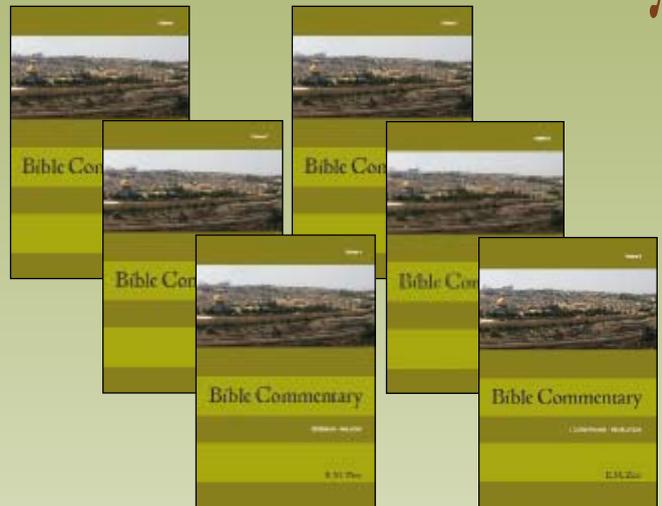
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