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Leviticus 24 records the case in which two men were fighting, one an Israelite and the other a man who had an Israelite mother but an Egyptian father. In the course of the fight, the son of the Egyptian “blasphemed the name of the Lord and cursed” (24:11). The man was brought to Moses. Moses put him in custody until the “mind of the Lord might be shown to them” (24:12). The Lord commanded,

Take outside the camp him who has cursed; then let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: “Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. And whoever blasphemes the name of the

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Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall be put to death” (Lev. 24:14-16).

Israel did as the Lord commanded (Lev. 24:23).

As I read this narrative, there are several things that come to my mind.

1. The sin of blasphemy and cursing. The third of the Ten Commandments is this, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain” (Exod. 20:7). Indeed, the Lord did not hold guiltless the son of the Egyptian who blasphemed His name. Several hundred years later, Queen Jezebel used the false charge of blaspheming God and the king against Naboth to put him to death so that she could take his vineyard for her husband, King Ahab (1 Kings 21:10-13).

R. Laird Harris made these comments about the sin committed in Leviticus 24:

Just what the crime was is hard to say. It may well have been more than thoughtless profanity. . . . The word “curse” (*qalal*, v. 11) is used when Balak hired Balaam to curse Israel so that he might conquer her. The man may have been engaged in some curse procedure to injure his opponent by a kind of hex in the name of the Lord, or it may have been angry cursing of the Israelite man and his God (*The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Leviticus*, 631).

In either case, the sin of blasphemy was a serious offense. It showed disrespect for God. Lack of respect for God is the attitude from which many other sins derive.

2. The civil punishment for blasphemy.

The narrative of the punishment of the blasphemer is written in the context of civil legislation advocating “an eye for an eye” (Lev. 24:17-23). The idea of this law is not personal vengeance, which is forbidden in the Law (Lev. 19:18; Prov. 20:22; 24:29), but the administration of civil justice. In the administration of civil justice,

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EDITORIAL LEFT-OVERS

PERSONAL NOTES

CONNIE W. ADAMS

The news of my battle with prostate cancer has circulated widely. Many cards and emails have been sent to let me know that many have been praying for me. There is no way to fully express how much that has meant to Bobby and me. From throughout this country, Indonesia, the Philippines, Canada, Mexico, Norway, and European countries, word has come of prayers ascending on my behalf. It is impossible to respond to each one of these and so I thought it good to use this public column to say a heartfelt, “Thank you, my dear brethren.”

I have completed forty-five radiation treatments extending over nine weeks. They went well with minimal adverse effects. Since completing these, I have worked in two gospel meetings and managed very well. I saw my oncologist yesterday (June 14) and had another PSA test on June 17 with good results. In three months I will have another PSA test. I am optimistic about the outcome of this as well.

The hardest part of all this for me was having to cancel four gospel meetings. Thankfully, three of them have been rescheduled. In case any may think I am no longer on the firing line, then he is mistaken. I have meeting work sched-

uled through most of the rest of this year, though I do have time for two more in November and into next year. “Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:16).

HAIR

I thought maybe it was just me. In observing feminine hair styles, it has seemed to me that whoever sets the styles, has an intense hatred of women. They have conspired to make women look as hideous and ridiculous as possible. From the fad of looking like they just walked through a car wash and just let their hair dry, to parting in the middle with long locks hanging down like a witch hovering over her brew, to uneven cuts with all lengths hanging everywhere,

to having strands hanging over the eyes, forcing a continually jerking motion in order to see (this may greatly increase the trade of chiropractors to work with neck injuries), to the mannish looking short cuts—one cannot help wondering what bizarre style will catch on next. While browsing through bound volumes of *Truth Magazine* from the late 1960s, I came across this gem from the pen of Luther Blackmon. He said some women had a hair-style which “looked like a hollow stump full of granddaddy spiders.” I don’t think I can improve on that description. Girls, whatever happened to beauty and charm?

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Editorial Left-Overs

Personal Notes

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WAIT ON THE LORD

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord” (Psa. 27:14). I love the song “In His Time.” The Lord’s time table and ours are not always the same. Sarah grew weary of waiting and gave Hagar, her handmaid to Abraham. To this union Ishmael was born. But that was not God’s plan. In God’s time, Isaac was born and the promises were renewed through him.

Even the prophets wondered about “His time.” “Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto



whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into” (1 Pet. 1:10-12). When Jesus came, suffered and died, and then ascended to send the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles, it was then “the fulness of time” (Gal. 4:4; Tit. 1:2). But not until then.

God still rules among the nations. “He is the governor among the nations” (Psa. 22:28). Sometimes we wonder “How long, O Lord?” When we see the increasing decadence in our culture, we wonder why the Lord does not end it all. But, we have to learn to “wait on the Lord.” Peter said, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). While God waits, we are granted more time to preach the gospel and to bring men to repentance. While we wait, we must continue “to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9-10). Remember, while the father in the parable of the two sons, waited, the son who had gone into the “far country” “came to himself” in true repentance and returned to his father who was anxious to receive him and forgive him.

It is hard for me to wait. But it is not hard for the Lord. So I need to pray about it and learn how to meet the challenge, “Wait, I say, on the Lord.”

IS JESUS COMING SOON?

In light of the foregoing item, we need to be careful about telling folks that Jesus is coming soon. How do you know that? Yes, He might come today, or five years from today. But do you know that? Jesus Himself said, “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father” (Mark 13:32). I have preached in meetings on “The Second Coming of Christ” and displayed a chart featuring this verse only to have the song leader get up and lead “Jesus is Coming Soon.” I just got through telling the audience that no man or angel knows when He is coming. It may be soon, or it may be long delayed. What we must do is urge all to be prepared all the time. For “In His Time” and only then, will He come and He did not tell you, me, or anyone else when that time is. When I hear, or read from some preacher who boldly states, “Jesus is coming soon,” I have a strong urge to ask him where and how he learned that. Jesus will come “in His time.”

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Questions & Answers

Why does Psalms 137:9 give a blessing to someone given to such butchery as to murder innocent children?

ANSWER: The verse cited by our querist reads: “How blessed will be the one who seizes and dashes your little ones against the rock.”

Like a number of the psalms and other Old Testament and New Testament passages, Psalms 137 is an example of an imprecatory passage. “Imprecatory,” the adjective form of “imprecation,” means “characterized by the issuing of a curse or a statement of punishment.” God often issued such imprecatory statements, because of His power to punish in keeping with the principles of justice and equity.

Critics of the Bible, who often seek to be “more righteous than God,” disparage such passages as befitting a harsh, vengeful God unworthy of their worship. Some of them distinguish between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament, as if there is a higher standard of morality in the New Testament; but they disregard the same kind of passages found in the New Testament (Gal. 5:12; 2 Tim. 4:14; Rev. 6:10) and the New Testament’s use of some imprecatory passages from the Old Testament. God’s character is unchanging, and He never employs evil to tempt anyone (Mal. 3:6; Jas.

1:17). In His dealings with humanity, God has the right to punish those violating His righteous will, whether they be individuals (Ananias, Sapphira), cities (Sodom), or nations (Israel, Judah, Edom).

One reason for such divine retribution, often overlooked, was God’s special protection assured to Israel from the time of Genesis 12:2-3: He would bless those blessing Abraham’s descendants and curse those cursing them. In His superintendence of the nations, He exercises such right (Acts 17:26-27; Dan. 4:17; 5:25-28; Deut. 28; Prov. 14:34). The complete destruction of a people required that even the children be included. Such a measure, often condemned by unbelievers and questioned by believers, was necessary to prevent future threats to God’s people and truly retrieved the young ones from the degenerating moral/spiritual environment in which they were found.

Another factor often overlooked by critics was God’s longsuffering nature. He did not immediately punish but allowed time for repentance. The last major section of Hosea (chapters 4-14) demonstrates that God waited over several years before punishing the wicked, while the prophet abundantly warned rebellious Israel. How many times did God allow Abraham to intercede for Sodom? Only when the people ignored the warnings of the prophets, raised up and sent early (with time to change and avert divine pun-

Who Then Can Be Saved?

JOHNE EDWARDS

This question was prompted after Jesus told the story of a young man who asked: “*What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life*” (Matt. 19:16-26). This material explores this question: *Who then can be saved?*

1. Ask the Roman Catholic Church. They will say, “all who embrace the teachings of Catholicism”. They have two sources for their teaching. The Bible with their own interpretation plus their traditions. One is hard pressed to even find the Catholic Church mentioned in the Word of God! The Catholic church started far too late to be the Lord’s church. The first pope was crowned in A.D. 606. Their teachings evolved over the centuries. Some of the doctrines they developed were: (1) original sin; (2) infant baptism; (3) mechanical instrumental music in worship; (4) praying through the virgin Mary; (5) priest called father; (6) pope head of the church.

2. Jehovah’s Witness. They tell us that 144,000 will be saved in heaven; the rest will live on the earth. This is based on a false conclusion drawn Revelation 14:1-4. They take figurative language and make it literal at their choosing. These were unmarried men only! The Bible invites all (Matt. 11:28-30; Mark 16:16; Rev. 22:17; John 6:44-45; 2 Tim. 2:10; Gal. 3:27).

3. Universalists. They answer the question this way: “Everybody will be saved.” They have no doctrine! One can believe whatever he wishes. The Bible teaches differently (Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46; Rom. 6:3-4, 17-18; Heb. 5:8-9; Rev. 22:14; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37-38).

4. Protestant Denominations. Most of these groups teach that salvation is by faith alone, grace alone, and that one is as good as another! The word of God has a different message: Men are saved by faith and grace, but not these alone (Heb. 11:6; John 8:24; Eph. 2:8-9; Jas. 2:24). Paul said there “is one body” (Eph. 4:4) and the body “is the church” (Col. 1:24). The seven ones of Ephesians 4 will knock the props from under denominationalism!

5. Judaism. Some Jews are still looking for the Messiah to come. The law of Moses, for the Jews, has been abolished and is no longer binding (Matt. 5:17-18; Rom. 6:7; 7:1-4; Gal. 3:19-25; 4:21-21; Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14-16; Heb. 7:12; 8:7-13; 10:9-10; Gal. 6:2).

6. The Bible Answer. We have been looking at the wrong sources for the answer to this question. Let’s let the Bible answer the question: “Are there few that be saved?” Study Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37-38, 47; 9:6; 22:16; and Revelation 2:10. What have we learned from the Bible answer? In New Testament times, men were told to: hear the word of God (Rom. 10:17); repent of sins (Acts 17:30; 2:38); confess faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Matt. 10:32;) be baptized (Mark 16:16); be in the Lord’s church (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23) and be faithful (Rev. 2:10)!



Why Is Modest Dress A Big Deal?

MEAGAN WILLIS



Often times, as soon as a preacher announces that he will be preaching on immodesty, some people's brains just shut down and drown out what is being said. Maybe they don't think it applies to them or that immodesty is not really that big of a deal. If it is mentioned in the Bible, it is a big deal. Why? **Immodesty Is a Sin**

WHAT IS MODESTY?

"Modesty" is defined as propriety in dress, speech, or conduct (*Merriam-Webster*). Modesty on the outside must first stem from within. One must have a good attitude and be willing to do whatever the Lord instructs whether she agrees with it or not.

WHY IS IT A SIN?

Because God says it is. 1 Timothy 2:9 says, "In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment." While the verse does not say, "do not dress immodestly," we can understand what God wants in that He told us how He does want us to dress.

WHO IS TO FOLLOW THIS COMMAND?

Anyone who loves God and desires to be with Him in heaven. John 14:15 says, "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments." Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter."

HOW CAN WE KNOW IF SOMETHING IS IMMODEST?

While the Bible does not mention lengths in inches, it does speak on the subject. Exodus 28 tells us of God's concern about how the High Priest should dress when coming before Him. Verse 42 mentions that He commanded to cover his nakedness "from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach." The "thigh" is defined as "lower limb extending from the hip to the knee" (*Merriam-Webster*). We could use this as a guideline for shorts, skirts, and dresses. After Adam and Eve sinned, they felt ashamed and they became aware of their nakedness, so they sewed fig leaves together to make aprons for themselves. There must have been something inadequate about their fig leaf aprons because the Lord made them clothing from animal skins (Gen. 3:21). Before leaving your room in the morning, you should ask yourself, "Does my clothing reveal any part of my chest or thighs? Is it so tight that it might be emphasizing some part it shouldn't be? Would Jesus be pleased if He was right here in front of me?"

WHEN IS IT A SIN?

If I ask you when and where immodest dress is a sin, you will probably say, "that's easy: everywhere and all the time." But when you say everywhere and all the time, is that really what you mean? There are many Christians who, on a day-to-day basis, do not wear immodest clothing but, when certain occasions arise, they think it is acceptable to wear something immodest. Listed below are some of the most common times/places Christians think they can justify immodest clothing.

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1. When Playing Sports. Obviously enjoying and playing sports is not sinful, but I do not understand why so many Christians feel like modesty doesn't apply to those who are playing sports. When playing sports, I was shocked to see what girls and guys wear as a part of their uniform for certain sports. I do know of several cases where Christians have taken a stand and demanded to play the sport in a modest uniform and ended up influencing the rest of the team to have the uniforms changed. Playing sports can be a good thing, but we just need to be mindful of what and how we are dressing while playing that sport.

Like sports, swimming classes are an issue in some public schools. Fortunately, I was able to be in an all girls swimming class that had a female teacher in high school and didn't have to deal with that issue, but many do not have that option. Unless something has changed, school systems cannot make a student take swimming classes. While the teachers and principal might pressure you, they have to give you an alternative (whether it's a health class, study hall, another gym class, or whatever it may be). Something done in the name of education can still be wrong. We should even be willing to accept a bad grade if it means standing for what's right.

2. When Getting Married or Participating in a Wedding. I have been to many weddings in the past ten years and I can honestly say I have seen more immodest dresses than I have seen modest dresses. I've been surprised at how many young girls, whom I had never before seen wearing any immodest clothing, came down the aisle in an immodest dress. A wedding is one of the most important days in a couple's life. A man

and woman vow before God and many people that they will honor, cherish, and keep themselves from all others until death. I cannot see how it would be a wise decision for a young woman to start off her marriage by revealing her body to every man in attendance. Her body is meant for only one person—her husband, but wearing an immodest dress reveals it to everyone present.

Shopping for a wedding dress can be very frustrating because it's very rare to walk into a bridal store and find a modest dress right off the rack. Thin straps, strapless and low cut dresses are in style but just because they are in style does not make them acceptable to God. I have done some research to find options for a Christian woman to be able to be stylish, beautiful, and yet modest. There are a lot of companies on line that actually specialize in modest wedding dresses. If you are shopping in a store and do not see any dresses on the floor that are modest, you can ask to see if there are any dresses in a catalog that they could order for you. Many times a bride can buy the dress she prefers and have a few simple alterations done, such as widening the straps, sewing material in the front so it's not too low, or having a belero (jacket) made, so that it will be modest. There would be more modest brides if there were more young women who would decide ahead of time that, regardless of the reason, they would keep themselves modest and pure on their wedding day.

Not only are the brides immodestly dressed, but many times the bridesmaids are immodestly dressed as well. Brides, remember that, even if you don't think a certain dress is immodest, your bridesmaids may think otherwise. You need to be very careful that you not ask your closest friends or family members to wear something that is sinful for them to wear or that they feel uncomfortable in. Bridesmaids, don't just wear an immodest dress because that is what the bride picked out. You can say "no"



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“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin”

to the invitation to be a bridesmaid and explain why you are declining. You never know what kind of influence you could have.

3. When It's in Style.

This is one of the biggest reasons why men and women dress immodestly. “Everyone else is doing it, so why shouldn't I?”

Unfortunately, people expose things that only their spouse should see. I don't think you can turn on the TV without seeing at least one person who is dressed immodestly. It is everywhere: in Hollywood, on TV, in the movies, at the beach, in school, at work, at the mall, and, sadly enough, in Christian homes, and *at worship services*.

While it is true that what God says about the subject is more important than being in style, I understand young people want to feel like they fit in. Many Christians wear things because of peer pressure. The Lord says, “*Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin*” (James 4:17). I am thirty years old and, while I have no desire to wear some of the styles available, I do want to be stylish, but I want to do that in a *modest* way. I struggle to find clothes that I like, that are not too expensive, and that do not reveal things they shouldn't. Believe it or not, there are such clothes available! Along with the websites that sell modest wedding dresses, I have found a lot of websites which specialize in selling modest apparel. Modest clothing is out there; we just have to look for it. It might cost us a little more money, we may have to wear something slightly less popular, but I know I would rather be a little inconvenienced than to risk my or someone else's soul. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

4. When It's Hot. I have never lived in a place where the temperature is hot all year long, but I have recently

been to Israel and Egypt. I knew about their culture and dress before going to these places, but after coming back I thought, “Here these women are in these hot temperatures, but they always make sure they keep themselves modest (and I mean from head to toe). But we have girls/women practically wearing ‘underwear’ in temperatures that are much lower.” Does God say, “Keep modest unless the weather makes you uncomfortable”?

There are many things one can wear to keep modest and stay decent, but still be comfortable in the heat. There are also many ways to keep oneself from being in places where everyone is dressed immodestly. Am I saying you will always be able to keep your child from seeing someone who is immodestly dressed? No, but many people do not even make an effort. It may cost a little more money, it might take a little more researching, or, maybe, inconvenience you a little, but isn't it worth it?

The Lord does not condemn swimming but, before you go, consider these details: which beach or pool you are going to; who you are going with; who will be there; what people will have on; and what you are wearing. Sometimes we go somewhere and think, “Well, I'll have my clothes on,” or, “I'm mostly covered up.” Do we, as men or women, not realize that any tight, wet clothes can be just as immodest as being completely naked? Keeping all parts covered is essential at all times. We don't want to tempt others, nor do we ourselves want to be tempted.

5. At Worship Services. Remember, modesty isn't just about making sure one is appropriately covered, it also includes wearing appropriate clothes for certain occasions. I am most amazed by what some women think is appropriate to wear to services. Obviously, it is important to dress modestly no matter where we are and who we are with, but I would think that, when worshipping our Lord, it would be at the forefront of one's mind. From the beginning of time, God has always asked for our best and I know that there are many who are wearing far from their best when they come to services. I am shocked at the lack of common sense and the respect that some Christian women have for the Lord and for fellow Christians.

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Wearing short skirts and dresses, low cut shirts, and any tight article of clothing to worship services is not only offensive to the Lord, but is also offensive to others. Worship service is a time when Christians focus on God. They are truly there to please Him, to remember all He has done for us, to learn more about His word, and to encourage their brothers and sisters in Christ and any visitors. How can others focus on God if they are distracted by women wearing immodest clothing? How can one feel right with the Lord when she is distracting those who are trying to worship?



Sometimes we wear things that we believe to be modest, but don't realize what others see from their vantage point. Several years ago, a close friend of ours who is a preacher made a point in a sermon while speaking on the topic of modesty. He said, "All women should stand up sometime and try serving the Lord's table. As you pass through the aisles, standing above women, what do you see?" You'll probably notice a lot of low cut blouses and a lot of short skirts. We need to really try to think about what we wear and what others will see.

While one can have clothes on that aren't low cut, too tight, or short, one can still reveal a less than reverent attitude about the Lord by the clothes that are worn. As a whole, the church has gotten so "casual" that people often forget where they are going and why they are going. God

asks for our best. It is almost as if we put no thought into where we are going when we walk into the church building in jeans, sports apparel, tennis shoes, shorts, etc. Our outer appearance reveals what is in our hearts. As I have stated several times, we are responsible for ourselves and making sure we are right with God, but we are also responsible for doing our best to make sure that we are not distracting others during services with immodest or inappropriate clothing.

IMMODESTY CAUSES OTHERS TO SIN

1. How Does It Cause Others to Sin? Because it causes others to lust, and lust is sinful. "Lust" is defined as intense or unbridled sexual desire (*Merriam-Webster*). Matthew 5:27-28 says, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery,' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." We know God says adulterers will not inherit His kingdom (Gal. 5:19; 1 Cor. 6:9; Heb. 13:4; James 1:14-15).

2. Who Do I Cause to Sin? Anyone. The Bible says, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4). The only person who has a right to see and desire your body is your spouse. Immodesty demonstrates low self esteem. It is sad when a young lady does not have enough confidence about herself that she thinks that she needs to wear revealing clothing that causes men to be attracted to her. It should be taught in the home from an early age that our outward appearance is not what we want to use to attract others. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." The phrase "as man sees" indicates that humans do notice others based on their physical appearance, but our dress reflects what is on the inside, and this is what God sees.

CORRECTING THIS PROBLEM

Mark 9:42 says, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had

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been cast into the sea.” Romans 14:13 says, “...not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way.” Even if you aren’t going to worry about your own soul, please consider the souls of others.

How and **when** can I help others to not lust? By dressing modestly according to the Lord’s standards, not by the world’s standards. It takes the parents and children to work together to perfect this.

1. Parents. While each is ultimately responsible for his own sins, parents are instructed to train their children to follow God. Ephesians 6:4 says, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” I have been so discouraged to hear girls say things like, “My mom said I’ve got the body for it so I should wear it,” or “My mom said it was ok,” or “My mom wears things like this.” It is no wonder so many girls are wearing immodest clothing. There are a lot of different reasons why teens dress immodestly, but failing to be taught in the home is at the top of the list.

Fathers and mothers, think back to when you were 13, 16, or 20 years old. What kinds of feelings did you have when you saw an attractive person of the opposite sex? While cultures are always changing, men and women have struggled with lust from the beginning of time. Knowing the feelings you had, why would you not do everything you could to keep others from lusting after your child? This

might mean that you have to enforce a strict dress code and that our kids might not like the rules, but parents, *you are the parent!* You make the rules. You have a heavenly Father who has rules which He expects you follow. Parents underestimate what their two- to four-year-olds can learn.

*... you are the parent!
You make the rules.*

If children are taught from a very early age to dress modestly, then it probably won’t be such a big issue when they get to the teen years. Consistency is the key. Parents are to guide their children and do everything they can to help them get to heaven. It is important to remember that, if your children are not learning how to dress from you, they will be taught by someone else, and, most likely, what they will be taught by others won’t be according to God’s word.

2. Children. Many young girls have no idea how what they wear affects boys/men. This is a time when, even if you don’t understand why it can have such an influence on young men, you really listen to those people who are older and more experienced than you. Many times your parents have to tell you “no” and you want to know why. You had to trust that your parents were telling you “no” because it was something that wasn’t a wise decision and something that could have possibly put you in danger (physically or spiritually). Proverbs 12:1 says, “*Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge but he who hates correction is stupid.*” It is a fact that boys and young men can be aroused if they see you in strapless tops, swimsuits, bikinis, short shorts, thin straps on tops, see through clothing, and tight clothing. Please listen to the older women when it comes to this subject. They do know what they’re talking about. Romans 15:1 says, “Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.” Are we edifying, building up, our young brethren by dressing immodestly, or are we contributing to Satan’s efforts to tear him down?

CONCLUSION

Would you think I was crazy if I encouraged you to, “Go ahead, take a drink of alcohol. You won’t become addicted and it won’t lead you down any wrong paths?” Most of you are thinking, “Yes.” But why is it that you would think that is crazy, but you would allow yourself or your child to walk out the door with something on that is immodest? While the Lord does not say our shorts must be so many inches long or the straps on our shirts have to be a certain width, He does discuss the issue of modesty, He expects us to use some common sense, and He expects us to put others first. We should always dress in a way that shows respect to the Lord and to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Dressing modestly helps us to fulfill both our duties to the Lord and to others (Matt. 22:37-39). Modesty is a big deal to the Lord so we must make it a big deal for ourselves and for others. What will you choose to wear the next time you leave your house—something that is pleasing to you and others or something that is pleasing to the Lord?

Spanked then Sprinkled

JUSTIN MONTS

Julie McClure, an elderly woman of 102, recounts being sprinkled: “I was sprinkled at home. I remember I was small. The preacher came by from the campground and stopped to speak with me and my little sister. My father came out and hung me up and spanked me for running from the preacher. He carried me under his arms and the preacher sprinkled me” (*Interviews with ministers and church members, Foxfire Seven, Paul Gillespie, 176*).

Mrs. Julie looked at this in a comical light but some serious issues are involved. Here are a few needed observations:

Sprinkling is not baptism. The Greek word for baptism is *baptidzo*. The Greek word for sprinkling is *rhantidzo*. Those in the first century had a word for both “baptism” (immersion) and “sprinkling.” If sprinkling were practiced by the early church, we would read of it in the New Testament. Quite simply, we don’t.

Infants are not in sin. The purpose of Bible baptism is to wash away sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). Little children have no sin (Ezek. 18:20; Deut. 1:39; Matt.

“...He carried me under his arms and the preacher sprinkled me”

18:1-5). So they are not candidates for Bible baptism. Belief before baptism. Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). The Ethiopian eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” Philip answered, “If you believe with all your heart you may” (Acts 8:36-37). Belief comes before baptism. Can infants believe in Jesus? No. So they are not to be baptized.



“He who believes and is baptized shall be saved”

the heart. The only thing that may be spanked is the conscience. “Now when they heard this, they were *cut to the heart*, and said, ‘Men and brethren what shall we do?’ Peter said, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins’” (Acts 2:37-38). Let’s follow the pattern for baptism as explained in the Bible.

No one can be coerced to be baptized. Where do we ever read of anyone being spanked to be baptized? Paul said, “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin yet you obeyed from the heart that doctrine to which you were delivered” (Rom. 6:17). If one is forced to become a Christian, he isn’t a Christian! Obedience comes from

Christ Our Perspective

ETHAN LONGHENRY

We understand that we are in the midst of a great spiritual conflict and that we ought to stand firm for the Lord (cf. Eph. 6:10-18). As we know from examples of recent physical warfare, an often neglected but vitally important aspect of war is the battle for “hearts and minds.” It is easier to win over people with the right attitude and mindset than it is with bullets and missiles!

We should never forget that the ultimate battle for hearts and minds is taking place in the spiritual arena. The world today features and promotes all kinds of perspectives and worldviews that are fundamentally incompatible with the message of the New Testament. All we need to do is turn on the television or go on the Internet and we will find these ideas — and, sadly, we are losing the battle for hearts and minds.

Bias is almost always slanted against the way the Bible presents mankind and his condition. People are encouraged to separate “religion” from “life.” We are told that this universe and our existence came about through an unguided process of events, and to believe otherwise is “unscientific.” We are informed that we are nothing but overdeveloped animals, and there are plenty of people willing to profit by encouraging the passions present within mankind. We are to live as we wish to live, and we must never condemn others for the ways that they decide to live their lives. We have no right, we are told, to say that anyone else is condemned. Lust, science, tolerance — these and others tend to be the gods of this world.

Yet God calls upon believers to avoid the world and its lusts that are passing away (1 John 2:15-17). Friendship with the world is considered enmity toward God (James 4:4). This goes deeper than just our words and our deeds--it must also be true in regards to the way we think and the way we look at the world.

In the first century the Christians in Colossae were tempted to maintain belief in the philosophical ideals of their own day. Paul warns them:

Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ (Col. 2:8).

Instead, Paul encouraged the Colossians to be rooted and established in Christ, for in Him are all the treasures of knowledge and wisdom, and through Him they were made full (Col. 2:1-10). Christ, therefore, was to be the basis and foundation of their perspective. Everything they believed or thought must be according to Christ, His way, and His truth (cf. John 14:6).

Thus it should also be today. We must not conform to this world (Rom. 12:2), and this is true in thought as well as in word and deed. We must strongly affirm that God is the Creator of this world, and because of that, we are all subject to Him and His will (cf. Gen. 1:1-2:3). We must reason with people that they are made in God’s own image and more than just an animal, and ought to practice self-control (Gen. 1:26-27; 1 Pet. 4:7). We must declare that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and that salvation from sin can only be found through the blood of Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:23; 5:6-11). No matter what the cost, we must warn our fellow man that condemnation does await those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:6-9).

The war for hearts and minds is very real. Will we stand on the Lord’s side and make Christ our perspective or will we conform to the world and think like everyone else? Let us be firmly established in Christ and promote His truth before all!

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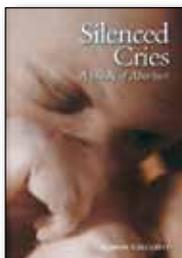
The UBS Greek New Testament: A Reader's Edition

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The UBS Greek New Testament: A Reader's Edition. Barbara and Kurt Aland, Editors. German Bible Society, 2007. 704 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-3-438-05150-9

Students of the Bible with a reasonable proficiency in Greek will welcome the The UBS Greek New Testament. This fairly new publication from the German Bible Society is called a "Reader's Edition," because it is published in a format that encourages a continuous and synthetic reading of the Greek text. The goal of the editors is to allow one to simply read through the Greek text without undue dependence upon tools like dictionaries or commentaries. The Greek text used is the 4th revised Greek text of the United Bible Society (the same text as the 27th edition of the *Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece*). Below the printed Greek text on the bottom of each page is a running list of Greek words that are defined and parsed (verbs, nouns, adjectives, and adverbs). The words selected for this list are words that occur thirty times or less in the Greek New Testament. Infrequent and irregular word forms are placed in this list. The word definitions are clear, concise, and based upon the immediate context. Words that occur thirty times or more in the Greek Testament are defined in the back of the book. A student with a first-year level of Greek vocabulary begins reading and, when he comes to an unfamiliar word (identified with a footnote number), he looks at the bottom of the page for the necessary

help. When he learns the meaning of the unfamiliar word, he looks back up where he left off and continues on his way reading through the text. The UBS Greek New Testament is highly recommended. It is an excellent resource that will foster the uninterrupted reading of the Greek text.



Silenced Cries: A Study of Abortion

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Silenced Cries: A Study of Abortion. Aaron Erhardt. Erhardt Publications, 2009. 81 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-9800915-2-6

Since *Roe v. Wade* and the Supreme Court decision in 1973, over 50 million babies have been aborted in this nation! The United States is a culture of death and Christians must decide what they will follow: the law of the land or the law of God. In *Silenced Cries: A Study of Abortion*, author and gospel preacher, Aaron Erhardt does a fine job of articulating the various issues related to abortion. Erhardt offers a candid look at what goes on in an abortion clinic as well as a detailed look at six abortion procedures and eight pro-choice arguments. Erhardt also goes "behind the scenes" in his book to closely examine the emotional pain of one having an abortion, the carnal mindset and madness of one who seeks an abortion, and the political agenda of those who promote abortion. The author closes his book with a look at the biblical evidence in favor of life over death. One value of this book is that it can be read in a short period of time giving the Christian ready access to accurate and up-to-date material that can be shared with others. Get *Silenced Cries*. Digest the material and then pass it on to someone else for his/her own good.



When Opportunity Knocks

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When Opportunity Knocks: Studying the Faith of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. Matthew Allen. Spiritbuilding Publishing, 2009. 67 pages, softback.

Knock, knock, knock. You go to the door, open it, and see two neatly dressed individuals standing in front of you with their Bibles in hand. They are Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses. You open the door and they ask if they can come in and share their gospel message with you. You hesitate. You are not sure if you can listen to what they have to say and then answer them. Do you let them in, or do you turn them away? All Christians must be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within them (1 Peter 3:15). However, Christians often need help understanding the sometimes strange beliefs of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. Matthew Allen has provided that help in his new book *When Opportunity Knocks*. Allen discusses some of the history and major beliefs of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses in a 13-lesson format with questions. Works cited sections are found in each lesson for further study. Powerpoint files and teacher's manual are also available. Christians who digest this material can be on the offense, not the defense, the next time a Mormon or J.W. comes door-knocking. Allen's, *When Opportunity Knocks*, is a recommended help which will relieve some of the worry and fear associated with meeting our religious friends at the door.

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Lystra



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Leaving Iconium, we traveled about twenty-four miles southwest to the tel at Lystra. The site was identified by J. R. S. Sterrett in 1885, as certified by an inscribed Roman altar still standing erect in its original position (Thompson, *Archaeology and the New Testament*, 197). Known in the modern era as Zoldera, near Hatun Saray, Lystra was moderately important in first century times, lying in the region of Lycaonia. In the years of Roman rule over Asia Minor, Lycaonia owed its importance to its situation on a main road from the west-central coast through the Cilician Gates to the broad plain of Cilicia. It lay on the road *via Sebaste*. The city was a Roman colony founded by Augustus in 26 B.C. and it was situated on a low hill rising out of the valley. Its original settlers were veterans in the Roman army, and their Italian background left its influence for several centuries. Evidence of the Roman influence is seen in the use of Latin rather than Greek for public inscriptions and coin inscriptions, the town's constitution as a Roman colony, and city offices resembling Italian rather than Grecian influence.

Augustus chose the site for Lystra based on military considerations. After the death of Julius Caesar, Mark Antony controlled the Eastern provinces of the Roman Empire. Antony abolished the Roman Province of Cilicia, of which Lystra had been a part, and placed local government under local dynasts who could keep control better than Romans (similar to the way Judea was managed under Herod the Great). The ruler was Amyntas until he died in 26 B.C. At this death, Augustus had no choice but to reinstate direct Roman government, so he made Lystra a part of

the province of Galatia in 25 B.C. To safeguard the territory, Augustus established a number of veteran colonies at strategic points. Lystra was the southernmost of these colonies. Lystra was founded to protect Roman invasion routes into the Taurus and to protect the main road from invaders from the mountains. It was a pioneer town in the days of Paul.

One who visits this site and observes the area around it can easily see that one of the statements commonly taught about Paul's missionary tactics is untrue. One usually reads that Paul visited the larger cities and started churches there which in turn took the gospel to the smaller villages round about. However, Lystra is in the heart of the agricultural region of Turkey. When Paul went through Lystra, Derbe, and Antioch of Pisidia, he was in rural regions, unlike Ephesus, Athens, Corinth, and Rome. Lystra was not an important trading or manufacturing center. These would have been farmers who made their living from the soil — common folks!

Luke records that Paul and Barnabas left Iconium after a violent attempt against them and came to Lystra, in the A.D. 40s. They met a man who was crippled from his mother's womb and had never walked. Paul healed him. When the people saw what Paul had done, they spoke in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" (Ironically, and though this is not the meaning they intended, God has come down to us in the likeness of man

LYSTRA COINS

Coins bearing the name "Lystra" have been found on the site. The first coin is a strictly Roman type of the coin, the founder ploughing the furrow that marked the limits of the Roman Colonia. The second coin shows Hellenic ideas, the statue of Syrian Antioch by the sculptor, Eutyhides. This style spread through Tarsus into Lycaonia and Cappadocia. Both coins are taken from William Ramsay, *The Cities of St. Paul*, printed in 1907 and reprinted by Baker in 1960.

Lystra Coin:
Hellenistic design

Lystra Coin:
Roman design



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in Jesus of Nazareth.) They called Barnabas, Zeus (the chief deity in the Roman pantheon) and Paul, Hermes (the messenger god). Paul and Barnabas were barely able to restrain them from offering sacrifices to them. Soon Jews from Antioch and Iconium came to Lystra and persuaded the multitudes against Paul and Barnabas. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city supposing that he was dead. Paul left Lystra and then proceeded to Derbe.

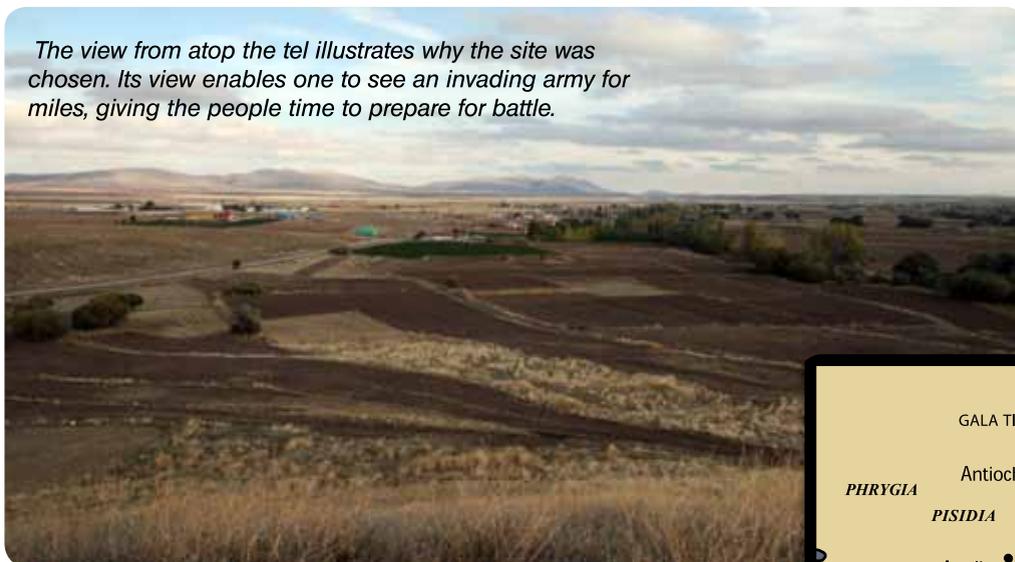
D. S. Potter writes about Paul's experience in Lystra as follows:

The nature of the place is best illustrated by Luke's account of the visit to Lystra that Paul and Barnabas made in the A.D. 40s. After Paul healed the cripple, according to the account in Acts (14:8-18), they were greeted by the local inhabitants who called out to them in Lycaonian. These people identified them as the local gods who, through a form of local syncretism, were identified with the Greek gods Zeus and Hermes. This is of some interest because the local Zeus, Zeus Ampelites, was portrayed on reliefs as an elderly bearded figure, and because he is sometimes depicted with a young male assistant. The identification by the people of Lystra Barnabas as Zeus and Paul as Hermes "as he was the bringer of the word" suggests that they thought that the two men were functioning in the way that they envisaged their own gods as acting: the bearded Zeus was the initiator of the action and Hermes was his agent in carrying out the action. This further suggests that the people may have thought that Barnabas resembled their Zeus, while Paul resembled his helper. This passage is therefore of considerable importance as evidence for the physical appearance of

Paul at this stage in his career as well as for the nature of life at Lystra in this period (*Anchor Bible Dictionary*, IV: 427).

Scholars also believe that Timothy was from Lystra, based on Acts 16:1-2.

The view from atop the tel illustrates why the site was chosen. Its view enables one to see an invading army for miles, giving the people time to prepare for battle.



Pictured Below: Turkey Map

The tel at Lystra remains to be excavated. Walking up the tel, one can see surface pottery everywhere.



The Salvation Army ... A Religious Organization?

DONALD P. AMES



Every year you see them around Christmas time—those bell ringers with their little red kettles, wishing you a “Merry Christmas.” They include the Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others whom the Salvation Army has been able to get to do their benevolent work for them. Much publicity surrounds where the gold coin worth over \$1,000 might appear in the U.S. by the “mysterious visitor” who wishes to remain anonymous. You often feel badly that you don’t drop *something* in the kettle as you pass on into the store to do your shopping. After all, they *do* a lot of good, and you read of those they are helping in the newspapers. (Incidentally, isn’t it amazing how much “good” we can do if we get everyone else to help pay for it?)

Many people are baffled why we will not contribute to the Salvation Army. They point to their many fine works of charity, and ask, “Don’t you believe in helping others?” If it were strictly a question of benevolence, certainly the Salvation Army puts many of us to shame. But, the Salvation Army, contrary to the ideas of many, is *not* just a benevolent organization! The Salvation Army is also a religion, just like the Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, etc. What do you think the term “Salvation” in their title refers to?

But, someone asks, “How do you know they are a religion? I mean, look at what they do to help people. Doesn’t that count?” So, we need to clearly establish (1) that the Salvation Army *is* a religion, (2) that they are guilty of teaching and practicing things contrary to the word of God (hence a *false* religion), and (3) that they use their benevolence to help force their converts to remain faithful. In the N.T., the church assisted its members when need arose (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 5:16; 2 Thess. 3:6-15).

But how do you establish that they are a religion? Let’s take a look at some of the evidence that is readily available, and often is overlooked during times other than Christmas. In the Decatur, IL newspaper, *Herald And Review*, during 1997, the following ad appeared on a regular basis amongst the listing of churches and their worship services:

What do you think the term “Salvation” in their title refers to?

----Non-Denominational---
The Salvation Army
229 W. Main (phone number)
Sun. School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sun. Eve, Service.....6:00 p.m.
Majors (Names Omitted)

Now, if they are not a religion, then why the ad in the newspaper listing their worship services? The Hammond, IN *Post-Tribune* (2-11-78)

ran an announcement of a “series of evangelistic meetings” to be held at the Salvation Army East Chicago Corps by Salvation Army Brigadier Josef Korbel and his wife. The week-long gospel meeting was to include “gospel singing, Bible reading and preaching”! Now that sure sounds like a religion to me. And did you note where, and by whom, they were being conducted?

The Salvation Army began in London in 1865 with a break from the Methodist Church. They focused more on

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the social needs of men. But they *do* engage in worship services, have a creed book (called the “Articles of War”), and their ministers wear army titles in keeping with their name of “Salvation Army,” which name glorifies their activities instead of Christ (see 1 Pet. 4:15-16; Acts 11:25; 26:28; Eph. 3:14-15). Jesus warns about following the doctrines of men (Matt. 15:9) and that it is His word that will judge us in the last day (John 12:48). Since they have their own creed book, what is the difference in that and the creed books of other denominations—except for the contents. To them “Major” means the same as we commonly use “preacher,” “elder,” etc. (again, despite the fact Jesus warned against the wearing of titles [Matt. 23:8-11], especially those which elevated men over other men). Do you read anywhere in the Bible of any of the apostles being referred to as Major Peter, or Brigadier An-

drew, even though Christians are described as part of the army of God (Eph. 6:11-18). Although they do not have a set pattern of worship (to help draw in those objecting to the formality of church rituals, and to appeal to those who have never been to worship at all), emphasis is largely placed on instrumental music. Brass bands are used heavily with their singing, especially the trumpets and drums. This is appealing to their sense of entertainment rather than the word of God, which records that, in the New Testament, they engaged only in singing, to help in teaching and edifying one another, as well as praising God (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). They call for penance and godly living (by what standard, since they obviously are not concerned about what the word of God says?), and to carry “Christianity” throughout the world. But the brand of “Christianity” they carry forth has little to do with that found in the New Testament. They believe in salvation by faith only (see Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16;

1 Pet. 3:21; James 2:24; Matt. 7:21-23; etc.). And as for the informality of their worship, does God have anything to say about worship (John 4:24)? It is pretty easy when you just make up your own rules so as not to offend or upset anyone in what you do. Obviously, they place great emphasis on the birth of Jesus—not only to raise more money, but as a part of their worship. Yet there is nothing in the Bible about honoring the birth of Christ (Gal. 4:10), but rather that His *death* should be remembered on the first day of every week (1 Cor. 11:24-34; Acts 20:7).

While preaching in Lowell, Ind. in 1976, I wrote an “Open Letter To The Salvation Army” as follows:

Dear Sirs,

I received your appeal for contributions, and while I can be very sympathetic with much of the good you are doing through your social works, I cannot in good conscience contribute to the Salvation Army.

It is true that the Salvation Army does a lot of good in its social efforts and helps many who might not obtain such if it were not for your efforts. But it is also true that the Salvation Army is a *religious organization*—conducting a worship service regularly on Sundays, and teaching doctrine peculiar to your organization at the same time. Some of that which you teach I believe to be contrary to the word of God, particularly the doctrine that we are saved by faith only. And, while I believe that we, as Christians, must be tuned in to the needs of the world (Gal. 6:10; James 1:27; Matt. 25:31-45), I also believe the primary work of the church is spiritual and not social (1 Tim. 3:15; Acts 6:2; John 6:26-27). I am enclosing a tract (“What must I do to be saved?”) for your study and consideration.

In view of these facts, my religious efforts will be done through the church I believe is in accord with the word of God, and my social efforts (as the opportunity and ability presents) through individuals and also through organizations not affiliated with other religious institutions—God. To contribute to organizations which I believe to be teaching false doctrines would have me violate what the Lord has instructed in 2 John 9-11, Ephesians 5:11, and 2 Corinthians 6:14ff. Therefore, I am asking for you to please remove me from your appeal list. Thank you.

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Their reply came back a few weeks later: "If what you wrote in your letter truly represents what you believe, you're right: You cannot contribute to us." They might not agree with what I believe, but they could clearly see a

They also aggressively push their doctrine in their own way. While I was preaching in Wisconsin, one family began to attend our VBS, and came back to worship the next Sunday. They were quickly informed that, if they did not attend worship with the Salvation Army Corps, they would not be allowed further assistance. So their benevolence cannot be separated from the fact that they are a religion, and use their benevolence to force people to heed their religious message! Did the Salvation Army try to tell our visitors that we were teaching error and what it was? No, they strictly used a pressure tactic to intimidate them into yielding to their demands.

The Bible says that we are to have "no fellowship" with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11; 2 John 9-11; Matt. 15:13; etc.). Can you uphold the word of God and also justify all that we have talked about in their religious practices? If not, then how could you scripturally "drop a few coins" in their bucket, wish them "God speed," and think what you are doing is pleasing to God?

When their bell ringers ask if I would like to contribute, my reply is that I give through the Lord's church to do what God requires of me. Clothing can be passed on apart from their clothing bins! Do not be deceived into thinking the Salvation Army is purely a benevolent action—or that Christians can give to it and still be doing what God requires of us.

contradiction between what I presented from the Bible and what they practiced. It is also interesting to note that they made no effort to defend what they were teaching (1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3); but merely passed over the scriptures I had offered them in my letter. Nor did they attempt to defend their "social" emphasis rather than the spiritual!

Recently, here in Indianapolis, I received a flier soliciting funds. In it, they listed some of their projects: "Disaster relief, emergency response, housing, counseling, rehabilitation, *youth services*, social work, *evangelism*" (emphasis mine). Their appeal said they used "your gifts" to warm "the body as well as the soul." Do you still contend they are not a religion?

Lastly, if you doubt whether or not they are a religion, check the listing of churches in your yellow pages and, in most instances, you will find them listed right along with the other churches. Now, if they are not a religion, how do you explain the above evidence?



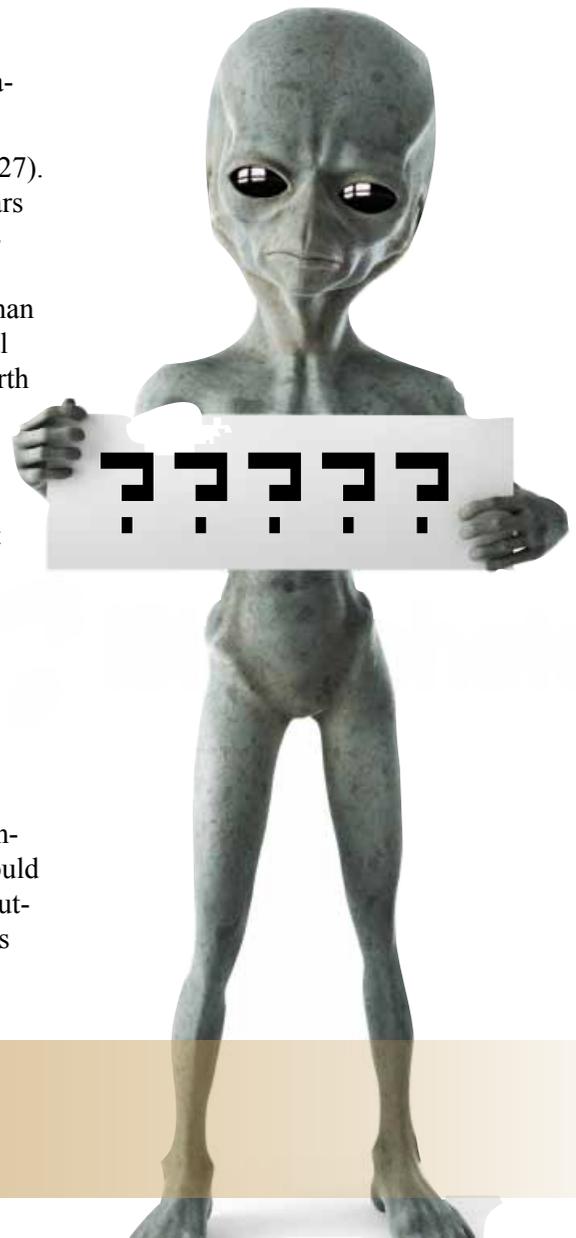
Do Aliens Exist in the Universe?

MARC GIBSON

This question has intrigued mankind for many years. Many folks believe that extra-terrestrial life forms exist somewhere in the universe. Many television shows and movies have been made about aliens and alien worlds. Messages have been beamed from earth into deep space hoping to find someone who will answer back. Should a Christian believe that extra-terrestrial life forms exist in the universe, and that maybe someday these aliens will contact us? Consider the following:

- Absolutely no proof – *none* – has ever been found for extra-terrestrial life.
- God created man on the earth in the beginning (Gen. 1:26-27). “Outer space” is where God created the sun, moon, and stars for the benefit of *those on earth* (vv. 14-18). These demonstrate *to man* the glory and handiwork of God (Psa. 19:1). There is *not one hint* that God created life anywhere else than on earth. Man is the focal point of God’s universal physical creation, he is the only one created in God’s image, and earth is the unique dwelling place for man (Psa. 115:16).
- If alien races exist elsewhere in the universe, God would be no respecter of persons. When they disobey God they would need divine salvation. But the Bible says that Christ offered “one sacrifice for sins forever” and then went to Heaven (Heb. 10:12; 8:1; 9:24). Jesus has not been “planet hopping” to die multiple times for numerous alien worlds. Mankind has God’s total focus.
- Most who believe in alien life also believe in the evolutionary origin of life. They figure that if life evolved from non-life here, then it most likely happened all throughout the universe. One false theory will lead to others. It would be better to consider how a man who is an “alien sinner” outside of Christ can be saved (Eph. 2:12). Do you need God’s gracious salvation today?

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Evangelism Where Art Thou?

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Yeah, I have kind of stolen a line from Shakespeare! But I do wonder what has happened to the idea of evangelism. It seems that no one is interested in preaching the Word of God anymore, well not the non-perverted truth of the gospel anyway (2 Cor. 13:8; Gal. 2:5). People want to be entertained, and the churches and preachers around the world are all too happy to accommodate that! Do you want food, fun, and frolic? No problem. We have just what you need! Don't like coming to services and worshipping God? No worries there either! What we do at this church is so far removed from worship you won't have any problems confusing it with entertainment at all! There is even a church here in Fort Smith that has posted signs all over town saying, "Hate church? So do we!" Now wait a second! You hate what Christ established? Astonishing! However, I figure they relate "church" to "worship"! What an attitude to have! People no longer want "church

buildings"; they want family life centers and gymnasiums! Give us a place to play and maybe a "worship service" will break out! Personally, I guess that will depend on what kind of play is offered up!

Why is evangelism in such disrepair? Why has it been thrown out and replaced with fun and games? I often hear older members of the Lord's church bemoan that Gospel Meetings only go three to five days now and the age of two week or longer meetings is long gone! As a preacher, I have never been asked to preach a gospel meeting longer than Sunday-Friday and, when I call preachers to set up meeting times, the majority of them say the same and most expect only to be asked to preach three day "meet- ingettes!" Yeah I am making up words as I go! I am only forty-eight and yet, I can remember when Sunday to Sunday meetings were the normal, length, fourteen day meetings were not unheard of either, and we tried our best



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to get the community to attend! Maybe we should be willing to look into good old fashioned tent meetings again? Is “revival” such a scary word to us anymore? The song “Revive Us Again” doesn’t mean much to us. The Psalmist called upon God to revive him through His word! Maybe we need to do a little reviving ourselves!

We often hear preachers, elders, and members discuss the decline of the church over the years. Why has this happened? Is there a source we can blame? Has something gone wrong? Can we attribute this decline to cultural changes? Is it complacency? Is it people moving out of the city into the suburbs and the country? Is it, as some say, institutional loyalty within the church? Is it just plain old bad luck for the church? Let me suggest a few things that I think have gone wrong!

Far too many churches have perverted the gospel. What they teach is so watered down and “denominationalized” that they have become no different than the false churches around them. They have surrendered the mission of the church for the wants and desires of man! They have not become progressive or become “modern thinkers.” Rather, they have tucked their tails and cowered in the corner with fear of what man may think of them! When Peter was reminded that he was ordered to stop preaching the truth he responded saying, “*We must obey God rather than men.*” These churches who have given in to the people demanding worship be replaced with entertainment and the work of God be replaced with “causes” and “men’s works” have failed to follow the apostles’ example! Romans 8:8 says that “*those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*” Galatians 1:10 states, “*For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.*” They have forgotten these warnings and have enslaved themselves to a fickle master - man, and consequently to Satan.

If a church does not practice, understand, educate others and promote the true work of the church it has failed God (Rev. 2:5) and is no longer accepted by the Lord! Our work is to glorify God (1 Pet. 2:9), edify the body (Eph. 4:16), keep ourselves pure (1 Cor. 5:7), teach ourselves (Christians) and others God’s Word (1 Tim.

2:2), and evangelize the lost (Mark 16:15-16). We are to promote that which is good toward all men (Gal. 6:10) and there is nothing good in a watered down, perverted, denominational gospel! How can we shine as lights in the world (Matt. 5:13-16) if we hide our lights under the basket of the social gospel? How can we be the salt of the earth when we taste no different than the denominational church next door?

How can we glorify God when we demand to be “just like everyone else”?

I once heard a preacher compare the church to the nation of Rome. *We won’t be conquered from those standing outside the gates. The fall will come from within!* When God’s people stand with God, they have never been defeated and never will be (Rom. 8:31-39). Indeed, if God be for us, who can be against us? Paul gave

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the elders at Ephesus this warning: “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears” (Acts 20:28-31). What has happened? When did churches begin to fall asleep and not prepare for the invasion? When did we stop looking for the wolves? We not only stopped looking, we invited them in and fixed them a hearty supper of the souls of Christians!

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We cannot be satisfied with sitting back with the attitude “let the lost come to us”! If we are the Lord’s church and we are teaching His word, then we must make the effort to affect moral and doctrinal changes in the community! If we won’t, then who will? The liberal thinking elders of the churches of Christ who have given into the demands of the members for music in worship, fellowship halls, and the like have already failed! They have already given in to Satan and surrendered those churches to the devil’s will! They have already failed to watch over God’s flock! They have not changed the world, they allowed the world to change them! So they have failed! They failed God and the membership. We must be willing to truly evangelize. We must teach not only the lost, but

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ourselves, God’s Word! “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). The NASV says this in 2 Timothy 3:16, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.” If we believe that, then what do we need to do to get back to teaching God’s word! I

believe many of the “brotherhood” magazines and newsletters that are available for subscription have lost sight of this, too! They have become nothing more than places for brethren to argue and debate with one another, and they are doing so to the point that even faithful brethren are throwing up their hands and saying enough is enough! What ever happened to papers filled with articles written to edify and strengthen God’s people and bring the lost to Christ? Most of these papers I would rather hide under the couch than hand to a non-believer, because the non-believer would see nothing but bickering and debate and think, “Why would I be a member of that?” Just the fact I even dared to speak out like this against these unnamed papers would keep this article out of their pages and probably keep any other article I ever write out of there as well!

As a church we need to get back to the work of teaching and preparing others to teach! ‘Bible class teachers have lost sight of using Scripture to support the lessons. When was the last time you saw a purchased, “store bought,” set of lessons for VBS that was steeped in the Bible? Games and light fun lessons is the course for the day! We need to be developing our own Bible programs and developing our own Bible teachers from within the church! What happened to just teaching the Bible? We also seem to want people to become teachers so fast we throw them into the briar patch way before they are ready! They do not have the solid knowledge of God’s word in themselves, much less are they capable of contending for the faith! They become dependent on material from outside sources that, all too often, can be taught in any church at any time! The majority of these Bible courses are weak on Bible and strong on nothing! We simply must understand that not all Christians are capable of teaching and there is nothing wrong with making sure the teachers have been taught the Bible themselves! “Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment” (James 3:1). “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers” (Eph. 4:11). Not all were apostles and surely not all are teachers! We must be

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sure the teachers are ready and able to teach God's word no matter what age group they may want to teach! There is nothing wrong with elders making sure the members are prepared for the very sober work of teaching everyone from toddlers to adults. We must encourage people to teach but balance it with preparation and study! We can and should be willing to tell people that we expect them to demonstrate ability and soundness in the teaching of God's word! We must be willing to tell someone, "no not right now," because in the long run, it is not only their souls we are concerned with, but the souls of the students entrusted to them.

Far too many churches today are more concerned with what school the preacher went to than what he will preach from the pulpit! Preachers no longer preach; they give "sermonettes"! They don't want to overdo the lesson with Bible verses because that's too boring! Preachers want to present "palatable platitudes" in order to keep the brethren happy instead of presenting the unadulterated word of God! The preacher who says he can preach his lessons in any church at any time is no preacher! God's word steps on toes! Paul warned of this "backing off of the truth" in 2 Timothy 2:3-4, "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*" A sad but true fact is I can tell you what preaching school a man went to by the causes he supports! Once again, what happened to the church teaching and developing preachers? Why did we throw this over to colleges and preaching schools? Who can we blame for this? It is sad to see churches "advertise" for preachers with the clause "Must have a Bible Degree or equivalent from college." I guess most of the early church's preachers would be "unhireable" in today's idea of a preacher! Our concern must be on what he is preaching and how he can deliver that message! I know men with doctorates who can't teach what they know worth anything! We must get back to the business at hand! We must be developing not only teachers, but preachers, deacons, and elders from within the church! What are we doing to make this happen? What ever happened to the old way of teaching Bible classes— young men taught by older men and young women taught

by older women? Brethren, if we are not instilling into our youths the true work and mission of the church, then we have failed God!

We must be unified in the spirit and the truth! Men are not to preach to draw a crowd for the sake of having the masses hear how mighty he is in word, or present his school's agenda, or present personal grievances, or to secure our "jobs," or to please the audience's itching ears! Men should be preaching to draw the lost to Christ, to edify the body of the Lord, protect God's kingdom and present the truth! Jude 3 says, "Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints." What we write in articles for newspapers and other sources should be following the same course! When we allow personal differences and agendas to cloud that view, we have forgotten evangelism and will lose the listener and reader! "But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Tim. 4:1). Are we truly evangelizing or merely keeping house?

Brethren, we all should be doing our best to do God's work! We must as God's people stand against denominationalism, the perverted gospel, false teachers, and liberalism! I write this article from the heart and with all the passion I know how too. We teach the truth of God's word here at this location. We are blessed with a strong, God-fearing, and loving eldership, but can we do better? If so, what must we do? How can we reach the lost? Whatever the means — in writing, television, newsletter, gospel meetings, internet, telegraph or carrier pigeon — we must present the truth for the goal of bringing the lost to Christ and build up the church! Evangelism, where art thou? I hope we can answer that with a "RIGHT HERE"!

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Are There Christians in the Denominations?

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From time to time some member of the Lord's church will be heard to say something like, "Well, there are Christians in all the denominations," or will ask the question in our title. Any member of the Lord's church, which is the Church of Christ, should be ashamed of themselves for saying there are Christians in the denominations.

This question or issue has been discussed in the last few years and some seem to accept that there are Christians in all denominations. I have a tape recording of a speech by a preacher who said:

I know what I am about to say is going to disturb some brethren, but I am going to say it anyway. I am asked all the time, are there Christians in the denominations? My answer is, Yes. It is our job to get them out of there.

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On the day of Pentecost, the apostles preached the gospel for the very first time as fact. Peter's sermon is recorded in Act 2. Peter charged those in his audience with



crucifying Jesus Christ. Peter shows that Jesus was approved of God by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did by Him in their midst. He then shows that the Jews crucified Jesus, but, when He was buried, God raised Him from the dead to sit on the throne of David. Peter said, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly [be-

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lieve confidently, TGO], that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

When these Jews were "pricked in their hearts," they asked Peter

and the other apostles, "What shall we do?" The response was, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Then the reader of Acts 2 is told "they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." We are told in Acts 2:47 that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

To what church did the Lord add these? It was His church. He has just one church. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Jesus had no plan to build a multiplicity of churches. He had no intention of starting or building any denomination or denominations. His church was called "my church" (Matt. 16:18). It was also called the "church of God" (1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Acts 20:28). The God of these verses is the God who purchased His church with His blood — Jesus (Acts 20:28). Jesus was not only God (Deity) in heaven, but He was God (Deity) upon this earth (John 8:58; Heb. 1:6-8). To say "church of God" (1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1, Acts 20:28) is the same as or is equivalent to saying "church of Christ." If a plural-

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ity of churches were “churches of Christ,” one of them would be a church of Christ. If one church was a “church of God” then a plurality of them would be “churches of God.” If a plurality of disciples were apostles, then just one of them would be an apostle.

When people were saved in New Testament times, they were added to the church of Christ or the church of God (Acts 2:47). God did not add saved people or Christians to any denomination for these two reasons: [1] There were no denominations in the first century; [2] The Lord added saved individuals to His church, not to a denomination.

If there are saved people or Christians in denominations, think of what kind of God, God is. He has added some saved people or Christians to the Baptist denomination, others to the Methodist denomination, others to the Presbyterian denomination, others to the Lutheran denomination, and still others to the Catholic denomination. What a mixed up God He would be.

If there are Christians in denominations who have “obeyed from the heart” (Rom. 6:17-18), they did not obey “that form of doctrine which was delivered you.” Those Christians about whom Paul was writing were baptized into the death of Christ with that baptism being an immersion in water. They were “buried with him by baptism” and “raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father.” Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians or Lutherans have not been “buried” with Christ in baptism. Therefore, they are unsaved and not Christians.

The Apostle Paul told the Roman Christians that they had “obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you” (Rom. 6:17). Here was teaching, instruction, doctrine that was delivered or taught them. Since there was nothing in the teaching that was delivered to them about denominations, how could they wind up in a denomination? How would they even know about denominations if they were not taught concerning them? If people are taught right, they will end up in the Lord’s church and not in a man-made denomination. One can be taught right and end up wrong. On the other hand,

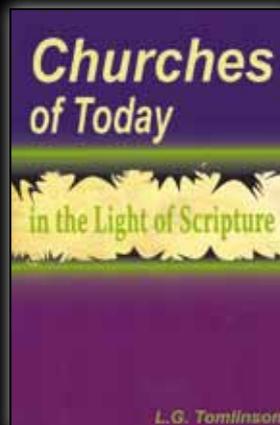
one cannot be taught wrong and end up right. If there are Christians in denominations, such goes to prove that they were not taught right. Thus, they did not obey from the heart the gospel and are not Christians. Consequently, they are not saved.

Granting for the moment that there are Christians in denominations, why would anyone want to get them out of the denominations? They have been saved, they are Christians, God is pleased with them being there, so why try to get them out of the denominations?

When Philip went to Samaria as recorded in Acts 8 and “preached Christ unto them,” the record says they believed the preaching of Philip, and were baptized (Acts 8:5, 12). They were saved. Jesus said, “Go ye 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). What does God do with

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saved people? He adds them to His church, not to a denomination. “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47).

When Philip preached Christ to the Ethiopian, he believed the preaching of Philip and when they came to a certain water, he said, “See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized” (Acts 8:36). Philip told him that, if he believed with all of his heart, he could be baptized. The Ethiopian said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” Upon this confession of faith, Philip took him into the water and baptized him (Acts 8:38-39). He believed and was baptized, thus, he was saved. The Lord added him, not to some denomination, but to His church (Acts 2:47).

If people in New Testament times were saved and added to the Lord’s church, why cannot people do the same thing today? If one today has been taught only the word of God or has studied on his own only the word of God, how would he even know there existed denominations? Why would he go join a denomination when he never learned of such from his study of the word of God?

Saying that there are Christians in the denominations is just saying what W. Carl Ketcherside said years ago. He said, “Wherever God has a child, I have a brother.” There is nothing wrong with that statement. What was wrong was the application that Ketcherside made of it. There are people converted to Christ, thus saved, every

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day in the Philippine Islands, in India and other places. These are God’s children and my brethren, even though I do not know them and probably will never meet them on this earth. When they were converted to Christ, they were added to his church, not some denomination.

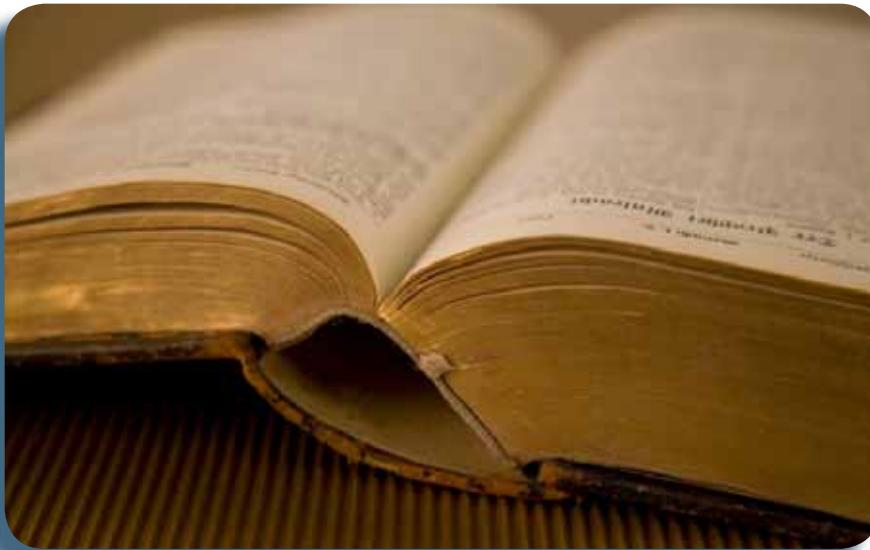
To say that there are Christians in denominations is just one step away from saying one can be saved out of Christ. Ketcherside said:

I regard every sincere conscientious person on the face of the earth who believes in Jesus as the Son of God as God’s child and my brother in prospect. He is God’s child because he has been begotten of my Father, but he has not been born in the family relationship yet. There my task toward such a person is to act as an OB or midwife, to bring him to the place

of delivery and until he has been born I cannot invite him to participate in the service any more than I could invite my son while he was being carried in his mother’s womb to play baseball with me. So he is my brother in prospect and God’s child by the begetting process (*Firm Foundation*, Sept. 25, 1962).

Ketcherside has one “God’s child” because he has been “begotten,” yet not in the “family relationship.” Therefore, he is a child of God but out of Christ.

This is the inconsistency of denominational dogma—saved, but a “brother in prospect,” an unborn child of God! God has no unborn children, as Ketcherside avowed. Those in the denominations of men have not been taught the gospel conditions for salvation, have not obeyed the gospel (usually they reach the conclusion that they are already saved based on believing salvation by faith only), and are not, therefore, Christians.



Polly Phillips

SANDY WILLIS

Mike and I received the call of Polly's passing on Saturday morning, following Polly's death on June 25th, the night before. I wasn't too surprised. Her age and failing health indicated that this call would soon come. I was saddened at the news but, on the other hand, I knew she had left this world to be with the Lord and also to join her beloved husband, Elwood, who had passed ten years before.

I reflect on Polly's life by telling you about the influence she has had on Mike and my lives. My family moved to Tampa in 1963. I knew no one except for my grandparents who lived there and worshiped at the Forest Hills congregation. We went with them to church and placed our membership there. I had been baptized right before we moved there. I remember brother Phillips' kind ways and enjoyed the lessons he gave. He was more serious but very caring. Polly made an impression on me because of her friendliness and warmth. She always had a happy smile on her face. I also remember her hats. Back then, women wore hats on Sunday. She had quite a collection. My favorite was a small number with feathers all over it. I think it was one of her favorites and she carried off wearing her hats very well.

While living in Tampa in 1965, I met a cute, sweet boy from Texas. He started coming to church with me. On Sundays he preached in North Florida, but on Wednesday nights he would come with me to Forest Hills. That is how he began his acquaintance with the Phillips family. Brother Phillips performed our wedding in the Forest Hills church building in June, 1966. We moved to Indiana about nine months after we married and have lived in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky since then.

But no matter where our lives took us, we made time for our other "Mom" and "Dad." Whenever we came to Tampa to see my folks, we had to see the other folks, too. It was always a blessing to go to see Polly and Elwood. I count the time that we spent with them some of the most precious times in my life. They were always there for wise



council and words of encouragement. Brother Phillips preached my brother Gary's funeral. He spoke about the importance of telling the people that we love them because you never know when may be your last time to see them. That really stuck with me. When we had been with Elwood and Polly and were ready to leave, we would always pray together. I still can feel the love of their embraces when we would say our goodbyes. Memories like that are so precious.

In Proverbs 31, the writer gives a description of a worthy woman. I believe it describes Polly Phillips.

"The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Prov. 31:11-12). Polly was a good and faithful wife to Elwood. She was an excellent preacher's wife. She willingly supported him in his work. Being a preacher's wife is no easy task but you never heard her complain about being the wife and mother of three girls and following him so he could do his work. She adored Elwood and I know he did her.

"Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land" (Prov. 31:23). She was an asset to Elwood in all ways.

"She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy" (Prov. 31:20). Polly was always buying things for others in need. I remember going to

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their home one time and there were clothes laying on the guest room bed. It was things that she had bought to give to others in need. She was given to hospitality. Their home always seemed full of people. Untold numbers of students came and went out of the Philips' house. She treated all of them like her kids. And when many of their children came down to Florida College, they repeated the same with the next generation. It would be hard to estimate the numbers whose lives she has touched. When our daughter, Jennifer, went to Florida College, it gave us confidence that she would be watched out for by Polly and Elwood. I knew I didn't need to worry about what she heard in the pulpit and that she would have someone guarding her soul.

"Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come" (Prov. 31:25). She was always a real lady and endured hard things along the way. She was dignified and gracious, but that did not take away from her wonderful sense of humor. Her laughter and a smile would light up a room.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness" (Prov. 31:26). She was always approachable to others' problems and gave advice that was wise and in keeping with our Christian life. Polly was there for you when you needed to talk and never made you feel you were imposing on her time. You were treated like you were special and to her I believe you were.

When we were with Polly and Elwood we would usually go out to eat—we all liked to do that. Elwood usually ordered coffee. At the end of the meal, Polly would lean over and say to Elwood, "Can I have a little sip of your coffee?" He would give her this look and would comply to her request. He said that, if he were to pass first, he would know that she had made it to heaven when he would hear a voice that said, "Honey, can I have a little sip of your coffee?" Do you suppose on Friday evening, June 25th, there was a voice somewhere in heaven that spoke to Elwood and said, "Honey, can I have a little sip of your coffee?"

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the punishment must be adjusted to fit the crime. One can see the severity of the offense by looking at the sin's punishment (cf. the difference between the punishment for a parking violation and for murder). In this case, one sees that taking the Lord's name in vain, such as in blaspheming and cursing someone, is an egregious offense.

The biblical text has been criticized because of the severity in punishment for several things that are politically acceptable in the United States in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and blasphemy. The fact of the matter is that any nation has the right to establish its civil laws for themselves. We recognize the right of Russia, Germany, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, etc. to have their own system of civil justice, and respect that system, even when it differs from our own. A few years ago, Michael Fay was sentenced to caning by the government in Singapore after pleading guilty to vandalism. The fact is that Singapore had the right to establish its own laws without the United States' permission or approval. So did ancient Israel. Israel had a national law and a judicial system that had the

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right to administer justice. The Lord of heaven is the one who revealed the terms of their legal system and their legal system is largely the basis for Judaeo-Christian influence on legal institutions in the Western hemisphere. As America moves further away from Christian values, some find more objections to the Bible record of Israel's national law.

Furthermore, some crimes strike the very foundation of a nation and its government. That is why treason is punishable by death in the U.S. Constitution. God was the true King of Israel and those who blasphemed His name struck a blow against God's rule of Israel and thus against the very existence of the nation. Twentieth century man may think himself the pinnacle of moral and ethical judgment. Not so. The God who created the universe and who established Israel was fully capable of determining the relative merits of the laws and punishments he designed to guide the nation.

3. American attitudes toward cursing and blasphemy. Reading the severity of the punishment for taking God's name in vain, cursing, and blaspheming the name of God, one is startled because of the contrast with the attitude toward such things in our society. Foul language permeates American society. Young children, sometimes too young to even understand the foul language they use, spue out vulgarity and use God's name to damn those at whom they are angry. A few years ago, men showed restraint by not using such foul language in the presence of women; today women are about as guilty of using filthy speech as are the men. Many television programs and movies have such filthy language in them that a Christian cannot watch them. What a change has occurred in society. When I was a child, *Gone With The Wind* created a stir because it used one curse word and, because of that, my parents would not let us see that movie.

On September 30, 2005, the *Jyllands-Posten*, a Danish newspaper, depicted the Islamic prophet Muhammad in twelve editorial cartoons, creating a furor in the Muslim world.

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demonstrated peacefully in Copenhagen. In November, several European newspapers re-published the images, triggering more protests.

Labour strikes began in Pakistan the following month, and several organizations criticized the Danish government. More protests occurred in January 2006, and later that month a boycott of Danish goods began. Several countries withdrew their ambassadors to Denmark, and widespread protests, some of them violent, began. The protests continued in February. In Damascus, Syria, both the Norwegian embassy and a building containing the Danish, Swedish, and Chilean embassies were stormed and set on fire by protesters. In Beirut, thousands of people protested on the streets, and the Danish General Consulate was stormed and set on fire. As of 2 March 2006, at least 139 people have died primarily during riots stemming from protests. On 1 January 2010, a man was shot whilst attempting to kill Kurt Westergaard, one of the original cartoonists (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_the_Jyllands-Posten_Muhammad_cartoons_controversy, accessed July 1, 2010).

The attempt on the life of one of the paper's editorial cartoonists led to the arrest of three Muslims. These incidents show that the Muslims will not tolerate the blasphemous, disrespecting conduct of the media.

There are a number of reactions one might have to the furor over the cartoons, but one that strikes me is that we Christians in America have passively accepted that the television, news media, movies, and print media have a free pass to speak and act toward Christians in a way that is not tolerated toward homosexuals, Muslims, and any other group. Publicly produced programs supposedly unfolding the "mysteries" of the Bible are a pretense for launching a full-scale frontal assault against the historicity of the Bible. And we sit passively while these media groups promote infidelity.

Living in a country where Christianity is in the minority (which has almost always been the case), we cannot expect non-Christians to establish Christian ethics. However, in a country which touts freedom of religion and the freedoms of speech and press, we need to be aggressively attacking and assaulting these bastions of infidelity, not

with military armaments, but with the sword of the Spirit, the word of God.

Years ago, preachers used the illustration of how to kill a frog by boiling it in hot water. If one plopped the frog into boiling water, it would ferociously struggle to get out of the pot; if one placed the frog in cold water and slowly increased the temperature, the frog would acclimate itself to the rising temperature of the water until it passively allowed itself to be boiled to death. Snopes.com says the claim is false, though it has been used by moralists as a cautionary tale warning against the folly of letting smaller wrongs just slip by until the evil has grown too big to stop. Whether or not the illustration is true, it does accurately describe a tendency of human nature to procrastinate the confrontation of evil. I believe we Americans have passively watched the rising infidelity in our country take control of the media outlets, publish every form of attack against Christianity, and gradually re-educate our children to humanist ethics. No wonder Muslims do not want that in their society and react so strongly to the incipient forms of infidelity in any society in which they have input. Should we have reacted more strongly at the first instances of blasphemous speech and program content on American television?

CONCLUSION

Modern reaction to the biblical narrative of the punishment of the blasphemer is generally a reflection of the infidelity in our society. We have become so fixated on defending the rights of the guilty that we have poorly defended the rights of the majority. Do Christians in America have the right to pass laws reflecting their value system? If Muslims have that right in Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iraq, and Iran, why can't we have laws reflecting the Christian value system in the United States?

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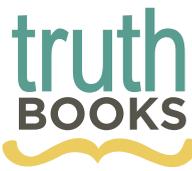
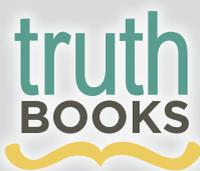
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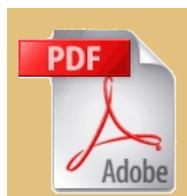
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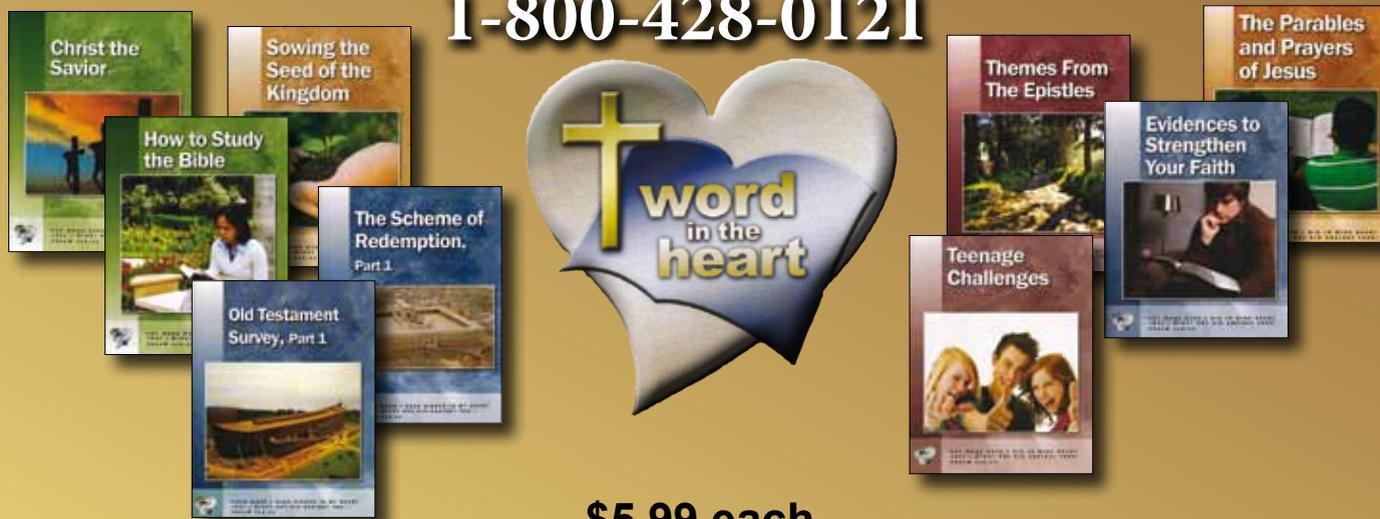
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