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MIKE WILLIS

## The Aging of the Church

One does not have to travel to very many churches before he notices that the church is aging. In one respect this is not bad. The transition from birth to old age is a natural process, unless it is interfered with by accident or some disease that causes premature death. In the general population, enough new births occur that there usually is not a disproportionate number of older folks. However, in America this has changed to some degree, brought about by millions of abortions and the improvement of medical care which enables most Americans to live longer. The effect this is having socially is that the social security and medicare programs are headed for bankruptcy in the immediate future. The general idea about how to handle the problem of baby boomers going into retirement is to raise social security and other taxes on the young to offset the cost explosion in caring for the elderly.

But, the church cannot solve its problem of aging with dollars. The problem of aging in the local church is threatening the very existence of some churches. A few more years and funerals will leave some churches unable to keep their doors open.

The problem of aging churches affects urban churches in a unique way. In cities where there are several churches, one or two churches become the gathering point of young people. Once the trend begins, parents with younger children want their children around other Christians, so they gravitate toward the churches with an active group of young Christians. There is nothing sinful about this, but its effect is that it compounds problems for other local churches. Barring some reversal of fortune, these aging churches will eventually be unable to sustain their own works because of the aging of its membership. Unfortunately, couples who moved to churches with more children may find that the church in their neighborhood has shut its doors or is nearly to that

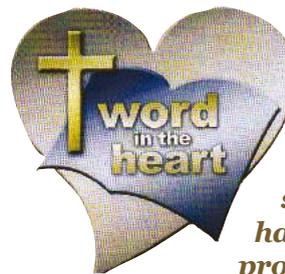
point when their children are grown and they no longer want to drive across town to go to worship.

Mac Lynn, an institutional preacher who has done more work on statistical information about churches of Christ than anyone I know, wrote about the diminishing size of the churches of Christ saying,

In the newly released directory, 21st Century Christian identifies 12,629 a cappella Churches of Christ with 1,578,281 adherents nationwide.

Those figures represent 526 fewer churches and 78,436

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*For some time, brethren have been requesting that we put out some literature that is more visually attractive to students. Several of us have been working on this project for several years and some of it is already in print and others are soon to be published.*

*On pages 16-19 we have reproduced one lesson from the fourth grade section of the Word in the Heart series. We like how the material looks and hope you will as well.*

*Show it to your elders, teachers, and the one who orders Bible class material. We know that the content is such that you can recommend it and we think that the students and teachers will like its visual appearance as well.*



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# Marriage: Expiration Date After Seven Years?



RON HALBROOK

**F**ood and other products may be stamped with an “expiration date” for safety purposes. What is the expiration date for marriage? God ordained marriage as a lifelong relationship when He said in the beginning of time, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-6). When a husband or wife expires, the marriage expires (Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:39).

“Gadling: The Travelers Weblog” featured the following report about a proposal for the German government to transform marriage into a temporary relationship which expires after seven years.

## **Pack Your Bags Now. Germany Proposes Seven-Year Limit on Marriages**

Posted Sep 25th 2007 by Iva Skoch

I know what you are thinking. Seven years is still eternity by the standards of some. It is still a long time to stay with someone you married in Vegas intoxicated. Either way, restricting marriages to only seven years sounds like the best idea the 21st century has put on the table so far. Followed closely by the iPod, of course.

Gabriele Pauli, a German politician, has put the temporary marriage issue on her agenda. This is how it works: “You will only commit for a fixed period and will actively have to renew your vows if you still want to continue,” she explains. If they don’t want to continue, there is no need for divorce.

Now, somebody needs to figure out what to do with children born into temporary marriages. Do I hear temporary child rental?

[<http://www.gadling.com/2007/09/25/pack-your-bags-now-germany-proposes-seven-year-limit-on-marriag/>]



## **GOD’S AUTHORITY HIGHER THAN HUMAN LAW**

God despises such foolishness, and we should despise it as well. “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision” (Ps. 2:4). “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way” (Ps. 119:104). “Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way” (Ps. 119:127-128). We must love and try to save the sinner but hate his sinful ways. God has perfect contempt for the puny, futile efforts of men to destroy His law and to defeat His purposes.

The arrogance and immorality of some governmental leaders know no bounds. Governmental officials can make legal records and impose legal regulations on marriage, divorce,

and remarriage, but human governments cannot overrule God’s authority over this divine relationship. Rather than civil government God controls the obligations of the marriage vow, the marriage bond, and the marriage covenant. If human law declares that the marriage and its obligations automatically dissolve after seven years, this does not change the sacred and divine obligations of marriage one iota.

Paul well said of carnal-minded men, “When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened” (Rom. 1:21). In spite of this world’s foolishness, darkness, arrogance, and immorality, let us remember well Hebrews 13:4, “Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”

The one true God who created this universe still sustains it and retains His divine authority over it. In spite of man's psycho-babel in attempting to usurp God's rule, all men will answer to God on the final Judgment Day. "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Eccl. 7:29). Trashing the gift of marriage as a temporary relationship is one of man's many evil inventions for which he must account to God. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:14). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

### **DO NOT BE ENGULFED BY THIS WICKED AGE!**

How can we avoid becoming engulfed in the arrogance and immorality of this wicked age? Let us daily thank God for the gift of our mate, the gift of our marriage, and the gift of our children. Let us daily strengthen the affectionate ties and bonds of our family relationships.

Furthermore, let us be zealous and busy in calling men to repent and to obey the gospel of Christ. God "now com-



mandeth all men every where to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). The risen Savior said, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16).

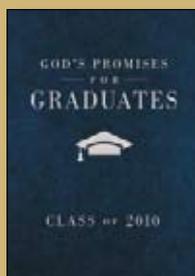
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# Q&A?

BOBBY L. GRAHAM



## **Question: Does 1 Timothy 2:11 demand that the woman say nothing (even in asking a question or answering one) in the Bible class?**

**Answer:** Whether a woman should speak up in the Bible class is one which each woman must answer for herself, and then she must act according to her conscience. Even if she reaches an incorrect conclusion from this passage, she still must be conscientious (remain silent) and the teacher must respect her conscience in the matter (not force her to violate her conscience).

On the other hand, in a study of 1 Timothy 2:8-15, I would stress that there is a contrast between the leading role of the male and the submissive role of the female—the man praying in every place (obviously public praying, because there would be no need to direct him to private prayer in itself) and the woman learning in quietness with all subjection. Her quietness does not mean that she cannot say a word in the class setting, which is designed for the

give-and-take learning by all. The same word for “quietness” is used by Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:11, where its application is to all Christians, not just the females. If the restriction imposes absolute silence on the women in 1 Timothy 2:11, then the restriction in 1 Thessalonians 4:11 imposes the same restriction of absolute silence on all saints. Let the reader remember the force of the latter verse means that in the entirety of one’s life one must remain silent, saying nothing, if the same word, used in the former verse, demands such silence on the woman’s part in a Bible class. As Vine and other word sources show, the fact is that the word *hesuchia* refers to an inner quietness manifesting itself in one’s outer deportment; but it does not require that one say nothing.

The word for “silence” in 1 Corinthians 14:34—used elsewhere in the same chapter in reference to others, even to men—does mean absolute silence in the kind of speaking there considered (instructing of others) in the setting there described (the assembled congregation in worship). The presence of spiritual gifts in that assembly in Corinth alters not the principle, which is a general one being applied to a particular kind of situation in chapter 14.

## **Question: Is it sinful for a person to be cremated?**

**Answer:** On a number of occasions extending over many years, this writer has been asked this question. Readers of *Truth Magazine* have recently communicated it twice for consideration in this column. While one does not desire to say anything upsetting to readers, he must nevertheless remain true to what the Bible says, which is *nothing* on this matter. Personal preferences, sentimental attachments, and philosophical biases in relation to this matter remain firm and strong in peoples’ minds, but the reality is that there is no command ignored, no binding Bible example neglected, no necessary inference passed over, and no biblical principle derived from the first three means



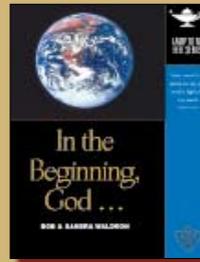
of establishing Bible authority violated in this matter. It is important to understand this issue from the standpoint just set forth—that of biblical teaching/authority, because our questioners asked about the sin involved in the matter. While this writer has a personal preference against the practice, he knows of no sin committed in the usual practice of cremation.

It is timely and wise to consider the usual objections raised against the practice of cremation. Some have contended that the Bible is opposed to it, by their misuse of passages like Amos 2:1 and 6:10. The prophet first described the vengeful desecrating of the body of the king of Edom by the Moabites, and he later spoke of the horrific conditions existing during the siege of Samaria. Because of such an evil environment, there would exist an objection to the use of Jehovah's name by people in the house where a relative came to claim the body of a deceased relative. In neither of Amos' citations does anything akin to cremation appear. Others have objected to the practice on the basis of respect for the body of a dead person, but modern cremation in no way violates this respect. Some have objected because of the need for the body to be resurrected, but the same objection might be raised against the practice of sea burial. The Creator will have no difficulty in gathering from the land, the sea, or the plants into which the particles have ultimately passed, such elements as once composed the body.

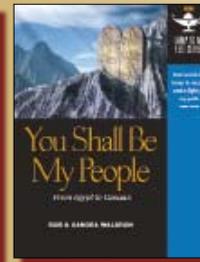
Actually there might be an account of cremation found in the Bible, where the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead burned the bodies of Saul and his sons, all of whom had died in battle with the Philistines, apparently to prevent their abuse at the enemies' hands (1 Sam. 31:12-13). In an instance or two, burning seems to have been a method of punishment (Gen. 38:24; Lev. 20:14), but the necessary elements are seemingly missing for these instances to qualify on a par with cremation.

The Bible teaches us that, when one dies, the spirit returns to God who gave it and the dust to the earth from which it came (Eccl. 12:7). The disintegration of the body into its particles of dust is not hindered by cremation. What has been sown a natural body will in the resurrection be raised a spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:42-44). The return to the body of the spirit, abiding in Hades, will then be accomplished, so that what is raised is a spiritual body. Humans can never do damage to the soul, even when they kill the body, because they have no power over the soul (Matt. 10:28; Luke 12:4). Upon death the spirit (soul) leaves the body in a separation called death. Burial—whether in the earth, in a sepulcher like that of Jesus, in the sea, or in a huge bank of snow—or cremation tends to accommodate the divine purpose.

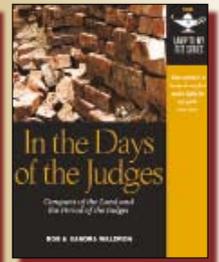
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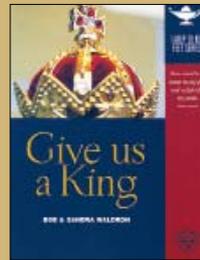
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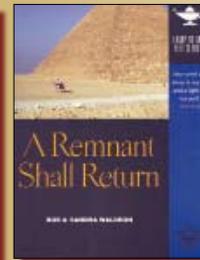
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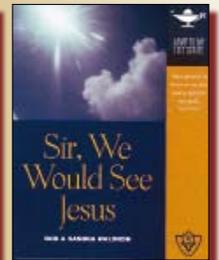
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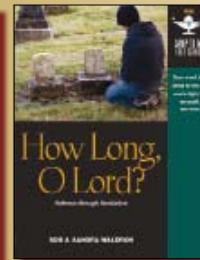
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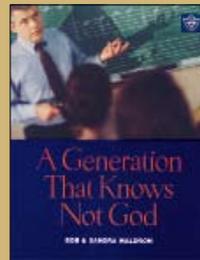
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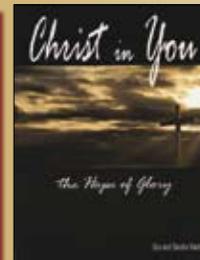
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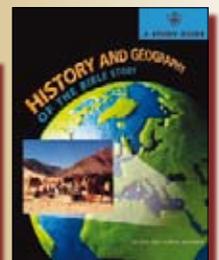
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# Worship in Song



DAVID DANN

**W**hile instructing the church at Corinth concerning the collective worship of the local church, the apostle Paul writes, “I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding” (1 Cor. 14:15).

The New Testament pattern reveals five acts of worship that each local church is authorized to engage in publicly. These acts of worship include the observance of the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26), giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2), teaching (Acts 20:7), prayer (Acts 2:42), and singing (Col. 3:16).

Several New Testament passages speak of the importance of singing in worship (see Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9-10; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12). That singing is an important part of the worship of the church cannot be denied in light of the number of times it is mentioned. Since it is a vital part of our worship, it would be profitable to give the subject some careful examination. For the purposes of this study we will focus our attention on the instruction given by Paul to the church of Ephesus. The inspired apostle writes, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:18-19). Based upon this instruction, singing in worship involves:

**1. Speaking to one another.** Singing is a collective activity that requires the participation of all of the members of the congregation who are present. In a parallel passage the same apostle explains the purpose of this collective participation by stating that the members of the church are responsible for “teaching and admonishing one another” while worshiping in song (Col. 3:16). This can only be accomplished if all of the members of the church join in the singing together. The use of choirs, solos, and other arrangements that prevent the members of the congregation from speaking to one another in song cannot accomplish this necessary purpose.

**2. Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.** The types of songs to be used in worship are specified. “Psalms” re-

fers to songs of praise and adoration for the character and power of God, such as those included in the Old Testament book of Psalms. Similarly, “hymns” are songs of praise, thanksgiving, and petition toward God. “Spiritual songs” would generally refer to those songs that deal with spiritual themes involving man’s relationship with God. In each case, it should be understood that the words of the songs must express scriptural truth in order to be acceptable (John 4:24). It should also be clear that pop songs, rock songs, and songs that otherwise lack the reverence associated with worship have no place in the local church as it seeks to worship God in song.

**3. Singing.** The type of music to be used in the worship of the church is specified as singing. This specification rules out the use of instrumental music, as well as other types of music such as clapping and humming. As the Hebrew writer puts it, “Therefore by him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name” (Heb. 13:15). Since the Holy Spirit has specified singing as the type of music to be employed in worship, nothing more or less will do.

**4. Making melody in your heart.** The phrase “making melody” carries the idea of plucking the strings of an instrument. However, rather than involving the use of mechanical instruments of music, the instrument to be used in the worship of the church is the heart. We are not at liberty to substitute the harp or piano in place of the instrument God has specified—the heart. Worship in song must be engaged in from the heart of each individual involved. In other words, the singing must be accompanied by an attitude of sincere devotion. In order to accomplish this goal, the meaning of the words contained in the songs must be understood by the singers (1 Cor. 14:15).

**5. Singing to the Lord.** The last point Paul mentions in connection with singing in worship in the passage under discussion is that it is to be done “to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). The worship of the church in song is not a performance

directed at a human audience. Instead, it is an expression of praise and devotion toward our Lord and God. While it does serve the purpose of teaching and admonishing those present, it is directed in reverence toward the Lord. It is no wonder that we should submit to the Lord's instruction concerning what to sing and how to sing when we consider the fact that we are singing to the Lord in the first place. Since we are singing "to the Lord" we ought to offer Him our very best.

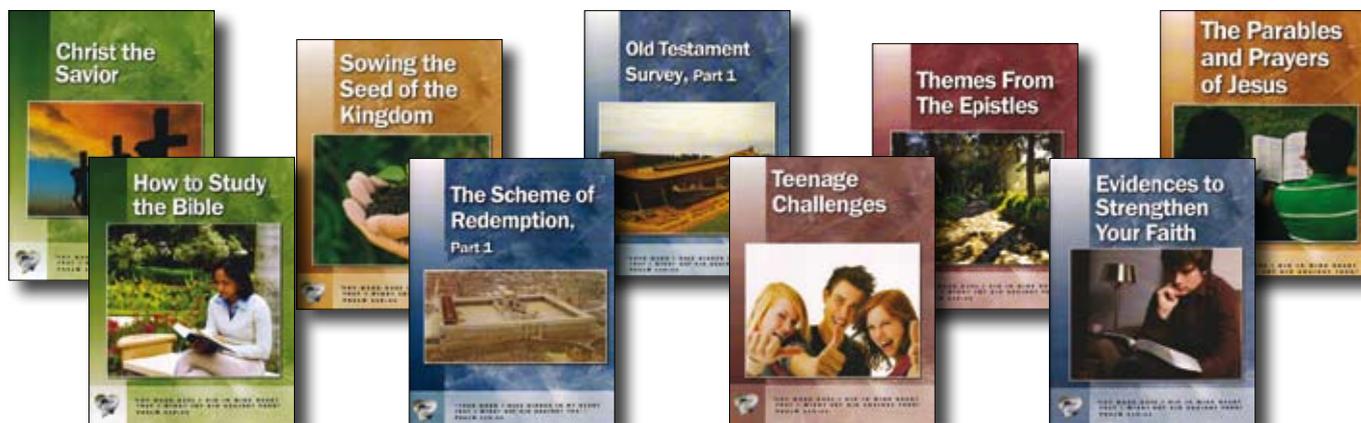
## CONCLUSION

Our Lord gave the best He had for us, and He deserves our best in worship as we seek to worship him in song. He certainly deserves more than for us to halfheartedly and thoughtlessly mumble through the words of the songs that we sing in worship. Remember, "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

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STEVEN F. DEATON

## Worship Has Gone to the Dogs!

In the Sunday, November 8, 2009 edition of *The Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY), there was an article on worship services for pets (p. A16). The story highlighted a Presbyterian church in Los Angeles where the pastor, Tom Eggebeen, holds services for pets, dogs mainly. In the assemblies there are “individual doggie beds, canine prayers and an offering of dog treats.” The point of these animalistic activities is to draw in people who really, really love their pets.

One of the main points of the article is that people are as attached to their pets as they are to family. They give them as much attention as family. And, when their pet pooch passes, they grieve just as much. Prayers in the worship include mention of dearly departed dogs.

Another disturbing mention in the story is that more and more people believe animals have souls. If Snoopy has a soul, then surely salvation is required, because we all know he does some bad things, like poop on the carpet and chew up the new shoes.

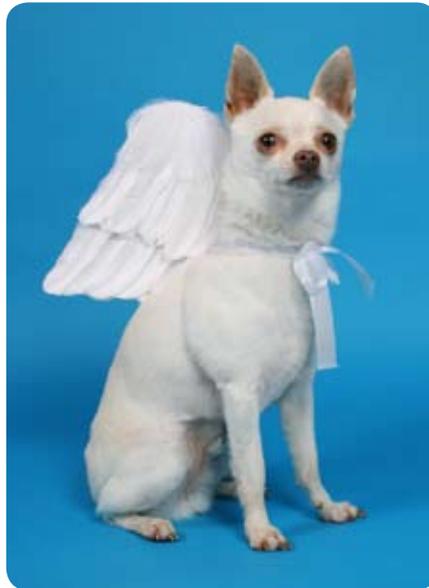
Let me share a personal observation from some time back: you can tell how rich and shallow a society is when there are spas, day-care centers, and cemeteries for pets. Don't get me wrong, pets and animals in general are good. God made them for us (Gen. 1:26-28). They are here for our benefit; not just food and clothing, but companionship as well (cf. 2 Sam. 12:1-4). However, when we elevate them above where God has placed them, we transgress.

### **PETS HAVE TURNED INTO IDOLS.**

You don't believe it? Look at all the money and attention our society spends on them. Think about all the celebrities that have their pooches and the reported tens of thousands

of dollars paid for outfits and accessories. There are even pet psychologists now. It is beyond ridiculous.

Many people worship their animals, not dissimilar to the ancient pagans, “who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever” (Rom. 1:25). It is no different than worshiping money or sports. Pets come before God for many people.



### **WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?**

Decades ago, churches realized people were leaving and something needed to be done to get them back. The solution was the social gospel; offer people carnal things to draw a crowd, then give them a little spiritual talk. This has evolved from church socials, to sports leagues, to rock bands, to come-as-you-are services. And, now, you can bring your pets to pray and praise God.

Right now most people take their dogs to the pet services. Will country churches allow people to bring their pet pigs or mules? We hate to think what kind of mess that will be. And, would such an occasion be much different than what Jesus faced in the Temple (John 2:13-22)? No, we know of no business taking place in the animal worship, but it is a perversion and diversion from what the church originally did—it was a gathering of Christians, not canines (Acts 20:7).

Churches of men will stop at nothing to please men and draw a crowd. Those of us who are committed to New Testament Christianity will not go down that path. Rather, we will trust in God and His way of drawing men—teaching them the gospel (Rom. 1:16; John 6:44, 45).

# Theories of Men Answered in Genesis 1



JOHN ISAAC EDWARDS

The Bible often contradicts the conceptions and proposed explanations of men. Observe five theories of men answered in the first chapter of the Bible.

## THE BIG BANG THEORY

“Scientists generally agree that ‘the Big Bang’ birthed the universe about 15 billion years ago. Out of this event — at a temperature of nearly a trillion degrees cubed — the building blocks of nature formed. They gathered and spun out matter, energy, space and time, and eventually stars, planets, galaxies, and life itself” (Tom Parisi, Northern Illinois University). Given the intelligent design and order throughout the universe, do you accept an origin by chance, without any reason or purpose? “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Heb. 11:3; Gen. 1).

## THE GAP THEORY

It is often proposed that there was a long time gap between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. Genesis 1:1-2 grammar will not allow such a concept, and the very idea is contrary to the plain statement of Exodus 20:11, “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth. . . .”

## THE AGE THEORY

The view has been advanced that the days of creation in Genesis 1 are not twenty-four hour periods, but long ages of hundreds and thousands, even millions of years in length. Genesis 1 shows the days divided into “evening and morning” (Gen. 1:5). Plants were made on the third day (Gen. 1:11-13), and the sun did not appear until the fourth day (Gen. 1:14-19). Could plants have survived for millions of years without sunlight? Genesis 1:14 distinguishes days from years. If a day is years,

what are years? The same language used in Genesis 1 (first day, second day, etc.) is found in Numbers 7 (with reference to the offerings of the princes for the dedicating of the altar). Were the days of Numbers 7 ages or twenty-four hour periods? Still think Genesis 1 days were ages? Read Exodus 20:9-11.

## THE EVOLUTION THEORY

Evolution is a theory that the various types of animals and plants have their origin in other preexisting types and that the distinguishable differences are due to modifications in successive generations. Genesis 1 affirms the law of reproduction according to species—after their kind (Gen. 1:11-12, 20-21, 24-25). Apple seed produces apples. Cats give birth to cats. The fact that God’s creative work was “finished” eliminates any evolutionary development of a new genus (Gen. 2:1). Genesis also shows early man as an intelligent and highly skilled being. He did not mutter like a monkey or chatter like a chimpanzee, but possessed the power of language as “Adam gave names to all cattle” (Gen. 2:20) and carried on conversation with God.

## THE ONENESS GODHEAD THEORY

Oneness Pentecostals suggest there is only one person in the Godhead—Jesus only. Genesis 1:26 records, “And God said, Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness. . . .” The plural personal pronouns “us” and “our” require a plurality of persons. The Bible reveals three persons (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) involved in the creation (Gen. 1:1-2; Job 33:4; John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:2).

“. . . let God be true, but every man a liar . . .” (Rom. 3:4).

# The Nature of God: His Work



STEVEN J. WALLACE

“Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God’” (Isa. 44:6, all verses are from the NKJV unless noted).

In the last article, we looked at the position of our God, that of King. We also noted in passing some of the parallels that exist between Isaiah 44:6-8 and Revelation 1:5-8 which is clearly speaking of Jesus Christ, the second person in the Godhead. Both passages speak of the subject matter in this article, that of being *redeemer*. Again, we emphasize that Jehovah has personally invested Himself with man. *Redemption* is what required the sending forth of God the Son, to die as a suitable payment for sin; yet, this was known to Him before the creation of man (Rev. 13:8; 2 Tim. 1:9). It amazes me that, knowing this cost was involved, He still created man! What love Jehovah has shown for us, His creation! But first let us explore Jehovah as Redeemer in the Old Testament.

## AND HIS REDEEMER

The fact that Jehovah refers to Himself as Israel’s redeemer shows that Israel was in need of being redeemed. It also implies that Israel was unable to redeem themselves. What does “redeemed” mean? As it was understood by the Hebrews, it carried with it the idea of “payment.” If an Israelite became too poor to own his land and sold it to another, his brother could redeem it by paying for the years from the sale until the Jubilee so that it could quickly go back to the family’s estate (Lev. 25:23-28). If it could not be redeemed, then it would be restored back to the original inheritor’s estate in the Year of Jubilee which came every fifty years. Redemption of the land was tied to a ransom and the year of Jubilee which was the year of liberty; thus, to redeem is to pay for freedom (Ezek. 46:17; Lev. 25:8-10).

Redemption is perhaps defined even clearer in Exodus 6:5-7. Take note of it carefully.

And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to the children of Israel: “I am the LORD; **I will bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians, **I will rescue you** from their bondage, and **I will redeem you with an outstretched arm** and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians” (emp. added, sjw).

This above passage produces a template of what it means to be redeemed by God and will serve as the basis of our study. When God redeems, He brings us out from under something, He rescues us from something, He pays something. In the last point we may add that He may pay retribution to those who are sinning and, at the same time, make a payment of grace for those who will obey.

## REDEMPTION: ITS COST

Redemption is a beautiful concept, but that doesn’t mean that it is not without a cost. Something has been paid to rescue and bring one out. Perhaps the idea is better seen in verse seven in *Young’s Literal Translation* where God says, “and have taken you to Me for a people, and I have been to you for God.” It is in *taking* them that He is *giving* Himself to them. Redemption has as the heart of it “the taking,” a “giving” of something. This is perhaps a foreshadowing of the gift given in Christ to redeem us to God, “who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works” (Tit. 2:14). Jesus “gave” to “take” for Himself. Even the love that we have for Him is based on His love that He first gave (1 John 4:19).

But the Lord told old Israel that He would redeem them with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Both components are employed in their deliver-

ance. He used severe judgments upon Egyptian gods to bring about Israel's deliverance (cf. Exod. 12:12). He also used an "outstretched arm." The Bible is a book of pictures, and it conveys the picture here of an arm extended out. Perhaps this is a picture of fierce strength, but also perhaps of protection and defense for His people. "The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'" (Deut. 33:27). It reminds me of the lamenting scene of Jesus in the New Testament, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" (Matt. 23:37).

### REDEMPTION: ITS MOTIVATION

The motivation to redeem, is not merely just to save. Salvation and deliverance are certainly composed in the purpose, but redemption is motivated by *affection*. God genuinely *cares* for us (1 Pet. 5:7). "I will take you as My people. . ." (Exod. 6:7) pictures God's desire for the company of man. Nothing has changed in the New Testament either as far as this is concerned:

"...Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them" (Heb. 11:16).

"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son" (Rev. 21:7).

There is something in man that God wants and takes pleasure in. What is it that God desires from a man? The fatherly words of Solomon seem very fitting, "My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways" (Prov. 23:26). Again, Moses stated, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deut. 6:5; cf. Jer. 17:7; 29:13; Joel 2:12; Luke 10:27). What love we can show, though it pales in comparison to His and though it wars against self-absorption and short-sightedness, is something God yearns for. He takes pleasure in our heart when our thoughts run to Him and take refuge and interest in His will. In His compassion, He is concerned with what we are going through. "I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel. . ." (Exod. 6:5). He

is moved by our circumstances with sympathy. "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred" (Hos. 11:8). Let no one question the motivation for redemption: God loves and paid the price so that we may love Him in return. "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

### REDEMPTION: ITS COVENANT

Redemption from God is not without a covenant but *by* a covenant. "He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name" (Ps. 111:9). Again, "...I have remembered My covenant" (Exod. 6:5). God reveals His will in His covenant, and it is by our acceptance and obedience of that covenant that brings a perfected love from God. "But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him" (1 John 2:5). As long as the Israelites were faithful to the word, God took pleasure in them. The problem came when men and women began to cast off the will of God. Because our God is the "I AM," He will keep His covenant in things that pertain to blessing and retribution. When His people break it and persist in falsehoods, He is left no recourse but to deny, discipline, and finally destroy them, if there is no repentance. His nature is opposed to evil, and while He does not take any delight in the death of the wicked, He will bring about their destruction, if not in this life, for certain in the next. Idolatry is hideous to the Lord because only hearts that are divided or unfaithful commit such an act against God. No idol loved and sacrificed to redeem a man. It is insulting, to say the least. Let us not be deceived, when we replace God as the object of our greatest affection, we become idolatrous. As such we can only expect doom from the Lord as those men and women of Judah who persisted in offering up worship to the so-called "queen of heaven" (Jer. 44:19). Jeremiah 44:22-26 reads,

So the LORD could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your doings and because of the abominations which you committed. Therefore your land is a desola-

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tion, an astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, as it is this day. Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD or walked in His law, in His statutes or in His testimonies, therefore this calamity has happened to you, as at this day. Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people and to all the women, “Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt! Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: ‘You and your wives have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled with your hands, saying, “We will surely keep our vows that we have made, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her.” You will surely keep your vows and perform your vows!’ Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: ‘Behold, I have sworn by My great name,’ says the LORD, ‘that My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, “The Lord GOD lives.”’”

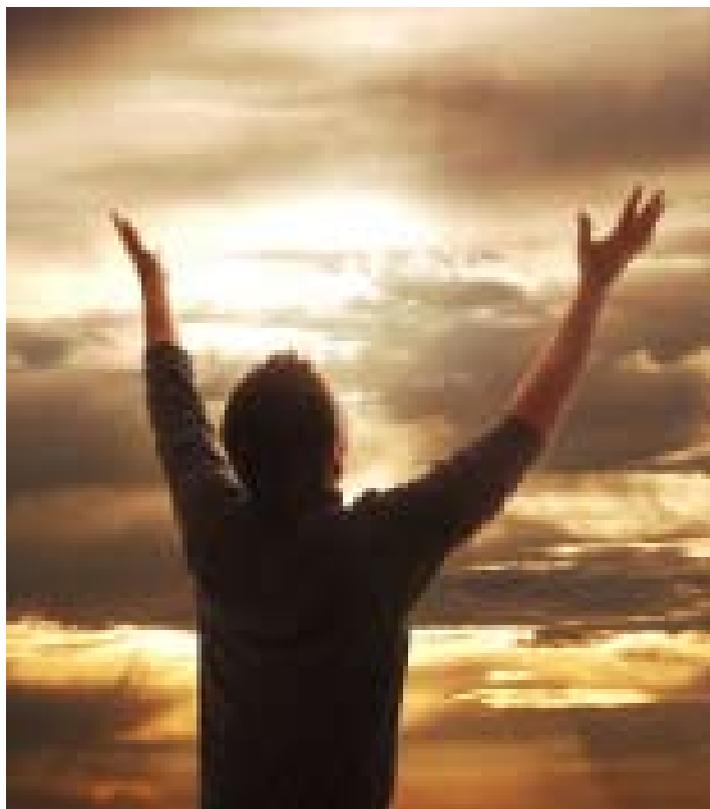
The idea is that you are going to get what you desire and deserve. Since they wanted to worship a false name and a false god, then the Lord would take His great name out of their mouth. Let your mouth be consistent with your actions! The Lord cannot be faithful and, at the same time, receive faithless men, “If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself” (2 Tim. 2:12, 13). Hence the example of the Israelites who violated the covenant of Jehovah is eloquently stated by the Holy Spirit,

For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief (Heb. 3:14-19).

## REDEMPTION: ITS EFFECT

Finally, consider what Moses recorded in our Exodus 6 text, “Then you shall **know** that I am the LORD your God who brings you out. . .” (6:7, emp. added). The effect that redemption should have on us is knowing the

Lord. Faith should produce an intimate knowledge of the Redeemer. “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge” (2 Pet. 1:5). The work that God did for Israel while they were in Egypt should have been something that spurred on a desire to know Him. Likewise, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” should have the same effect of knowing Christ and building faith in God (1 Pet. 1:18, 19). One reason Jesus came to earth is so that we can know the Father (John 14:6-9). The redeemed apostle Paul counted all the learning and worldly advancement that he attained as rubbish in comparison to learning Christ (Phil. 3:4-14). What an attitude for all the redeemed to have, “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death” (Phil. 3:10). What effect does the work of Christ have on you?



# Are Natural Catastrophes a Judgment of God?

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**F**rom time to time, a catastrophic event occurs like the recent earthquake in Haiti. Inevitably, when catastrophe strikes, people speculate as to whether it is a judgment from God. As long as we leave this question in the arena of human speculation and superstition, numerous conflicting answers will be given to this question.

Some religious leaders will use such events to spark an emotional reaction in their followers. They will refer to biblical accounts where God used nature to bring a judgment against a society or an individual who disobeyed God. However, in those incidents, God gave a warning through a prophet who confronted the people with their sin and encouraged them to repent. In the absence of such inspired warnings we should not assume that a natural catastrophe is a judgment from God. In fact, in the absence of such divine warnings, we must conclude that they are not from God.

God's word does provide us with a straight forward answer to our questions concerning natural catastrophes.

In Luke 13, we find a group of people questioning Jesus about some Galilean people who had been killed by Pilate. Their question expressed concern as to whether this had happened to these individuals because they were sinners. Notice Jesus' answer; "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:2-3).

Jesus continued His answer by recalling a natural catastrophe concerning a tower that had fallen and killed eighteen people. Notice; "Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?"

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:4-5).

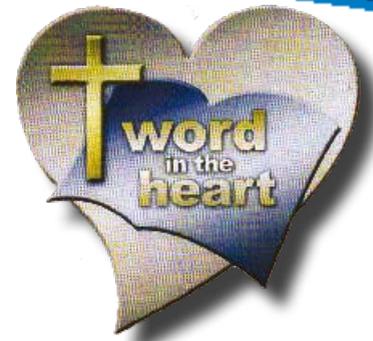
Jesus' answer, concerning tragic events and natural catastrophes and the spiritual condition of those who endure them, is plain; such events are not a display of God's wrath against sinners. Rather, those who find themselves dealing with the consequences of tragic events and natural disasters are the unfortunate victims of "being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

However, Jesus did use these tragedies to teach of a spiritual lesson. Tragedy of unimaginable proportion is the consequence of our failure to repent, or "turn to" God. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 reveals that Jesus will return "*in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.*" The tragedy of rejecting Christ can be reversed if we repent. But, the devastation of "everlasting destruction" and eternal torment can never be reversed.

Natural catastrophes remind us of the frailty of physical life. But for those who have the assurance of a life in Christ, there is a blessedness of peace and hope, even in the midst of tragedy.

Do natural catastrophes come on people because they have sinned? No. Should the tragedy of catastrophe cause us to reflect on the frailty of life and our spiritual condition? Yes. Friend, "unless you repent, you will likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5).





# Simon Peter:

## The Apostles who Confessed and Denied Christ

The Gospels often talk about Peter. He was very close to the Lord. Jesus spoke with Peter more than He did with any other man. Sometimes He praised Peter; sometimes He rebuked him. Peter was a man who was full of life and full of action. He was impulsive. He did things before he really thought. Once on a high mountain Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. "Transfigured" means that a change came over Jesus; His clothes became very shiny and very white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and talked with Him. Suddenly Peter burst out to Jesus: "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah" (Mark 9:5). Mark explains why Peter said what he did. The three apostles were frightened and Peter did not know what to say. A cloud immediately appeared and overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." The lesson for Peter and the others is the same lesson for us today. Jesus is greater than Moses and Elijah. The Old Law or Testament was for the Jew alone (Deut. 5:2,3). The New Testament contains the words of Jesus and we are to hear Him.

### Simon Peter

It was Jesus who gave Peter his name. In the beginning Peter was known as Simon. That was his Hebrew name. Once in the New Testament Peter is called Simeon (Acts 15:14). Simeon is but another way of spelling Simon. When Andrew brought his brother Simon to meet Jesus, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas (which is translated, A Stone)" (John 1:42). Cephas and Peter are different forms of the same name. Cephas is an Aramaic word; Peter a Greek word. Both names mean "stone" or "rock." Peter was a fisherman by trade (Matt. 4:18). His home was Capernaum, a small town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Peter also had a wife but we are never told her name. Once Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever (Matt. 8:14,15). Later Peter became an elder in the church (1 Pet. 5:1).

### Lesson Objective:

To teach students about the life of the apostle called Peter and the importance of his confession.



### Memory Verse

*Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).*

## Peter's Confession

Peter boldly confessed that Jesus was the Son of God: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). What Peter said greatly pleased Jesus. For now, one man at least fully recognized Him as the Christ. "Christ" means "the Anointed One." In ancient times kings were put into office by anointing. Samuel anointed David to be king over Israel (1 Sam. 16). When Peter called Jesus the Christ, he was saying that Jesus was the Anointed One of God, God's divine King over men.

The Lord blessed Peter and said that He would build His church upon this "rock" (Matt. 16:18). The "rock" was not Peter but the confession that Peter had made. The church would be built because Jesus was indeed the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Caesarea Philippi was located at the foot of Mt. Hermon. The River Banias, one of the sources of the Jordan River, begins here. In this area Peter confessed Jesus to be the Christ. The promise of Jesus to build the church "upon this rock" must have been very impressive. The foundation of the church is even more solid than Mt. Hermon.



## Peter's Denial of Christ

There was a sad time in Peter's life too. On the night Jesus was betrayed Peter cursed and denied that he had ever known Jesus: "I know not the man" (Matt. 26:74). Peter was no hypocrite. When he said to Jesus, "I will lay down my life for Your sake," he meant it (John 13:37). But Peter was a man and men have weaknesses. After Peter had denied Jesus the third time, Luke says:

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So Peter went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:61-62).

Peter's fall and his return to God is one of the greatest stories of the New Testament. Someone has said that it has done more to make men Christians than anything else. Perhaps so. Most of us are like Peter. We try to live the righteous life—we want to—but like Peter we often fall. Of all the apostles, Peter seems the most human. When you read about Peter, you can't help but like him.



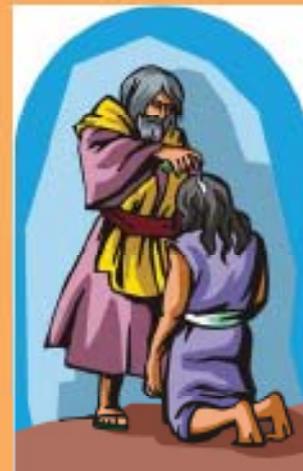
## Student Exercises

### Fill in the Blanks

1. "The Lord our God made a \_\_\_\_\_ with us in \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord did not make this \_\_\_\_\_ with our fathers, but with \_\_\_\_\_, those who are here today, all of \_\_\_\_\_ who are alive" (Deut. 5:2-3).
2. "Who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist, some \_\_\_\_\_, and others \_\_\_\_\_ or one of the \_\_\_\_\_." He said to them, "But who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that I am?" \_\_\_\_\_ answered and said, "\_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matt. 16:13-16).
3. "... because he did not \_\_\_\_\_ what to \_\_\_\_\_, for they were greatly \_\_\_\_\_" (Mark 9:6).

The word "Christ" means "the anointed one." Whenever a king, priest, or prophet was appointed, he was anointed with oil. 1 Samuel 10:1 says, "Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?" The king was God's anointed one (1 Sam. 2:10; 15:17; 16:6; 24:6; etc.).

The descendant of David who should rule over God's people forever was designated the Lord's anointed (Isa. 61:1). When one says that Jesus is the "Christ," he is confessing his faith that Jesus is the fulfillment of these Old Testament prophecies.



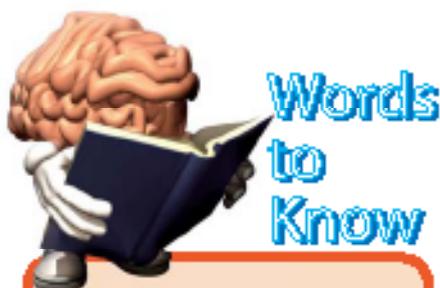
### II. In the life of Peter:

Below is a story of something that happened in Peter's life. You must find the correct word or words in the story.

After six days Jesus took Peter and *(James and Matthew; James and John)* on a high mountain *(by themselves; with the other apostles)*. A change came over Jesus; He was *(transported; transfigured)* before them. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. Peter wanted to build *(one; three)* tabernacles for them. A voice from heaven said *(the temple they now had was good enough; hear Jesus)*.

### III. True or False?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Peter often did things without thinking them through.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Cephas means "foundation stone."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Peter denied Christ and that made him a hypocrite.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Peter was a married man.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Law was given to the Jew alone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Peter, Simon, Simeon, and Cephas are all names of the same man.



**"Transfiguration"**—  
to change the  
outward appearance  
**"Christ"**—the  
anointed one

# Roman Emperor Worship and the Book of Revelation



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**J**ohn the apostle addressed the Revelation to the seven churches of Asia (1:4,11). The things about which he wrote were to “shortly come to pass,” the time being “at hand” (1:1,3). As the book unfolds, it is clear that these things were to involve hardship and tribulation for God’s people of John’s day (6:10; 7:14-15; 13:7,16,17).

A study of the apocalypse reveals a persecuting power which was to afflict God’s people. Chapter 13 pictures

people (17:6). Thus, the Bible itself helps us to identify the enemies of God’s people.

Does the history of the time in any way help in buttressing these connections between the Roman Empire and the source of the tribulations faced by God’s people in the time after the writing of the book of Revelation? We must answer in the affirmative in light of the abundance of witness that remain in the form of history and archaeological discovery.



Hadrian’s temple amidst the ruins of ancient Ephesus.

a beast which the world worshipped. A comparison with Daniel chapters 2 and 7 identifies this beast with the Roman empire. This beast was seen as inimical to God’s people (13:7). Revelation 17 pictures a harlot and identifies what she represents. A study of that chapter identifies the harlot as “the great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth,” which was the city of Rome (v. 18). Like the beast of chapter 13, the great city is seen to be an enemy of God’s

The Roman historian, Tacitus, relates a religious practice instituted by Caesar Augustus (reigned 31 B.C.-14 A.D.) before the establishment of the church.

“No honour was left for the gods, when Augustus chose to be himself worshipped with temples and statues, like those of the deities...”<sup>1</sup>

The massive temple of Augustus still stands amidst the ruins of the ancient forum in Rome. However, evidence shows that the provinces also joined in worship of the emperors. There is a Roman temple today at Pula, Croatia (Roman Pola), with the standard dedication also found on other Augustan temples, which read:

ROMAE · ET · AUGUSTO · CAESARI  
Roma and Augustus Caesar,  
DIVI · F · PATRI · PATRIAE  
son of the deity, father of the fatherland...<sup>2</sup>

History shows that Augustus was not alone in this dubious distinction. His immediate relatives were also exalted by Roman subjects. The book *Roman Cities* tells of the

*Maison Carrée*, a well preserved Roman temple which still stands in Nimes, France. Augustus adopted two young men as sons and chosen successors. It speaks of a time when, “shortly afterwards, the two princes died, and the temple naturally became the shrine of their divinity.”<sup>3</sup> The same book relates how Augustus’ wife was likewise deified.

“At Vienne, the inhabitants had first built a temple to the linked divinities of Rome and Augustus. Then, some time after the death of Augustus, Livia, who had been his wife for so many years, also died and was deified, and the temple changed course and was dedicated to Augustus and Livia, divine guardians of the imperial ruling gens (q.v.). The provincials could not do better than to install the emperor and his family at the very place where, at the time of the Republic, the supreme God of the Roman people was worshipped.”<sup>4</sup>

There is an archaeological site in Xanten, a city in northeastern Germany. Even at this location, which would have been in the outer reaches of the empire, one finds the remains of a temple with the following words on the explanatory table:

“In the time of the Caesars, in addition to the classic gods, new deities were worshipped. Also the Caesar himself received cultic worship.”<sup>5</sup>

Thus, we learn that later Caesars were also the subjects of veneration.

Further, we are made to understand how widespread the practice of emperor-worship was.

With this background, we can better appreciate the studied conclusions of E.M. Blaiklock in the *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Encyclopedia*, “...The gradual growth of absolutism together with the spread in the W of Eastern cults *finally established Caesar worship with its full ritual throughout the Mediteranean world.*”<sup>6</sup>

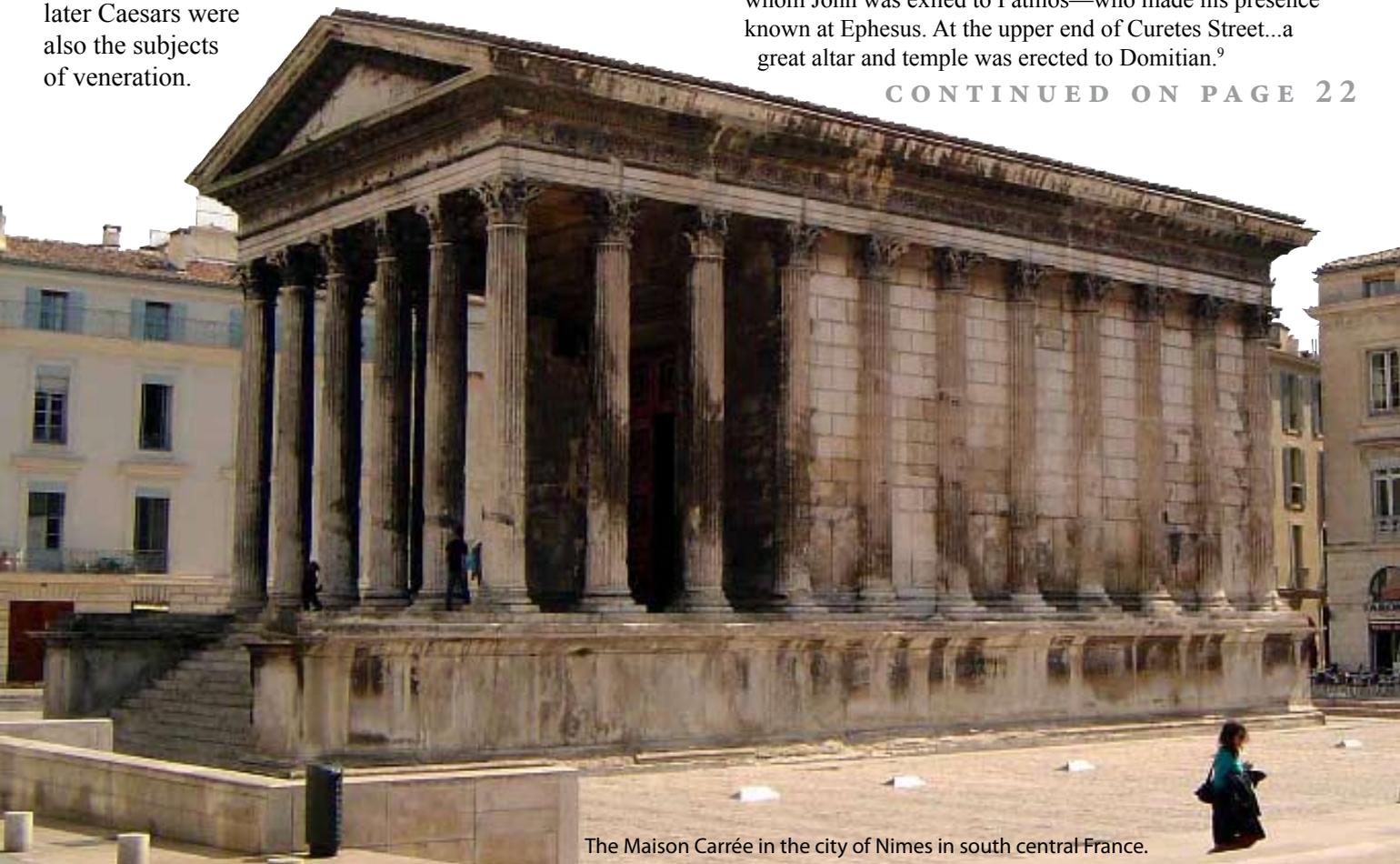
In light of the things brought forth up to this point in our study, we are better prepared to understand the situation of the churches to whom John wrote. We start with the site of ancient Smyrna.

“In 195 B.C. Smyrna became the first city in Asia Minor to erect a temple for the cult of the city of Rome...Coins from Smyrna depict the temples to Rome, to Tiberius, and to Hadrian...”<sup>7</sup>

Tacitus mentions the temple at Pergamos. “Inasmuch as the Divine Augustus did not forbid the founding of a temple at Pergamos to himself and to the city of Rome...”<sup>8</sup> The remains of a temple to the emperor Trajan are yet to be found on the site of this historic city. In Ephesus,

A sanctuary dedicated to Rome and Augustus was enclosed within the precincts of the Artemision temple... It was above all Domitian—the oppressive emperor under whom John was exiled to Patmos—who made his presence known at Ephesus. At the upper end of Curetes Street...a great altar and temple was erected to Domitian.<sup>9</sup>

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The Maison Carrée in the city of Nimes in south central France.

# Roman Emperor Worship and the Book of Revelation

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In such an environment, what dangers would have existed for the faithful Christians among the churches to whom John wrote? The Roman emperor, Trajan's letter to the younger Pliny, written around 110 A.D., gives us some idea. Pliny was proconsul in Pontus and Bithynia at that time and had sought Trajan's ruling on the treatment of Christians under his jurisdiction.

*"You have adopted the right course, my friend, with regard to the Christians; for no universal rule, to be applied to all cases, can be laid down in this matter. They should not be searched for; but when accused and convicted, they should be punished; yet if any denies that he has been a Christian, and proves it by action, namely, by worshipping our gods, he is to be pardoned upon his repentance,*



even though suspicion may still cleave to him from his antecedents."<sup>10</sup>

Added to the above comparatively mild instructions is the drumbeat of successive persecutions in the Roman empire. Just as temples were built to successive emperors, the spread of Christianity gave rise to repeated persecutions by successive emperors, some local and some more or less general. Usually, ten persecutions are counted, ranging from Nero's, which started in 64 A.D., to Diocletian's, which ended in 304.<sup>11</sup> By his time, what was called Christianity had changed radically from that found in the New Testament.

Bust of the emperor Augustus in the Louvre, Paris, France.

Temple amidst the Roman ruins at Xanten, Germany.



If the book of Revelation was written about 95 A.D., in the latter part of the reign of Domitian, we can better understand the many references to Rome and things related to it within the pages written by the inspired apostle. The tribulation mentioned in the book is to some extent identifiable. The beast which was worshipped, in chapter 13, and the harlot it carried, in chapter 17, both come into clearer focus. Thus, the evidence for Roman emperor worship provides a helpful contribution to the study of this great book of the Bible.

### Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup>*The Annals*, digital version.

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple\\_of\\_Augustus\\_\(Pula\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_of_Augustus_(Pula)).

<sup>3</sup> Pierre Grimal, G. Michael Woloch, p. 51.

<sup>4</sup> Grimal, Woloch, p. 51

<sup>5</sup> My translation, sw.

<sup>6</sup> Vol. 2, p. 303, my emphasis, sw.

<sup>7</sup> Edwin M. Yamauchi, *New Testament Cities in Eastern Asia Minor*, p. 57.



The temple of Augustus on the Roman Forum, Rome, Italy.

<sup>8</sup> *The Annals*, digital version.

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<sup>10</sup> Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, Vol. 2, p. 47, my emphasis, sw.

<sup>11</sup> *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, James Strong & John McClintock, Central America - Christopher, St., p. 252, digital version.



The temple of Augustus, Vienne, France.

# The Ship of Zion— Sailing Troubled Seas

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**T**he Lord's church has long been called "The Ship of Zion." Although not a biblical term for the church, the analogy has been drawn by many over the years between the ark that Noah built and the church that the Lord established. Those eight souls in the ark were the only ones saved from the destruction of the world by the Great Flood. The New Testament refers to the saved as being in the church. Luke writes, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Seventy years ago, Guy N. Woods, a gospel preacher, used the analogy of the Lord's church being the "Ship of Zion." He said,

The ship of Zion has floundered more than once on the sandbar of institutionalism. The tendency to organize is a characteristic of the age. On the theory that the end justifies the means, brethren have not scrupled to form organizations in the church to do the work the church itself was designed to do. All such organizations usurp the work of the church, and are unnecessary and sinful (Guy N. Woods, *Abilene Christian College Lectures*, 1939).

Brother Woods again and again would assert the dangers of institutionalism. His warnings of this sandbar continued through the 1940s. In the *Annual Lesson Commentary 1946* (338), Woods stated the following:

It should be noted that there was no elaborate organization for the discharge of these charitable functions. The contributions were sent directly to the elders by the churches who raised the offering. This is the New Testament method of functioning. We should be highly suspicious of any scheme that requires the setting up of an organization independent of the church in order to accomplish its work.

In the same article, brother Woods spoke of the all-sufficiency of the church—that the New Testament church was the only organization authorized to discharge its responsibility to the needy and that human organizations were sinful.

Ships without proper guidance will follow the waves and the way the wind blows. They are carried about by "every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14). When the winds of institutionalism became the predominant influence on the "Ship of Zion," brother Woods, changed his tune. He decided that institutionalism was not a sandbar after all. When the winds of institutionalism became a hurricane force, Woods, along with most preachers of the day, decided that the very thing they had opposed for many years, and the thing that had never been a part of the work of the Lord's church, was now the thing to do. Woods took the institutional position, and for years debated those who continued to adhere to scriptural authority.

Sadly, many in the "Ship of Zion" are not concerned about running aground, and yet have thrown overboard that which is essential to survival. At one time, the "Ship of Zion" was laden with the word of God—biblical principles, scriptural authority, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, but now the "Ship of Zion" is sailing the seas of uncharted territory without maps and direction. No longer are there worries of sandbars, shallows, reefs, or any other thing that can cause its sinking; she sails on not realizing the danger.

The condition of the "Ship of Zion" is sad indeed. No longer do those on board ask, "Where are we going?" or "By whose authority do we do these things?" The course is determined not by the word of God, but simply by the answer to the questions, "Where do we want to go?" and "How much fun can we have?" The "Ship of Zion" has become much like the cruise ships of today, offering its guests any thing they want and any pleasure they might desire. No longer do we hear the plea, "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent." The cry of today is, "If it feels good, do it!"

## **THE DANGER OF PERVERTED WORSHIP**

In the Old Testament, Jeroboam perverted the worship

that God required of man. His reasoning to the people was that he wanted to make worship easier for them. He said, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!” And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan” (1 Kings 12:28-29). So it is today. There are those today who want to make worship easier, not better!

The problem with modern worship in many churches is that man is worshiping God in a manner that is for man’s joy and happiness, rather than worshiping God in the manner in which God prescribed! Man has become the focus of worship, not God! All of this that man has invented for worship is because man has become weary in worshiping in God’s prescribed way.

**Instrumental Music in Worship.** A growing number of churches of Christ are turning to instrumental music in worship. Jesus settled the matter of instrumental music in worship when He left instrumental music out of the worship service of the church. The New Testament is silent concerning instrumental music in the worship. It is evident that those who have it in the worship do so without scriptural authority. Keep in mind that there is no scriptural authority for such and to assume or presume that such is acceptable to God is to speak where God has not spoken. Presumption is a sin. David said, “Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins. . .” (Psa. 19:13). Moses wrote, “Now the man who acts presumptuously . . . that man shall die” (Deut. 17:12). Peter speaks of those who walk according to the flesh and says, “They are presumptuous, self-willed” (2 Pet. 2:10).

There is no inspired or secular record of the New Testament church ever using instrumental music in worship. We have the authority to sing in worship. We are told that the Christians of the first century were to speak “to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). Paul also said, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Col. 3:16).

**Baptism No Longer Necessary.** Some churches of Christ are teaching false doctrine from the pulpits, and some have decided that baptism is no longer necessary for remission of sins and admittance to the Lord’s church. An example of this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee. After hearing a sermon online by the preacher at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, I emailed Mike Williams the minister (and also an assistant professor of Bible at Lipscomb University), saying: “I have listened to your sermon (March 15, 2006, evening) on baptism. I noted that you repeatedly made the statement that 4th Street would continue to teach baptism and ‘we are committed to the teaching and practice of immersion of believers.’ You also stated, ‘if they choose not to be immersed, we welcome them on the journey as

part of this family.’ My question is this: “These people that you have accepted on the basis of infant baptism, Baptist baptism, no baptism, etc., are they saved?” My reply from Mike Williams was, “Frank, as you know, it is God who decides who is and is not saved. Thankfully, I do not have to make that call, but we do believe that it is the grace of God that saves us.”

Now it is sad indeed that a church of Christ would have a minister who would deny the importance of baptism for salvation, but this man is also a professor at Lipscomb University. This speaks volumes as to how far many of the so-called “Christian Colleges” have digressed.

I also believe we are saved by the grace of God, but the grace of

God does not save without the consent and will of man to do those things God requires of him. I still believe and teach the importance of: hearing God’s word (Rom. 10:17); believing (John 8:24); repenting (Acts 2:38); confession (Rom. 10:10); baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16); and faithful living (Rev. 2:10b). These are basic biblical requirements for becoming a Christian.

### **THE DANGER OF FUN AND GAMES**

Churches of Christ are sailing at tempest speed toward fun and games. No longer do many think of the church as a spiritual institution, but as a social society dedicated to the desires and whims of its members. Some churches

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of Christ, like the White Station church in Memphis, Tennessee, have opened coffee shops in their buildings. White Station says the coffee shop is for social activities, birthday parties, card games, etc. The Crown Hill church of Christ in Seattle, Washington, invites all to have “Coffee and Donuts, Sundays at 10 am” and ask all to “come and fellowship with us.”

There are the music groups that perform at churches, including “Christian rock bands,” and charge a cover charge for those in attendance.

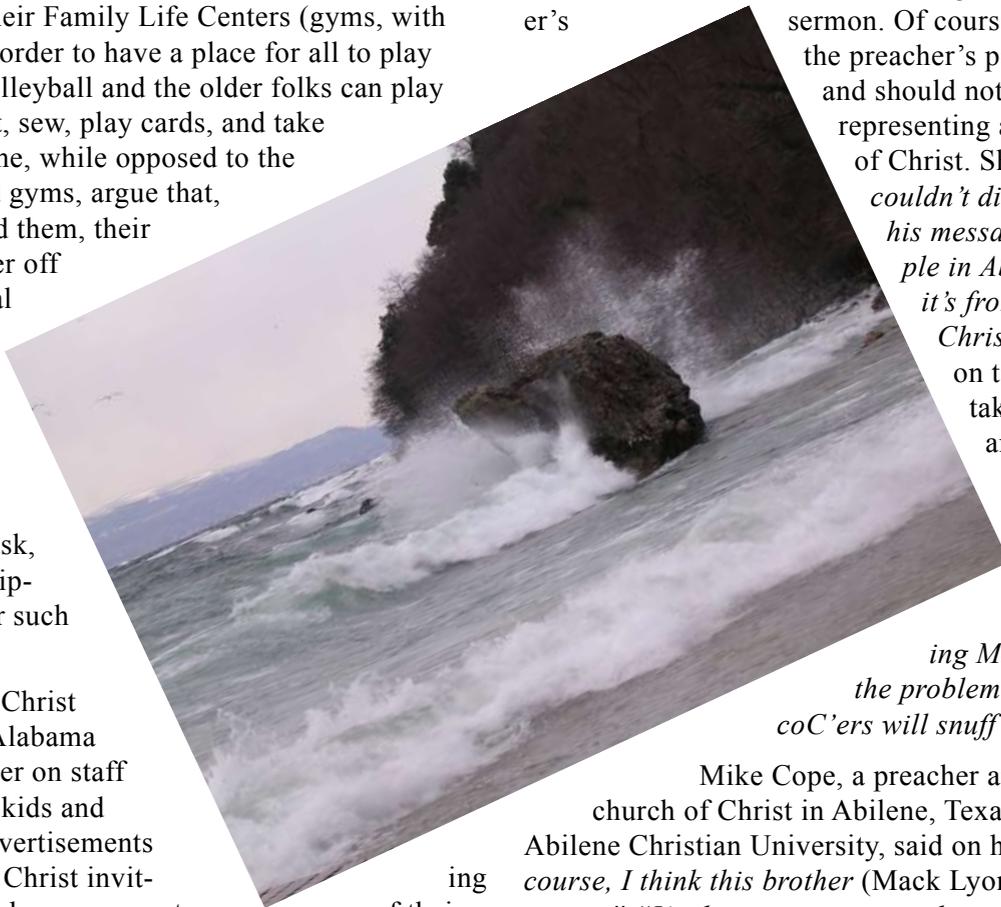
Others build their Family Life Centers (gyms, with a fancy name) in order to have a place for all to play basketball and volleyball and the older folks can play shuffleboard, knit, sew, play cards, and take yoga classes. Some, while opposed to the church sponsored gyms, argue that, if they don’t build them, their young will wander off to the more liberal churches that have them. The attitude is, “If you can’t lick ’em, join ’em.” I wonder if any of these folks ever ask, “Where is the scriptural authority for such things?”

One church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama has a dance teacher on staff to teach dance to kids and adults. We see advertisements from churches of Christ invite the community to become a part of their soccer teams, join their work-out classes and to come jog with them. Parties of all kinds are given, including Halloween parties, with “trunk-or-treat” and free food. And the “Ship of Zion” sails on—further away from the truth. It seems that many have perverted the plea of Christ from “Come unto Me,” to “Come on, let the good times roll!”

## THE DANGER OF WOMEN PREACHERS

On a recent television program, “In Search of the

Lord’s Way” sponsored by institutional churches of Christ, preacher Mack Lyon dealt with the growing problem of women in leadership roles in churches of Christ. This set off a storm of protests from viewers. Citing scriptures as to why women do not have authority for such roles did not prevent the onslaught of protests. One lady wrote: “*God help us. This Message is from Churches of Christ.*” Raymond Elliott writes, “She was upset that the television program was sponsored by churches of Christ and that the public would think that all churches of Christ would agree with this brother’s sermon. Of course, she thinks that the preacher’s position is wrong and should not be understood as representing all the churches of Christ. She also wrote, ‘*I couldn’t disagree more with his message. And yet people in Abilene hear that it’s from Churches of Christ.*’” Elliott went on to say, “Please take a good breath and read slowly the following remark by this individual, ‘*Pretty soon, they’ll all be dead, including Mack Lyon, and the problem of traditional coC’ers will snuff itself out.*’”



Mike Cope, a preacher at the Highland church of Christ in Abilene, Texas and a teacher at Abilene Christian University, said on his website, “*Of course, I think this brother (Mack Lyon) is wrong. Way wrong.*” “*I’m becoming more and more convinced that only time will take care of this.*”

I fear that this attitude is more prevalent than I first thought. From the statements above, it does appear that many churches of Christ are ready to embrace women preachers and are just waiting for the old guard (those who oppose women preachers) to die out.

There is not one scripture to be found that gives divine authority for women preachers. The apostle Paul addresses this when he said by inspiration of God, “Let

your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church” (1 Cor. 14:34-35). In writing to the young gospel preacher Timothy, Paul said, “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim. 2:11-12). It is hard to preach without speaking!

### **THE DANGER OF WOMEN ELDERS**

In April 2003, I wrote of a church of Christ in New York that had posted the following on their website. “West Islip Church of Christ is led by a group of gifted shepherds known collectively as the Council. The Council is currently composed of nine individuals: Don Bayer, Sue Bayer, David Fritz, Methel Gale, Hubert Gibbons, Julie Madsen, Barbara O’Connor, Donna White, and John White.” Also, the site said: “Our ministers, Katie Hays and Lance Pape, serve under the guidance of the Council.” (Katie Hays is now the minister of the Lawrenceville (GA) First Christian Church.) Lance Pape has dedicated a webpage to “Gender Justice” in churches of Christ in order to facilitate “communication and mutual support and edification among Churches of Christ that practice or strive toward gender justice, and offering resources for those seeking insight into the scriptural, theological, and experiential warrants for gender justice in the church.” He further states, “concretely, gender justice in the Church of Christ includes opening traditionally masculine leadership roles and activities (deacon, elder, minister, worship leader, preacher, teacher, etc.) to women, and encouraging men to discover and cultivate their gifts for activities traditionally performed by women.” When I read that statement, I wrote, “Hold on to your hats, brethren, Gender Justice seems to be a new digression in churches of Christ!”

The Cahaba Valley church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama, has a picture of their elders on their webpage. Underneath the picture of their elders, we read their names—John Taylor, Emily Rushing, Mac Dauphin, Marsha Sturdevant and Tom Carlisle.

How in the world can women be qualified as elders? Can a woman possibly be the husband of one wife (1 Tim. 3:2)? This is an obvious perversion of the divine revelation of the Holy Spirit. But, if one is not willing to follow divine revelation as to the work and worship of the church, then it is not a giant leap, but a small step, into the realm of women leadership in the churches.

### **THE DANGER OF CELEBRATING HOLY DAYS**

In 1944, after Floyd Decker, a preacher for the Christian Church, left to become a member of the Church of Christ, he wrote and published, “Why I Left the Christian Church.” One of his reasons for leaving was, “The Christian Church celebrates days of heathen worship, such as Easter, Mother’s Day and Christmas; the church of Christ does not” (Gal. 4:10). But things have changed over the past seventy-five years in churches of Christ.

A new trend in many churches of Christ is the celebration of holy days or religious holidays. Paul, concerned about Christians observing Jewish holidays, said, “You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain” (Gal. 4:10-11).

But this passage has little bearing on those who have already left the word of God. In an email sent by a member of the Otter Creek church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee, the following was written about a worship service at Otter Creek, incorporating different stations of worship at the church. “At the stations, one may pray, journal, meditate on scriptures or prayers, be blessed by an elder or any number of other quiet activities. Often communion is one of the stations. For example, on Ash Wednesday, a blessing and marking with ashes is one station.”

A church in Huntsville, Alabama, invited a rabbi to speak at their special Easter service. At Christmas time, Christmas wreaths adorn the entrance doors of churches of Christ all across the land, and Christmas parties are held inside the buildings. In sounding out a warning against these unscriptural activities, Raymond Elliott writes, “Some of our liberal brethren are observing special holidays like Easter, Lent, Ash Wednesday (having ashes placed on your forehead), having solos in their assemblies, even serving the Lord’s Supper on days other than the first day of the week, and having instrumental music playing in the background during an assembly.” Elliott warns, “It is evident that we are witnessing a major division occurring in our brotherhood.”

### **CONCLUSION**

The “Ship of Zion” is traveling uncharted waters—facing difficulties and potential dangers that could result in the sinking of the Lord’s church in the perilous waters of liberalism and apostasy. Our only hope—follow the “Captain of our salvation” (Heb. 2:10). Or else, the “Ship of Zion” will run aground and flounder more and more. May God help us all!

# Kid's Korner

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HOLY BIBLE

## HOSEA

### THEME

The theme of Hosea is God's constant love for His people even when they sin against Him, and His patient love in leading them to repent.

After King Solomon died, the nation of Israel divided into two parts. The northern kingdom was called Israel or Samaria (because Samaria was the capital city where the king lived). Judah was the southern kingdom. Israel claimed to worship the true God, but they changed God's plan of worship by using golden calves as idols in the cities of Dan and Bethel. Later they worshiped other idols such as Baal. God sent Hosea to rebuke them and call them to repentance.

Hosea married Gomer and they had three children. Their names reminded the people of Hosea's message:

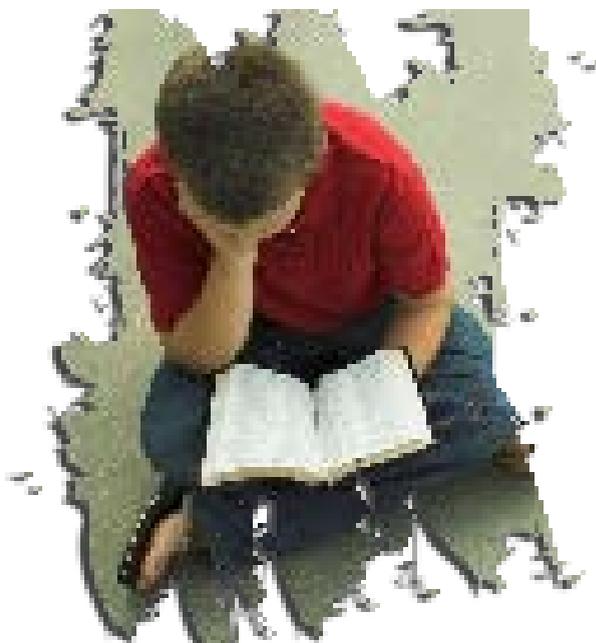
1. **Jezeel** means "to scatter," because God will destroy the kings of Israel if they do not repent (Hos. 1:3-6).
2. **Lo-ruhamah** means "not loved," because it will seem God does not love Israel when He sends a very hard punishment (1:6).
3. **Lo-ammi** means "not my people," because it will seem Israel is not God's people when He allows the nation of Assyria to destroy them (1:8-9).

When Gomer left Hosea to go with another man, God said this is like Israel leaving their true God to follow false gods and idols (2:5; 3:1). Later that man was meant to Gomer and sold her as a slave. In the same way, the idols Israel followed did not help the nation when Assyria invaded the land. When Gomer repented of her sins, Hosea bought her, forgave her, and welcomed her to return to him as a faithful wife (3:2). In the same way, when the people of Israel repented, God was ready

to forgive them and save them. He sent Jesus Christ to save all men who repent (2:23; 3:5).

God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6). They did not know what is right and wrong because they did not study God's Word. Some people pretended to repent but continued to practice their sins. This kind of repentance is like the morning dew: "It goeth away" (6:4). Some people thought God would not see their hate, stealing, and adultery if they went to worship and brought sacrifices. God said, "I desired mercy, and not sacrifice" (6:6). This means God does not accept our worship if we do not show love and care to other people.

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## Memory Verse:

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. . . .  
I desired mercy, and not sacrifice” (Hos. 4:6; 6:6).



### ACTIVITY - MATCHING

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| 1. Golden calves as idols            | A. Gomer             |
| 2. Hosea's wife                      | B. Lo-ruhamah        |
| 3. God will scatter or destroy kings | C. At Dan and Bethel |
| 4. Israel not loved by God           | D. Lo-ammi           |
| 5. Israel not God's people           | E. Jezreel           |



### ACTIVITY - SHORT ANSWER

1. Gomer left Hosea to go with another man. This is like Israel when the nation did what?
2. When Gomer repented, what did Hosea do? What lesson does this teach Israel and us?
3. Why did God's people not know what is right or wrong?
4. What kind of repentance is like the morning dew?
5. God "desired mercy, and not sacrifice." What does this mean?

#### REVIEW MEMORY VERSE FROM EZEKIEL:

“Our God \_\_\_\_\_  
is able \_\_\_\_\_”  
(Dan. 3:17).

# Rules are Rules, and Exceptions are Exceptions

ETHAN LONGHENRY

One would hope that a statement like “rules are rules and exceptions are exceptions” would be universally accepted as self-evident. Unfortunately, in many recent controversies regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage, this concept has not been respected. Too much emphasis has been placed on the exception and precious little on the rule.

Consider what is written in Luke 16:18 (and also in Mark 10:11-12):

Every one that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth one that is put away from a husband committeth adultery.

Please notice that Jesus here presents the rule. We have a natural tendency to automatically want to harmonize these passages of Scripture with Matthew 19:9, and carve out the exception to the rule. While we are not attempting to invalidate the exception, let us set aside this harmonizing impulse for just a moment and allow the rule to sink deeply into our hearts. The rule is that those who (actively) divorce and marry others commit adultery, and those who marry those who are (passively) divorced commit adultery.

This is the principle that God has demonstrated in Scripture. Yes, in Matthew 19:9, God makes an exception to this rule: if sexually deviant behavior (Greek *porneia*) is committed, the offended spouse may divorce the offending spouse and marry another without committing adultery. Therefore, those who have divorced their spouses for their sexually deviant behavior and have married another have committed no sin.

Unfortunately, far too many brethren try to blow the exception wide open. They will declare that God preserves the “right” for the “innocent party” to “lawfully divorce” in Matthew 19:9, focus on this and emphasize this, and in so doing make the exception the rule and the rule the exception. This ought not be!

We should never forget that God hates divorce (Mal. 2:16), and man is not to separate what God has joined together (Matt. 19:4-6). The way that Jesus has spoken what is revealed in Matthew 19:9, Mark 10:11-12, and Luke 16:18 indicates that He expects “legitimate” divorces to be in the minority and the fully sinful divorces to be in the majority. The *rule* is that divorces are sinful and remarriage involves adultery; the *exception* is carved out for one specific reason, and while it is mentioned by Matthew, Mark and Luke pass over it in silence.

Therefore, to focus on the exception to the detriment of the rule, or to emphasize the exception over the rule is to radically distort what Jesus is attempting to communicate. Divorce is never a “right” – God *allows* a person to divorce the one who has committed sexually deviant behavior against them, but such is never commanded. Since God hates divorce and strongly affirms covenant faithfulness, one could make a strong argument that God would rather such a couple work out their challenges and stay married. The Bible never speaks of an “innocent” party or a “guilty” party, terms that are very prejudicial and which rarely reflect the realities of a marriage and divorce scenario (many “innocent” parties are hardly innocent, and while the actions of the “guilty” party are inexcusable, they are sometimes understandable). Again, we emphasize that *God hates divorce* and, therefore, to emphasize the exception over the rule is not wise. Most divorces are going to be for inappropriate reasons. Divorce leads to great sadness and misery. Since divorce has become quite popular in our society, we must keep these timeless truths in mind and hold fast to them. Let us preach the rule as the rule and the exception as the exception!

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# The Aging of the Church

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fewer people in the pews than just six years ago (*Christian Chronicle*, February 2009).

Lynn's information usually includes all churches of Christ and, whether or not the trend spans the spectrum of all groups identifying themselves as churches of Christ is unknown.

## WHAT IS CAUSING THIS?

There is no one cause to the aging of American churches, but I would like to suggest several contributing factors.

**1. America is becoming more secular.** In the 1966, Thomas J. J. Altizer wrote *Radical Theology and the Death of God*. He was using the language of German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. By the death of God, these men did not mean that God first existed and then died in a literal sense. It may be more appropriate to consider the statement as Nietzsche's way of saying that the Christian "God" is no longer a viable influence on most American's lives. His influence over men is dead. To a large degree, what these men wrote is true. What God has spoken and revealed in His word is irrelevant to many Americans, practically if not theologically.

Social historians write about "post-Christian America," recognizing that the influence of the Christian faith is waning in our society. We have witnessed this in our work as gospel preachers and elders in a number of different ways. It is becoming more difficult to find anyone willing to participate in a home Bible study. When I first began preaching, I was able to have home Bible studies at least three nights a week on a pretty regular basis and, as a result, we were baptizing quite a few, as compared to today. In more recent years, finding someone willing to have a home Bible study is becoming more and more difficult.

The American culture is being shaped by the atheist ethics preached from sit-com television. (And through the U.S. television medium, this atheistic culture is be-

ing spread around the world.) Think of how TV is working to reshape American thought about homosexuality as a prime example of the preaching of humanistic and atheistic ethics. Those who believe in and defend Christian values are caricatured as mindless bigots.

The sad lot of twenty-first century Americans is that we are unfortunate to be living in an age more like those of the days of Noah than the apostles on Pentecost or our ancestors who worked in the early days of the restoration movement. We are unable to convert as many people, which contributes to the aging of the church.

**2. Americans are having fewer children.** The average size of the American family is diminishing. America's birthrate is 2.05 children per woman (compared to 3.8 in 1950). Immigrant families have significantly higher birthrates, although that also diminishes as the next generation adopts American values. In some countries, the birth rate of immigrants outnumbers the local population to such an extent that major social changes are ahead within a relatively short period of time. (For examples: The



Islamic immigrants in Europe are giving birth at a much higher rate than are Europeans; the Palestinians are having more babies than Jewish families in Israel. Soon the majority in both areas will be Islamic.) Flavil Yeakley, director of the Harding Center for Church Growth in Searcy, AR, says that there is a 7% decline in the number of children in U.S. churches (*Christian Chronicle*, February 2009). (Whether this figure accurately represents all segments of the churches of Christ is unknown.) The fact is that Christian families have fewer children and, consequently, fewer Christians are converted to Christ through these families. As Christians grow old, there are few left to take their place.

**3. Christians are doing a poor job of saving their own children.** I am not writing this based on a systematic collection of data from surveying Churches of Christ across America. I am writing this on the basis of

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my subjective perception drawn from over forty years of preaching. My perception is that American churches are losing well over a majority of the children who have Christian parents. I have gone to churches who tell me, “Ten years ago, we had twenty in our teenage class.” In ten years, these teenagers have married and many have children of their own. But the local church does not have a thriving bunch of pre-schoolers or elementary aged children. What happened? Out of the twenty teenagers, four or five are still dedicated and committed to serving God. What happened to the others? Had American churches been successful in saving their own children, the problem of an aging church would have been less critical!

**4. American churches are doing a poor job of evangelizing.** In the February 2007 of *The Christian Chronicle*, Bobby Ross, Jr. wrote, “In the last quarter-century, the United States as a whole grew at a rate about 20 times faster than Church of Christ membership, an analysis by the *Chronicle* has found.” The church grew at a rate of 1.6% whereas the population increase in America was twenty times that, about 32%.

Had we been successful in converting people, our churches would be growing. The problem is not a diminishing *population*, but diminishing *churches*.

## CONCLUSION

What does the future hold for Christianity? None of us has the miraculous gift of prophecy, so any perceptions are just the subjective assessment of an uninspired man. What appears to be the case, is that the center of Christianity is shifting to various third-world countries such as the Philippines, Nigeria, India, and South America. These countries are receptive to gospel preaching and we thrill to hear of the numbers of baptisms occurring there.

What can be done? I don’t know the answers to this, but I would make these suggestions. (1) We are not going to make more Christians by changing the Christian message. We might build church attendance, but we will not make more Christians. There is but one way for a person to become a Christian—by obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Watering down that message to reach more people will only result in the apostasy of the church. So, let us begin by ruling out the option of changing the message. (2) Though we cannot control

some circumstances, there are some things we can do: (a) Use every opportunity to teach and preach that we have. The church may not grow, but we will have done our duty before God. (b) Conduct our lives in such a way that we don’t drive people away by fussing, bickering, factionalism, hypocrisy, and such like things that cause the gospel to be blasphemed, even among the Gentiles. (c) Pray for the Lord to give us opportunities to preach to honest and good hearts. (d) Support gospel preaching in those regions where conversions are occurring. These brethren may be sending evangelists to America in a few short years to convert our grandchildren.

Also, brethren need to reconsider the long range impact of driving across town so their children can attend a church with a larger number of teenagers. First of all, what is best for the children might not be across town. Those who attend a church of 200+ people have relatively little opportunity to participate in public worship. As a teenager attending a small church, I was expected to lead singing, participate in the serving of the Lord’s supper, and lead prayer. Occasionally I made announcements. I would not have had those opportunities in a larger church. Second, families need to reconsider their idea about going to worship. Are we going somewhere to be served or to serve? There was a time when larger churches encouraged some of their members to swarm to another area to start a church in another community. Have we lost our evangelistic spirit, or desire to serve, rather than being served? I am not implying that every person’s decision to be a part of a larger church is wrong. Sometimes brethren leave a smaller church because of its own problems—its constant bickering, fussing, and factionalism. No one wishes to be a part of that, and certainly members of a small church should not blame a larger church in the area when their members flee to escape the fussing.

I am not so naive as to think that God’s church will cease to exist. Daniel foretold that the Lord’s kingdom would stand forever (Dan. 2:44). I believe what he wrote. But, that does not mean that the United States will be a strong center of New Testament Christianity. The aging of so many American churches portends difficult times ahead for American churches to hold their own, much less to grow.

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11:00		Qualifications of Elders/Deacons' Wives: Sherelyn Mayberry	Women's Role in the Church: Kate Mitchell	Great Women I Have Known: Bobby Adams	
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