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Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23).

The tenses of the verbs in this passage make an interesting point. "Deny" and "take up" are aorist imperatives; the verb "follow" is a present imperative. The decision to deny oneself and take up one's cross are foundational and fundamental acts that are precursors of the continuous following of Jesus.

LET HIM DENY HIMSELF

The gospel of Jesus Christ demands self-denial. It is not the self-denial of asceticism, in which one decides to live a life of celibacy in order to be pleasing to God. Nor is it a life of withdrawal from a society to live as a hermit in some remote place or withdraw as a nun into a convent or as a monk into a monastery. It is not a life that fixates on the dress and customs of the 18th or 19th centuries, forbidding zippers or buttons on one's clothing, wearing one's uncut hair in a bun because that is the only way to manage that much hair, or going without makeup (eye shadow, rouge, lipstick) or jewelry (even a wedding band). This is not the self-denial that Jesus required.

The denial demanded of the gospel is that which makes oneself the center of one's life

– living to please self. One is not on earth to please himself. The Scriptures teach:

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Gal. 2:20).

. . . who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him (1 Thess. 5:10).

. . . that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God (1 Pet. 4:2).

The Christian recognizes that Satan tempts him through the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (1 John 2:15-17) and consciously makes a decision not to gratify these lusts so that he can be the servant of Christ. Paul instructed, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law" (Gal. 5:16-18). The Christians crucifies the flesh with its passions.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience (Col. 3:5-6).

. . . knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin (Rom. 6:6).

TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY

What is the significance of taking up one's cross? One recognizes immediately that the

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Learning From the Prophets

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15: 4). It is a grave mistake to neglect the study of the Old Testament. It is true that God speaks to us “in these last days by his Son” (Heb. 1: 2). But the Son by whom he speaks is linked to the Old Testament. Jesus said, “Search the scriptures . . . and they are they which testify of me” (John 5: 39). It is impossible to comprehend the New Testament without some knowledge of the Old Testament. It has been wisely said that “the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.”

Try to make sense of the book of Hebrews without some background knowledge of the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy! How could you fathom much of Paul’s argument as it unfolds in Romans without knowing something of the books of law as well as the prophetic books. There are 400 allusions to the Old Testament in the book of Revelation. Unless one is familiar with the prophetic symbolism of such books as Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, not to mention Isaiah and Jeremiah, he will have great difficulty with the last book in the Bible. A study of the sermons of the apostles in the book of Acts reveals frequent references not only to the Psalms but also the prophetic books. After the resurrection, Jesus connected that momentous event with the prophecies which had gone before. “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures

the things concerning himself” (Luke 24: 27). There are many practical lessons for us in the message of the prophets of old. Consider these with me.

GOD IS THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEMS

Even though many of the problems of Israel were the product of their own folly, God still loved them. Over and over the prophets challenged them to “Hear the word of the Lord.” Though described as a “sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward” (Isa. 1: 4); yet God said, “Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (1: 18). When they were tempted to turn to Egypt, or some other nation to come to their defense against impending invasion and captivity, repeatedly the prophets taught that only by turning to the Lord in repentance could they find help.

God is still the answer to our problems. Things are no defense. They perish with the using. Human wisdom has its limits. Many have turned to alcohol and drugs. Mystics have been consulted. Satan worship is on the rise. Religious cults and quacks abound. Paul urged the Athenian philosophers to “seek the Lord” and said “he is not far from every one of us” (Acts 17: 27). There is one true God and we are His offspring. There are many false gods which can do nothing. Israel only found help when they turned in repentance to the one true God. That is where we will find our help. “So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me: (Heb. 13:6).

GOD REACTS TO SIN

“For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape. . .” (Heb. 2: 2-3). Sometimes in the Old Testament days,

God's reaction to sin was instantaneous. At other times it was measured and deliberate. Both the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities were foretold by prophets who pleaded with the people to repent and avert these calamities. The eloquent and statesman-like utterances of Isaiah were unheeded. The plaintive, weeping speeches of Jeremiah were despised and he was mistreated. When captivity came, it was God's punitive reaction to their sins.

God is still offended by sin. The grace, mercy, and love of God provided a covering for sin. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb. 9: 22). "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5: 8). But we must not trifle with the grace and forbearance of God. While He is not willing that any should perish, the day of the Lord will come (2 Pet. 3: 9-10). "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness" (Acts 17: 31).

THE REMNANT AND THE MESSIANIC HOPE

Even before the captivity of Israel, those prophets who foretold it offered a ray of hope when they promised that God would recover a remnant of His people and settle them in their land again. While Isaiah (10:22-23) and Jeremiah foresaw a remnant salvaged before the captivity even began, Daniel and Ezekiel offered the same hope from within the captivity. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah report the return of the remnant. Even in the midnight of Jewish History, there was hope of better things to come. The church is God's remnant now. "Even so then at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Rom. 11: 5). There are moments in human history when it seems that nearly all have forsaken the Lord, but God still has his "seven thousand which have not bowed the knee to Baal." *Man's extremity* becomes God's opportunity. In despair, there is yet hope. Remember the prophets.

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

The book of Daniel impresses the lesson that God rules among the nations (5: 21). When a

nation becomes too wicked for God to tolerate, then another power will subdue it, though it may also be wicked. In due time that evil nation will fall unless it repents. I do not understand how one could study the prophets without seeing this. Israel was God's "holy nation" (Exod. 19: 6). Yet, He punished the northern kingdom at the hands of the Assyrians and later, made Babylon His rod to chastise faithless Judah. God's providence continued to work in captivity for there were Daniel and Ezekiel to remind the people of the word of the Lord and to keep hope alive. Further, the captivity provided time for rebellious people to ponder, and to come to repentance. Through captivity, God providentially broke them of idolatry, for while they committed other sins after the captivity, idolatry was not among them. God cared for them even by the rivers of Babylon. When the captivity ended after seventy years, the providence of God had a Zerrubbabel, an Ezra and a Nehemiah to lead the returnees.

If God provided for a temporal nation, preserved a seed and fulfilled His promise to give the world a Saviour through that restored remnant, is He any less concerned for His spiritual children now? Indeed, "the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers" (1 Pet. 3:12).

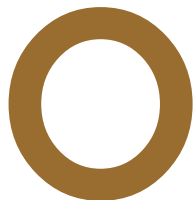
The people of God are often defenseless against the prophetic speculators and would-be seers who build their cases on a misuse of the prophets and extract passages from their historical context and ignore the fulfillment of them in events described in the New Testament. The premillennial and dispensationalist preachers have sometimes deceived and mesmerized even members of the body of Christ who would have known better had they studied the prophets. What about where you worship? Do you include the prophets in your Bible classes? Preachers, are you acquainting the people with this important part of the word of God? It takes time, effort and skill to make it come alive, but it is well worth the effort and the practical lessons for living in today's world abound (Reprint from *Searching the Scriptures*, August, 1989).





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First World Problems



One of the more astute cultural “memes” involves “first world problems.” First world problems are those annoyances and inconveniences experienced by people who enjoy a good standard of living in

industrialized or post-industrialized nations. “First world problems” would include losing remote controls, having the battery die on a smartphone or tablet, getting bored with restaurant choices, and such like. Many of us can identify with these irritants or problems; we may experience them frequently in life.

These “first world problems,” though, are not really problems. Many people wish they could have the problem of getting bored with restaurant choices; many would enjoy just owning a smartphone or a tablet, let alone having one charged with a consistent stream of electricity and connected to the Internet!

Even after all of these years of “progress” and the “advancement of civilization,” most people do not enjoy the standard of living which we enjoy. The real problems of life – hunger and malnutrition, deprivation on account of corruption and/or war, the prevalence of pestilence, rape, violence – remain problems for much of humanity.

We might laugh or snicker at many of the “first world problems,” but it is critically important for us to remember the point of this meme: many of the things which we consider as problematic or bothersome in our lives, in the grand scheme of things, are not that bothersome. “First world problems” are not really problems at all.

It is very easy for most of us in the “first world” to read the New Testament and to still identify ourselves with “the poor.” After all, most of us are in the “99%,” not the “1%.” Most of us have

a lot of bills to pay; many of us find it difficult to make ends meet. Since there are some people who are much wealthier than us, we feel poor in comparison.

While most of us might be poor in comparison with the “1%” of American society, almost all of us are fantastically wealthy when compared with the rest of the world. We are exceptionally wealthy compared to Jesus and His earliest followers; we are far better fed, clothed, and sheltered than they. We experience far fewer health problems and enjoy a much better quality of life.

The real “first world problem” is to assume that the lives we enjoy in the first world are “normal” and that we are all entitled to the “normal” lifestyle in our culture. In reality, our quality of life is exceptional; it does not get much better “under the sun” than we have it. Most of us, therefore, are wealthy, and Jesus’ words to the wealthy duly apply to us (cf. Matt. 19:16-26; 1 Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19). Perhaps this is why many people prove disinterested in spiritual matters: they are wealthy and have placed their trust in their material prosperity and not God. Perhaps this is also why many believers are not zealous for spiritual things; they continue to walk by sight according to what they have, and not in faith toward God (2 Cor. 5:7).

We do well to remember the difference between “first world problems” and “real world problems” because we are never guaranteed the quality of life we currently enjoy. The shadows of the evil plaguing most of the world can also be found in the first world: malnutrition, abuse, rape, corruption, violence, drugs, and the like. People still die, and there is still plenty of hatred and war. “Real world problems” are only a natural disaster, an epidemic, or an explosion away. What will we do if and when truly difficult times come upon us?

We are a blessed people, and we do well to remember that (cf. Eph. 1:3). All we have comes from God; we deserve nothing; we brought nothing into the world and can take nothing from it (1 Tim. 6:7). Let us keep these things in mind, and humbly trust in God despite having “first world” or “real world” problems!



Questions & Answers

BOBBY L. GRAHAM



Question:

Is Allah the same as the God of the Bible?

Answer:

An uninformed person might be inclined to give a quick “yes” answer to this question, but one who has studied the Bible’s teaching about “the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9) against the teachings of Islam concerning Allah would never conclude them to be the same. To merely think of them as claimants to deity is insufficient to establish their identity, and to inform oneself properly of the two soon forces one to the conclusion they are not the same. To state the case succinctly, Allah and Jehovah are not the same in nature, in character, in purpose, or in methodology.

While Allah might be the Arabic word for “god,” because Muhammad’s Quereish tribe formerly worshiped him as moon god in his days of idolatry, his godhood is vastly different from Jehovah’s. Further, the Koran (sometimes spelled Qur’an) claims that God is no father and has no son, implying that the Bible’s teachings about the Father and the Son are idolatrous. The Koran also claims that Allah is unknowable, while the Bible affirms that people can know God and His Son Jesus Christ. Perhaps the reason is that virtually nothing is said of Allah’s essence in a positive fashion, but several negative statements state what He is not. On the other hand, Jehovah declared His own nature and character in statements, actions, and the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Muhammad, the founder of Islam, did no miracle (it claims the Koran is Muhammad’s miracle); but Jesus Christ employed numerous signs, all of them consummating in the greatest of His resurrection from the dead. Though Islam denies Jesus’ deity, His signs became the very foundation of faith in Him as divine (Jn. 20:30-31).

In character Allah and Jehovah are vastly different. While Jehovah has repeatedly intervened in earth’s

affairs in demonstration of His love and concern for His creatures, Allah is never portrayed in this light. Significant are the differences in this area: no plan for man’s redemption, no sacrifice for man’s sins, no Savior sent to undertake man’s need, no promised return to complete man’s salvation, no assurance of eternal life, and little emphasis on forgiveness. Islam says that Allah forgives without intercessor, but its lack of one leaves questions about God’s justice and mercy. It soon becomes clear that there is no “good news” in Islam, only bad news. Love and grace, the channels through which God addresses man’s needs, are virtually denied in the Koran. Allah’s fickleness and capriciousness stand in vivid contrast to Jehovah’s verity and trustworthiness.

The purpose of Islam seems to be world domination by a Muslim empire. The word Islam declares “submission.” All infidels (non-Muslims) must either convert to Islam, be killed, or admit Islam’s superiority and pay a tax called the Jizrah, equivalent to the “charity” given by each Muslim. Jihad is, first, the Muslim’s personal struggle against forces in his life leading him away from Allah and, secondarily, the holy war declared against unbelievers in various parts of the world, but its progress always depends on the lethal force of carnal means. What a difference between the voluntary submission sought in the gospel of Christ and the denial of such carnal weapons for the advance of the spiritual kingdom (John 18:36ff). The purpose and methodology of Islam are hereby connected.

Surely the reader can now easily answer this question for himself. Allah and Jehovah are as different as light and dark, as oil and water, as deity and humanity. Allah seems to be a god crafted in the image of men, whereas Jehovah models an image for which man should aspire.

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God knows where honest hearts are seeking him, and He has many ways to open doors for them to hear the truth of the gospel of Christ. Acts 16:9-10 records one such occasion:

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

When Paul arrived in Macedonia, he first found a few women meeting by the riverside at Philippi and began teaching them. There was soon a good harvest of souls and the gospel began spreading throughout Macedonia.

None of us can personally enter every harvest field, but there are many ways we can help to spread the gospel throughout our families, our neighborhoods, our nation, and other parts of the world. One means is the printed word such as *Truth Magazine*. For the last forty years my wife and I have provided subscriptions to *Truth Magazine* to about twenty people every year reaching into our family circle and to other prospects and contacts from place to place. For many years U.S. brethren have paid the subscriptions for Filipinos desiring to read *Truth Magazine*.

Not everyone can travel to the Philippines to spread the gospel, but almost anyone can afford

to put *Truth Magazine* into the hands of Filipinos in order to help them spread the gospel.

“GIVE US THE TOOLS AND WE’LL FINISH THE JOB”

Before the United States became formally involved in World War II, our nation utilized the Lend-Lease program to provide weapons, ammunition, other war materiel, and food to countries resisting the onslaught of Hitler’s Nazi Germany. On March 11, 1941 Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act to help defend these nations though we were not sending U.S. troops at that time. President Roosevelt wanted America to serve as a “great arsenal of democracy.” On February 9, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain had pleaded in a radio address, “Give us the tools and we’ll finish the job.”

Churchill was expressing the willingness of the British people to fight to defend themselves if only they had the necessary tools. Little did we know at that time that Germany’s ally Japan would attack Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, resulting in America’s entrance into World War II. Even after the U.S. became directly involved in the War, the Lend-Lease program continued as a means to supply our allies with the tools necessary to finish the job.

After forty-six trips to preach in the Philippine Islands, I can confidently say our Filipino brethren are our faithful allies and are doing their best to spread the gospel under very difficult circumstances. In the words of Churchill, they are pleading, “Give us the tools and we’ll finish the job.” With or without the presence of U.S. brethren on Philippine soil, Filipino saints will continue doing their part to serve the Lord and proclaim the gospel. Knowing there are ways we can make their work even more effective, they are pleading in the words of Acts 16:9, “Come over, and help us.” One way we can answer their calls for help is by providing such resources as *Truth Magazine*.

A GREAT ARSENAL OF CHRISTIANITY

At this time in the history of the world, God has given U.S. Christians the opportunity to be a

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great arsenal of Christianity. We have been given the means to travel virtually to any country in the world and proclaim the gospel, while saints in other parts of the world who are willing to go often lack the means. Many of us have the financial ability to provide resources for study and weapons to aid in spreading the gospel and fighting the good fight of faith, while others lack those resources and weapons. *Truth Magazine* is one effective resource available in our arsenal.

When I first went to the Philippines in 1995, a Filipino brother approached me in Manila, handed me a folder, and asked, "Do you know what that is?" As I flipped through it, I saw a series of articles I wrote twenty years earlier refuting the errors of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He said, "That folder is my debate notes." From that day forward it dawned on me more and more how blessed American preachers are to have access to all sorts of Bible concordances, dictionaries, commentaries, tracts, debates, and journals. Nowadays most of us have expanded access to all sorts of study materials via the internet. Proper use of these tools and resources makes us better Bible students and better Bible teachers. Such resources are so accessible we may take them for granted.

Throughout my years of traveling and preaching in the Philippines, numerous Filipino preachers have asked my help in finding someone to pay for them to receive a subscription to *Truth Magazine*. Experienced and mature preachers such as Ben Cruz, Mat Sibayan, Sr., Vic Domingo, Juanito Balbin, Cipriano Carpentero, Sr., Fred Samodal, Ramon Carino, and others avidly read the paper through the years, which helped to clarify in their minds such issues as institutionalism and the social gospel. Rody Gumpad has repeatedly explained how much reading the paper in the 1980s-90s stimulated his growth as a young preacher. Lordy Salunga and many others have repeatedly commented on how much they have gained from reading specific articles or various debates and exchanges. Numerous preachers have utilized articles as starters for developing sermon outlines on all sorts of topics.

In recent years many dozens of denominational preachers have been converted who have no access to sound teaching materials. Meanwhile, many dozens of young men have aspired to preach and have begun developing their talents. Hundreds of Filipino brethren have given me their names and mailing addresses, requesting that I find someone to pay for them to have a subscription.

Over the years many good U.S. brethren have volunteered to purchase these subscriptions. There has been a natural attrition or loss of people paying for subscriptions because of deaths, changing economic circumstances, and unknown causes. Meanwhile, additional Filipinos have pled for me to find someone to provide them with subscriptions. I presently have in hand several hundred names of brethren needing renewals or new subscriptions.

Few Filipinos can afford the subscription price to receive *Truth Magazine* (foreign subs are \$27 per year), whereas many Americans spend that much on one visit to a restaurant! Other tools and resources we may take for granted such as commentaries by sound brethren are not available in Philippine bookstores at any price! No one can do it all, but there are brethren reading *Truth Magazine* who could afford to send one or more Filipinos a year's subscription, if they knew names and addresses. Some readers could send 10, 20, 50, or 100, if they knew names and addresses.

On behalf of the Filipino brethren pleading, "Come over, and help us," I appeal to brethren far and wide to please contact me for names and addresses. Although all of us cannot go to the Philippines to meet our brethren there, we can be an arsenal of Christianity by putting tools, resources, and weapons into the hands of these soldiers of the cross. Let's give them the tools to do the job!

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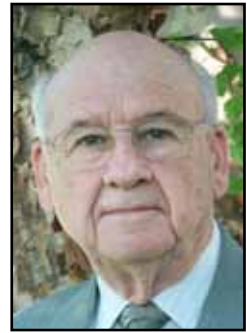
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He was a part of what Tom Brokaw denominated “The Greatest Generation,” that generation of Americans who came of age in the World War II era. To the business community, he was “Ernie,” but to the family, close friends, and members of the church he was “Bud.” Having been born near Huntingdon, TN on November 29, 1923, he finished the 9th grade at Puryear, TN and then “finished his education later in life in the school of hard knocks.” Having grown up in the dark days of the great depression, his family was one of the many who eked out a living through much hard toil from which he developed a work ethic that continued through his 88 years. On December 19, 1942, he married Nellie Louise Lawrence in Puryear, TN, to which union were born three sons: Buddy Lawrence, Jerry Thomas, and Danny Michael. Louise passed away March 16, 1999.

Just a little over a month after he wed Louise, Bud was inducted into the armed services and served in the 9th Air Force, 391st Bomb Group in World War II in the European theatre where they followed General Patton’s invasion, repairing and reclaiming or destroying planes and vehicles left behind. He returned from Europe on a Liberty ship, landing at Newport News, VA on Christmas Eve of 1945. Having risen to the rank of Sergeant, he received his discharge at Ft. Knox, KY on December 31, 1945.

After his military service, Bud settled in the Kansas City North area and worked in construction with a couple of major construction companies, serving as Superintendent on various projects such as the original North Kansas City Hospital. In 1959 he and a partner formed their own construction business which they operated successfully for several years. He later sold his portion of the business to his partner and began a career in real estate which also proved

successful. In 1985, he sold his realty company to ReMax of Kansas City and retired from his secular business interests.


In 1951 Bud had been converted to Christ by A. G. Hobbs while Hobbs worked with the congregation that eventually became and is today the Vivion Road church. Bud was soon encouraged to begin preaching the gospel, which he did by filling appointments with churches in the area. By 1955 brethren began to use him to hold gospel meetings and, sometimes after working all day at his construction job, he would drive several miles to preach in a meeting he was holding and then return home late at night following the services. After his retirement from the business community, preaching and doing home Bible studies truly became his passion. In later years he had many health challenges, especially heart and circulatory problems, in the treatment of which he received sixteen stints in his arteries. Many times while in the hospital for some of these treatments, he’d try to rush his dismissal because he had a Bible class scheduled with someone or a preaching appointment somewhere in the area of Northwest Missouri and southern Iowa. When he turned 80, I remember him saying that he hoped he could have five more years to preach. And he did, continuing to fill appointments, many times when his health dictated that he shouldn’t. He was still preaching at every opportunity until only a few months before his death, which came peacefully in the evening of February 27, 2012 at North Care Hospice House situated in the original part of North Kansas City Hospital whose construction he superintended. Some time ago, as a matter for family record, being encouraged by his son, Jerry, Bud recalled some sixty-four churches with which he’d done regular appointments or held gospel meetings, though he was never a “located” preacher. Most were in the heart land of the US, Kansas to Kentucky and

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Indiana, Iowa to Arkansas and Tennessee, but at least one meeting was in Alaska.

On December 13, 2001, Bud married Wilma Tillery in a private ceremony conducted by Colbert Turney at Bud’s Liberty, MO home. Bud and Wilma greatly valued and enjoyed their companionship, and their ten years together provided them much pleasure in fishing, cooking, gardening, and being involved in the work of the church. For the last few years, Wilma was his very capable chauffeur to preaching appointments, sometimes driving as much as a couple hundred miles on a Sunday, preaching at one congregation on Sunday morning and a different one Sunday evening. Sunday afternoons were often spent visiting some “elderly” brother or sister along the way.

As the obituary in the *Kansas City Star* newspaper said, “Ernest loved life, loved to hunt and fish, and most of all to preach the gospel of Christ. He was known for being caring and generous. He gave freely of his time and resources to the church as well as other charitable causes.” Besides Wilma, he is survived by his three sons and daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, a brother in Florida and a sister in Tennessee. An older brother in California died a few days after Bud.

Bud’s funeral service on March 3 was conducted by this writer in the Vivion Road church building with a near capacity crowd. Congregational singing of some of his favorite hymns was led by Wayne Moody. Very dear friends Larry Osborn and Colbert Turney shared personal memories and paid their tributes to Bud for his assistance and spiritual encouragement to them, especially in their own preaching. The oldest Vick son shared memories from the family and business community perspective. His body was laid to rest beside that of his first wife, Louise, in White Chapel cemetery in Gladstone, MO. After a brief scripture reading and prayer, there followed a military salute and presentation of the flag. The service was ended with a Scottish bagpipe playing “Amazing Grace,” fading out of hearing range as he marched away across the cemetery. 

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The Essential Bible Guide: Bible Background with Maps, Charts, and Lists. Menashe Har-El, Paul Wright and Baruch Sarel. Abingdon Press, 2010. 114 pages hardback. ISBN: 978-1-4267-0757-5

A new reference book from Abingdon focuses on Bible history and geography and is very helpful to the Bible student in understanding Bible backgrounds. *The Essential Bible Guide* is written by three scholars who live and work in Israel. Menashe Har-El is Emeritus Professor of Biblical Geography at Tel Aviv University, Paul Wright is the executive director of the Holy Land Studies at Jerusalem University, and Baruch Sarel is an expert in biblical history and linguistics. *The Essential Bible Guide* is divided into three sections: Section 1 (Understanding the Geography of the Bible), Section 2 (Understanding the Old Testament), and Section 3 (Understanding the New Testament). Each section of this guide is beautifully illustrated and contains numerous maps, charts, lists, chronologies, photographs, timelines, and other helpful tools. There is a wealth of material in this guide covering Bible lands, climate, economy, culture, commerce, people, history, and languages. The authors are very well educated in their field of study, yet they write in a brief and easy-to-understand manner. *The Essential Bible Guide* provides a wealth of material for preachers and teachers, and is ideal for personal Bible study.

Trembling at My Word: God's Power for Restoration. Daniel W. Petty, Editor. Florida College Press, 2011. 217 pages hardback. ISBN: 978-1-890119-24-9

It is crucial that Christians today consider the important work of restoration. We must always seek the on-going principle of restoration and desire to go back and be the New Testament church. Primitive Christianity should be our goal. This year's Florida College lectures addressed the timely topic of restoration and the lessons were printed in *Tremble at My Word*. The restoration and return of Israel to their land after the Babylonian Captivity forms the basis of these lessons and then applications for today are made by each of the speakers. (The theme of restoration in these lectures is the sequel to last year's lectures on the Babylonian Captivity.) One main point that is made throughout the lectures is that God's power and guidance are needed if any restoration effort is to be successful. Challenges facing God's people then and now are also addressed in these lectures and a number of practical lessons are given to encourage Christians to live faithfully today. We certainly need to hear admonitions such as, "Come out and be separate from the world, tremble at God's word, set your heart to study God's law, and rise up and build!" These admonitions and other like topics are covered in these lectures. *Tremble at My Word* is recommended reading because each of the lectures is based upon the biblical principle of restoration, and not on the warped, man-made versions of restoration that are offered today.

Do I Understand My Child? Olen Holderby. Guardian of Truth Foundation, 2011. 52 pages softback. ISBN: 978-1584273271

Parents know from experience that raising children is a challenge. Many parents today do not even care to raise their children in the admonition of the Lord, but godly parents want to please the Lord and raise their children right. Is there any help that parents can get in raising their children that won't lead them astray? Yes, parents can turn to someone who is trusted to give them both biblical and practical parenting advice. Olen Holderby has written a small book titled *Do I Understand My Child?* that is helpful to parents. Brother Holderby is a gospel preacher who also holds a Master's Degree in School Administration and Child Sociology. Brother Holderby offers parents biblical principles first from the Scriptures and then supplements this material with proven advice from the disciplines of child psychology and sociology. There is much helpful material in this small book. Parents will learn how to better deal with conflict and problems in their children and they will learn the psychological stages of a child's growth. One very helpful chapter in this book covers the developmental growth of a child from birth to age 12. The author believes that when parents follow biblical principles and truly understand their child, then there can be success in raising children right. *Do I Understand My Child?* is recommended for parents who truly love the Lord and their children and want to be the best parents they can be. 



ANDREW ROBERTS

Christianity and Islam: Common Misconceptions Explained

Recent demographic projections show the number of Muslims in the United States will double over the next twenty years.¹ It is estimated that by the year 2030 one out of four people on earth will be Muslim.² Muslims actively proselytize biblically indifferent and secular societies, presenting Islam as a viable faith system, superior to Christianity. In light of Islam’s rapid growth and rising profile, Christians should prepare not only to win Muslim neighbors to Jesus Christ, but also to compete against them for the souls of a non-religious population.

While the presence of Islam has become more accepted among the media and our neighbors, very few facts about the religion have been accurately portrayed to the masses. Attempts to reconcile Islam and Christianity in an effort to promote tolerance and peace have only resulted in misconceptions regarding both religions. But by studying the holy books of each faith – the Bible and the Qur’an – the misconceptions can be explained.

MISCONCEPTION 1: ISLAM MEANS “PEACE”

One of the great challenges American Muslims face in leading Westerners to accept Islam are the numerous reports of daily global violence perpetrated in the name of Allah.³ Some respond

that a few radicals and extremists have hijacked an otherwise peaceful religion. It has been popularly stated that Islam is actually a religion of peace and tolerance – that Islam means “peace.” Yet, one can discover from the Qur’an that Islam is not defined as “peace.” In fact, “Islam” means “submission.”

Today the unbelievers have lost every hope of (despoiling) your creed; so do not fear them, fear Me. Today I have perfected your system of belief and bestowed My favors upon you in full, and have chosen submission (al-Islam) as the creed for you (Surah 5:3).⁴

“The term Islam in the lexicon of the Arabs means ‘Submission.’ The religion of Islam is the religion of submission to the will of the omnipotent and omniscient Creator, the only God, who admits of no associates in the worship of Him.”⁵ A Muslim is one who submits and confesses that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet (Surah 22:78). Muslims believe that Muhammad was the final messenger from Allah and Islam was the final religion for mankind, revealed through Muhammad and recorded in the Qur’an. If an individual desires peace in this life and paradise in the next, then he, too, must submit to Allah. Islam is the path of submission.

The Qur’an states that there is no compulsion in religion (Surah 2:256). That seems tolerant and peaceful. However, it also authorizes Muslims to forcibly coerce non-Muslims into submission.

O believers, fight the unbelievers around you, and let them realize that you are firm: Remember, God is with those who are pious and obedient to Him (Surah 9:123).

Enjoined on you is fighting, and this you abhor. You may dislike a thing yet it may be good for you; or a thing may haply please you but may be bad for you. Only God has knowledge, and you do not know (Surah 2:216).

In fact, there are over 100 “war verses” in the Qur’an authorizing Muslims to take up arms against infidels.⁶ Today, individual Muslims must decide how they will interpret and obey these clear statements – whether literally or allegorically. What is beyond dispute is that the Qur’an explicitly authorizes

conquer-to-convert tactics, and historically, submission by the sword has been practiced.⁷

The punishment for those who wage war against God and His Prophet, and perpetrate disorders in the land, is to kill or hang them, or have a hand on one side and a foot on the other cut off, or banish them from the land. Such is their disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter their doom shall be dreadful. But those who repent before they are subdued should know that God is forgiving and kind (Surah 5:33-34).

MISCONCEPTION 2: BOTH THE BIBLE AND THE QUR'AN DIRECT VIOLENCE AGAINST NON-BELIEVERS

Current terrorist activities perpetrated by some Muslims have been justified by pointing to the Inquisition or the Crusades and reasoning that Christianity has produced its fair share of militants, too. Some atheists even argue that all religion is inherently bad because it leads to bloodshed. This misconception suggests that both the Bible and the Qur'an promote violence in the name of religion. This is not so.

First, faulty comparisons are alleged between the Qur'an's violent precepts and the Old Testament record of the kingdom of Israel. For instance, the Qur'an's immediate dictates are likened to Joshua's campaign to dispossess the Canaanites of their land (Josh. 23:3-13) or King Saul's attempted genocide of Amalek (1 Sam. 15). There is a significant difference though. When God sent Joshua or Saul to attack another nation, it was a judgment upon that nation – not a call for repentance or conversion. The time for repentance had passed and the cup of retribution was full (Gen. 15:16). Joshua or Saul was God's instrument of retribution and they did not give ultimatums to their enemies – convert and become Israelites or die. Yet that's exactly what Muhammad's *Jihad* does. Islam's enemies can stop the violence by submitting to Islam (Surah 5:34).

But when these months, prohibited (for fighting), are over, slay the idolaters wheresoever you find them, and take them captive or besiege them, and lie in wait for them at every likely place. But if they repent and fulfill their devotional obligations and pay

the zakat, then let them go their way, for God is forgiving and kind (Surah 9:5).

Second, there is no comparison at all between the Qur'an's "war verses" and the New Testament of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" and "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here" (Matt. 26:52; John 18:36).⁸ The historical atrocity of the Inquisition (or the like) exemplifies Christian adherents defying their authoritative Scriptures. Roman Catholic Popes usurped biblical authority to muster corporeal forces. There is no New Testament command or precedent for such. But the ongoing violence perpetrated by Muslims against "infidels" today accords with the Qur'an (Surah 9:29).

The Qur'an authorizes corporeal violence against non-believers. The New Testament does not.

MISCONCEPTION 3: ALLAH IS SIMPLY ANOTHER NAME FOR THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

It is popularly assumed that Islam's Allah is the same being called Yahweh or Jehovah in the Bible, just known by a different name. In fact, the Qur'an teaches this continuity. Islam's message is that the same God had given the Old Law, the Gospel and the Qur'an. However, Jews and Christians ("People of the Book") had corrupted Islam and changed their Scriptures, necessitating Allah to chose Muhammad as his final prophet and correctly teach Islam, one last time.

Do not argue with the people of the Book unless in a fair way, apart from those who act wrongly, and say to them: "We believe what has been sent down to you. Our God and your God is one, and to Him we submit" (Surah 29:46).

Muslims believe that the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam serve the same Allah, but only Muslims serve him according to the true book – the Qur'an. Yet upon study, Allah is not the same god as one finds in the Bible. It is no more correct to call the biblical God, Allah, than calling Him Zeus,

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Vishnu, or Baal! They are different gods and these differences far exceed semantics.

These gods have different natures. Islam teaches that there is no triune nature or Godhead.

So believe in God and His apostles, and do not call Him “Trinity.” Abstain from this for your good; for God is only one God, and far from His glory is it to beget a son. All that is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him; and sufficient is God for all help (Surah 4:171b).

Yet the Bible reveals the Godhead (Rom. 1:20). The Father is called God (1 Cor. 1:3). Jesus Christ is called God (Tit. 2:13). The Holy Spirit is called God (Acts 5:3-4). There are biblical expressions of the triune nature (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14). The Qur’an denies a son of God (Surah 17:111). There’s no place for God the Holy Spirit in Islam. Allah is not just another name for the God of the Bible. Such contradictory natures show they are different beings.

Furthermore, these gods have different affections. The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:8). He initiated love (1 John 4:10, 19). One of the amazing truths of the gospel is that God loved us despite our sins and invites us to become part of His spiritual family – children of God (1 John 3:1)!

Allah does not reveal himself as love. He is not *agape*. Rather the Qur’an shows many people whom Allah does not love.

... and God does not love the ungrateful and sinners (Surah 2:276).

Say: “Obey God and His Messenger;” and if they refuse (then remember) God does not love disbelievers (Surah 3:32).

... but God does not love the unjust (Surah 3:57).

Traditionally, Muslims hold that there are 99 beautiful names for Allah in the Qur’an. Yet “Father” is not among them. Allah is no one’s father. Muslims are not, and cannot hope to be, children of Allah. Allah does not love first and he does not love unconditionally. Islam’s message for humanity is: you start loving Allah and serving Allah and then he’ll favor you. Such fundamentally different affections show they are different beings.

MISCONCEPTION 4: MUSLIMS BELIEVE IN JESUS, TOO

Some are surprised to find that Jesus is mentioned in the Qur’an. Jesus appears in about 90 verses of the Qur’an.⁹ Of these passages, 64 of them retell the virgin birth account, basically leaving 26 verses to craft the Qur’an’s version of Jesus. Thus Muslims trying to educate their neighbors about Islam may state, “Jesus was a Muslim and a great prophet,” “We honor Jesus (peace be upon him),” and “We believe in Jesus, too.” But Muslims believe

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in the Jesus revised by the Qur'an, not the Jesus revealed in the Bible.

What does the Qur'an say about Jesus? "With respect to form, the references to Jesus in the Qur'an can be divided into four groups: (1) birth and infancy stories, (2) miracles, (3) conversations between Jesus and God or between Jesus and the Israelites, and (4) divine pronouncements on his humanity, servanthood, and place in the prophetic line which stipulate that 'fanatical' opinions about him must be abandoned."¹⁰ According to the Qur'an, a fanatical opinion would be faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Matthew 16:16; John 11:27).

O people of the Book, do not be fanatical in your faith, and say nothing but the truth about God. The Messiah who is Jesus, son of Mary, was only an apostle of God, and a command of His which He sent to Mary, as a mercy from Him (Surah 4:171).

Not only is the good confession "fanatical," but it is considered *shirk* in Islam. *Shirk* is the unforgivable sin of ascribing companions or partners to Allah. Furthermore, to accept the biblical doctrine of Godhead or confess that Jesus is Lord is *shirk*.¹¹

They are surely infidels who say: "God is the Christ, son of Mary." But the Christ had only said: "O children of Israel, worship God, who is my Lord and your Lord." Whosoever associates a compeer with God, will have Paradise denied to him by God, and his abode shall be Hell; and the sinners will have none to help them (Surah 5:72).

The Christians say: "Christ is the Son of God." That is what they say with their tongues following assertions made by unbelievers before them. May they be damned by God: How perverse are they! (Surah 9:30).

Thus, the Muslim Jesus is not the Lord. He was a Jewish prophet that Allah sent to the Israelites to teach them Islam. So, in the Qur'an, Jesus was a specially created being, like Adam (Surah 3:59), who was born of a virgin named Mary (Surah 3:47). He never accepted worship from men (Surah 5:72, 117; 19:36), denied the triune nature of God (Surah 5:116-117; 4:171), and never claimed to be God or the son of God (Surah 5:72). Finally, the Qur'an

denies that Jesus was crucified (Surah 4:156-158). The Muslim Jesus did not die on Calvary, nor was he resurrected on the third day. The Jesus that Muslims claim to honor is not Jesus Christ – they neither know nor believe in the biblical Jesus.

MISCONCEPTION 5: ISLAM OFFERS A SAVIOR

Some folks mistakenly think that Jesus Christ and Muhammad correlate (roughly) for their respective religions. They believe Muhammad is to Islam as Jesus Christ is to Christianity. This is not so. The prophet Muhammad is not a savior. He does not claim to be. He claimed to be a prophet and a warner. He was an authoritarian demanding submission to his dictates. Yet Muhammad did not sacrifice himself to save or redeem anyone. Jesus Christ did.

There is no savior in Islam. Each Muslim must save himself. It is truly a religion of works where each is taught that he must do more good deeds over the course of his life than bad. Otherwise, he will burn in Hell. The Qur'an states:

Remember that good deeds nullify the bad (Surah 11:114).

"Muhammad's teaching on the Final Judgment is that a Muslim will have all the deeds of his life placed before him on a giant scale – good deeds on one side and evil deeds on the other. . . . Here's the catch, the Qur'an does not reveal how much any deed weighs. How good is good enough? . . . No one knows."¹² The Qur'an speaks of only one sure way a Muslim can skip those scales of Judgment and assure himself an eternal abode in Paradise: death in *Jihad*.

If you are killed in the cause of God or you die, the forgiveness and mercy of God are better than all that you amass. And if you die or are killed, even so it is to God that you will return (Surah 3:157-158).

And those who were deprived of their homes or banished in My cause, and who fought and were killed, I shall blot out their sins and admit them indeed into gardens with rippling streams (Surah 3:195).

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This is the end of a man-made religion, a religion without a savior. Their “hope” for eternal life is found in the utter despair of suicide. Today, many terrorist activities are the actions of both desperate and devout men who read their Qur’an and realize that there is no savior for them.

But there is a savior! He is found in the Bible. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news of a merciful God who graciously offers His Son as a savior for sinners. The true path is the Gospel – that’s God’s power for salvation (Rom. 1:16). When people believe and obey the gospel, God washes away sin and they are born again to the hope of heaven based on God’s promise.

The Bible shows that sin is overcome by the savior, Jesus Christ. It is forgiven in Christ. Sin cannot be worked off. Nowhere in the Bible does one read that the wages of sin is community service: “Do a good deed (or 3 or 4 as the case may be) to make up for your transgression.” Rather, Scripture says good works alone are a poor, ragged, and inadequate covering for sins (Isa. 64:5-6). So sin cannot be worked off by sinners. Sin is a terrible rebellion before a Holy God that must be paid for and the just payment for sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Surely the sinner will die and know the eternal torment of Hell for offending the righteous and holy God, unless God graciously provides another to die for the sin and save the sinner. That is exactly what He did at the cross of Jesus Christ.

Not only did Jesus die on the cross to pay for the sins of sinners but He rose again and gained victory over death itself (1 Cor. 15:1-8). The victorious Jesus Christ – the savior, mediator, intercessor – offers salvation freely to all (1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 3:26; Mark 10:45). Indeed, the gospel is for all, calling all men to Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16; 2 Thess. 2:14).

But how does one respond to the salvation offer? Indeed the one savior has revealed His one way of salvation (John 14:6). (1) Faith in the gospel predicated by the word of God (Rom. 10:17; John 3:16). (2) Faith is perfected in obedience to the gospel (John 14:15, 21; 15:14; James 2:22). Specifically, the word of Truth tells believers to repent of their sinful life (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confess their faith and allegiance to Jesus (Rom.

10:9-10; Acts 8:36-38), and be immersed in water (baptism) for the remission of sins and entrance into the body of Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27). Now a sinner is converted to a saint and a son, a child of God (Gal. 3:26-27; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 John 3:1-2).

Muslims (and others not in Jesus Christ) need to hear that there is a savior. He offers forgiveness and hope and the promise of eternal life. Jesus calls us by the gospel, found in the Bible, to have salvation. How will you respond?

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When God Sings!



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"The Lord...."

thy God in the midst of thee is *mighty*; He will *save*, He will rejoice over thee with *joy*; He will rest in His *love*, He will joy over thee with *singing*" (Zeph. 3:17, NKJV).

This beautiful little verse, hidden in the "minor" prophets, is a major statement and provides a unique insight into the nature of God. The context is the future joy of the chosen people of God, redeemed and restored, with God Himself dwelling in their midst. Notice the intriguing descriptions of our Creator.

First, He is a *mighty* God. Not surprising, for the word is filled with testimonies of His great power. Second, He is revealed as a *saving* God. That's why we trust in Him. The Scriptures are filled with the praises of His great salvation.

Third, fourth, and fifth, we are told He is also a *joyful* God, a *resting* God, and a *loving* God. Each of those is a sermon itself. We shouldn't think of God as a stern, unfeeling master. He has emotions. It is because He *loves* that He *saves*. When a sinner is saved, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God. . ." (Luke 15:10). When God finished His work of creation, He *rested* on the first time there was a seventh day of the week (Gen. 2:1-3). When He finished His work of redemption on the cross, God the Son rested in a tomb on another Sabbath day (John 19:30-42) and rose on the first day of the week. When sin and death are banished, He will rest again, this time on an eternal Sabbath (Heb. 4:9-11).

Finally, God is also revealed as a *singing* God! The Scriptures often exhort believers to sing (Psa. 100:2; Col.3:16). Why sing? It is heaven's approved method of praising God both on earth and in heaven.

WHEN JESUS SINGS

It shouldn't surprise us that God sings for evidently Jesus joined in the hymn following the

last supper (Mark 14:26). How could Jesus sing? Was it a mournful song? Not necessarily, for we are to look unto Jesus who is "the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the *joy* that was set before Him endured the cross. . ." (Heb. 12:2). "Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise" (James 5:13).

WHEN THE JAILHOUSE ROCKS

Paul and Silas were singing when the earthquake shook the foundations of the prison at Philippi (Acts 16:25, 26). We usually equate earthquakes with terrible calamities but the three earthquakes mentioned in the New Testament are associated with wonderful things. The first was when Jesus died for our sins, the old law was nailed to the cross, several people were raised from their tombs and the Roman soldier confessed that Jesus was the Son of God (Matt. 27:51-54). The second was at the resurrection of Jesus when an angel rolled away the stone (Matt. 28:2). And the third was at Philippi when Paul and Silas had the opportunity to save the jailer's life, his soul, and his family.

SINGING IN HEAVEN

God is the audience, sitting on His throne (Rev. 4:2). Twenty-four elders are seated, wearing white garments and golden crowns. In the center are four living creatures who do not cease to say, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty." Standing near the throne is the Lamb, who sang while He was on earth (Mark 14:26). Next, is an innumerable host of angels (Rev. 4:11). Finally, every created thing and those who come off victorious are singing (Rev. 5:13; 15:2-4). I don't know who will be the song leader – possibly Jesus Christ, Himself. But when all of this happens, then will be fulfilled the final exhortation in God's songbook: "Let everything that hath breath praise Jehovah. Praise ye Jehovah" (Psa. 150:6).

The singing we do on earth is a rehearsal for the real thing! Is there any occasion when singing is not appropriate?



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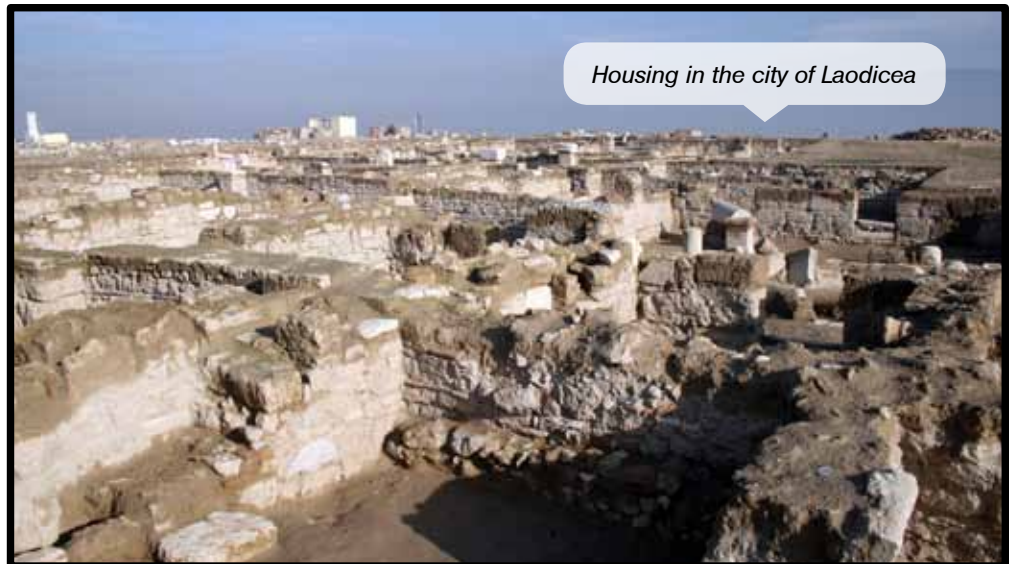
Located on a large mound just north of Denizli, Laodicea was founded by Antiochus II (261-246 B.C.) and named after his wife Laodice, sometime prior to his divorcing her in 253 B.C. The city lay on one of the great Asian trade routes and, therefore, enjoyed economic prosperity. It is located 10-11 miles downstream from Colossae and six miles south of Hierapolis. Around 213 B.C. Antiochus III settled 2,000 Jewish families from Babylonia in Lydia and Phrygia to help stabilize this part of his empire; many of them made their home in Laodicea. Based on their payment of the Temple tax, the size of the Jewish community in Laodicea is judged to have been large.

am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” (Rev. 3:17). The church at Laodicea was rebuked for allowing the wealth and comfort enjoyed by the Laodiceans in general to blunt the edge of their Christian confession.

The site was partially excavated in 1961-1964 by an archaeological team from Laval University in Quebec under the supervision of Jean des Gagniers. They cleared the nymphaeum (public fountain), an aqueduct that supplied the city water from the spring called Baspinar in the upper part of Denizli, an odeum (council chamber), two theaters (one Greek and one Roman), and a gymnasium that had been dedicated to Hadrian and his wife Sabina (A.D. 123-124). The tower-flanked triple arch, at what is now called the Ephesian

When the earthquake which affected Sardis and Philadelphia occurred in A.D. 17, Laodicea was in the financial condition to turn down help from the Roman Senate (*Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, 476), which may be alluded to in John’s letter to Laodicea (“have need of nothing”). The city was a leading banking center (*Anchor Bible Dictionary IV: 229*) and very prosperous. The city also received the title of *neokoros*, “temple warden,” for its devotion to the imperial cult. John described the attitude of the people at Laodicea: “Because thou sayest, I

Housing in the city of Laodicea




gate, west of the city was dedicated to Domitian (A.D. 81-96). Practically all of the recognizable buildings are of later date than the earthquake of A.D. 60.


Laodicea was known for several things. (1) The Lycus valley was the source of a glossy black (raven-colored) wool used in making black cloaks and carpets, for which the city was famous. (2) Laodicea was also the home of a medical school, and the manufacture of collyrium, a famous eyesalve. There is no evidence for William Ramsay's statement that the eyesalve was made from powdered Phrygian stone, recommended by Galen, though it is possible that this might be true (*Anchor Bible Dictionary* IV: 230). (3) The city was also near "to the emetic ('a medicine or other substance that causes vomiting,' mw) qualities of the soda-ladan warm water from nearby Hierapolis, whose thermal springs ran into the Maeander" (*Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary* 476). The waters at Hierapolis were thought to be therapeutic because they were hot and the waters from Colossae were refreshing because they were cold. But the waters at Laodicea were "lukewarm." Notice how each of these things is alluded to in the letter to Laodicea:

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then

because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see (Rev. 3:15-18).

The black wool contrasts to the white garments; the reference to being lukewarm which produces vomiting is alluded to; the allusion to the eyesalve is also present.

The church at Laodicea was probably started by one of Paul's colleagues (most likely Epaphras) during his three-year stay at Ephesus. In addition to being mentioned in Revelation, Laodicea is mentioned in Colossians 2:1. Paul wrote a letter to the church but it has not survived (Col. 4:16). Epaphras had some connection with the church at Laodicea for Paul writes, "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis" (Col. 4:12-13). 



The theater at Laodicea would seat about 8000.



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Dancing: Keeping it Real?

The Christian Chronicle...

reports that Abilene Christian University has “revised its long-held policy of prohibiting dancing at events hosted by official student organizations” (“ACU revises long-held policy prohibiting dancing at events,” *The Christian Chronicle*, April 2012). [For those unfamiliar with ACU, it is supported by individuals and by many churches of Christ. We are not associated with ACU and oppose churches building and funding colleges and other human organization; there is no Bible pattern for such, Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 1:13; Heb. 8:5.]

HERE IS THE OLD ACU POLICY:

Dancing is prohibited at ACU-sponsored events or events hosted by official student organizations; however, organizations that exhibit cultural expression through dance as a part of their organizational purpose may have performances by organization members as approved by advisors and the Director of Student Activities and Productions.

HERE IS THE NEW ACU POLICY:

ACU is committed to creating a strong Christian environment, where students have opportunities for appropriate social interaction as young adults and develop

lifelong relationships. Many forms of dance and cultural expression are embraced by our society, some of which are consistent with our Christian mission and values, while others are more likely to distract us from a Christ-centered life. Therefore, in keeping with the Christian mission of the university, only certain dance forms and venues will be considered for approval. Requests for events involving dance may be submitted by officially recognized ACU student organizations and must be approved by Student Life (“Q & A: ACU’s dean of students discusses new policy allowing dancing,” *The Christian Chronicle*, Feb. 23, 2012).]

A friend told me there was once a joke at ACU about when a student asked his date, “Do you want to go get a Coke?”, the answer was, “Might as well – can’t dance!” In other words, once there was a strict no dancing policy at ACU. Did God’s word change? No, it still condemns the lusts of the flesh and the eye (1 John 2:15-16). It still condemns lewdness (lasciviousness) as a work of the flesh that condemns the soul (Gal. 5:19; Rom. 13:13; 1 Pet. 4:3). No, God’s word did not change, ACU has.

REASONS FOR THE CHANGE

Jean-Noel Thompson, the University’s Vice-President for student life and Dean of students, says the ACU policy change is “part of an effort on our part to be more real with our students who are young adults” (*The Christian Chronicle*).

Did you get that? They are just keeping it real! Thompson gave two reasons for the change: “We’ve found compelling reasons to provide appropriate venues for dancing on our campus for two reasons: It helps us influence or

... “IT HELPS US INFLUENCE OR ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SHOW APPROPRIATE CONDUCT IN SOCIAL SETTINGS WHERE DANCING IS TAKING PLACE” ...

encourage students to show appropriate conduct in social settings where dancing is taking place,” he said. “We also believe the change will enhance the experience our students have while on our campus” (*Ibid.*).

According to Blane Singletary, writer for *The Optimist* (a product of the JMC Network student media at Abilene Christian University), the new policy effectively acknowledges what has been well-known on campus: dancing is commonplace among ACU students. “Since dancing is a real part of the average student’s life, from having fun to a form of courtship, the campus’ policies should change to reflect this; in other words, to be more real. Though since it has already invaded most of campus life, this change is almost ineffective” (“Dancing: Only the policy changed,” *The Optimist*, 28 Feb., 2012). There’s that word “real” again.

CULTURALLY-DEFINED SIN

The new policy says “Many forms of dance and cultural expression are embraced by our society...” So? Dean Thompson gives an illustration: “In reality, many students come to college – even to our Christian universities – expecting to dance as a recreational and social activity; they dance socially in their high school years, attend proms, dance at family weddings, etc. For example, in Texas, western dance is a culturally accepted activity, and there are opportunities for the young and old to participate in family-friendly events where alcohol is not allowed” (Q&A). Does this mean the Texas Two Step and some “boot scootin’ boogie” will now be

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approved on the ACU campus? (After all, it’s just keeping it real down there in Texas!)

Lest you think dancing is only a problem among the liberals, we hear of more and more “conservative” brethren offering and participating in culturally-defined dances (the wedding dance, for example). Just as the event and the location do not define modest apparel, the event and location do not define lascivious conduct. A wedding does not make immodest clothing modest and indecent conduct decent! Sin is not culturally defined. Sin is defined as the violation of God’s word in any culture (1 John 3:4; James 4:17).

MANY ALREADY DANCE, CHANGE REFLECTS LIFE

If it is correct that “many students” go to ACU expecting to dance,” it is a sad commentary on the moral compromise that has already occurred. We cannot lower the moral standard and expect holiness and purity to prevail (2 Tim. 3:13). We must teach young people to flee youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22). We must also teach aged saints to guard against compromise (Tit. 2:1-3).

“A GRAY AREA”

ACU says that “dirty dancing” in all its forms will be prohibited. At every ACU sponsored event they intend to proactively assess whether they believe the dancing and music selection are appropriate. Dean Thompson explained, “It’s somewhat of a gray area, but I believe conceptually it will be clear what is proper and what isn’t, and we expect our students to understand” (Q&A). He believes what is “conceptually . . . clear” produces a “gray area” that students are expected to understand. What?! Really?! (“Gray area” has become code for an unwillingness to consistently apply the clear concept of truth. Jesus expects us to “judge what is right” on moral issues by proper use of truth [Luke 12:57; 1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Tim. 2:15]).

So now a panel of ACU educators will decide the “gray areas” (that is, which dances are “appropriate” and which are not). What is gray and unclear about the sinful, worldly influences of modern, social dancing?

- *The Bible associates such dancing with lust and sinful excesses* (Exod. 32:6, 19, 25; Mark 6:21-22).


- *Social dancing is an occasion for lust and lasciviousness, which youth (and all) should flee* (2 Tim. 2:22; Rom. 13:13-14).

- *Approving and engaging in social dancing leads to greater loosening of moral restraints, increased tolerance for man-defined morality (immorality), and a corresponding intolerance for God-revealed morality* (cf. Judg. 21:25; Matt. 5:28-30; 1 Cor. 15:33-34).

CHANGING TO KEEP IT REAL



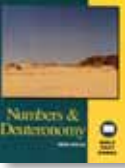

Dean Thompson observed that “views about dancing have changed in our churches in recent

years; many Christian parents allow their teen to participate in dance activities, both cultural and social ones. . . .At ACU, we like to say we are ‘exception,’ ‘innovative’ and ‘real.’ Part of being real means meeting our students where they are so we can help them demonstrate wisdom as they make their way in social settings” (Q&A). Truly, views on dancing have changed, but God’s word has not. This sort of human wisdom does not justify what God condemns. Those at ACU ought to warn students to flee youthful lusts, not compromise with it (2 Tim. 2:22).

A Christ-centered life and God-approved conduct is not learned and encouraged on the dance floor. It is learned from God’s word and by faithfully obeying it, abstaining from evil in all its forms (1 Ths. 5:21-22). 

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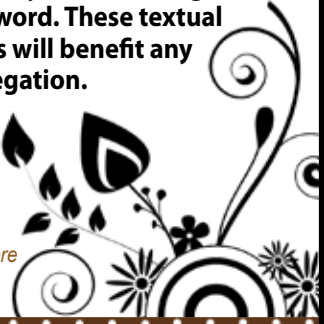
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Florida College's POLICY ON Dancing



BY BUDDY PAYNE


(Editor's Note: *When I decided to run brother Price's article, it occurred to me that this material would benefit from contrasting Abilene Christian College's position on dancing with that of Florida College. I contacted Buddy Payne, President of Florida College, to request that he provide me a statement of their position and he promptly sent me this information from their Student Handbook. We appreciate FC's continued commitment to biblical moral standards. As is true with the local church, including the one of which I am a member, this does not imply that every member or student lives up to the moral principles for which the college stands, but it does express the stance of the college.*)

As stated in the Florida College Student Handbook, this institution "...sets a high standard for our students' moral behavior." Further, the Florida College Code of Conduct "...while man-made, is based on scriptural principles fundamental to individual growth and sound, collective interaction within a community of Christian scholars." We understand, and believe, New Testament teaching and example rejects behavior compromising purity in relationships. Consequently, the Handbook clearly instructs our students "...to maintain their

moral integrity within personal relationships." To condone dancing would undermine the purity in relationships that our campus environment seeks to foster. Though secular society allows many things under the guise of "rights," Florida College holds that adhering to biblical principles and teachings remains the surest ground on which to stand regarding this question.

The guidelines for all College performing groups, published in the Florida College Personnel Manual, reflect the College's stance with regard to dancing. Some pertinent quotes follow:

"No public performance should involve any close physical contact between men and women that might be objectionable. We do not permit in performances what we would not allow of students at other times."

"There can be no dancing, or choreography steps that might appear to be dancing or that push the limits of acceptability. (Particular effort should be made to avoid physical contact between men and women or movements that might have any appearance of appeal to sensuality.)" 



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When Our Loved Ones “Lose” Their Moral Compass



Have you ever tried to use a compass or navigated using a map? With technology advancing like it has, most of us now wouldn't choose “artifacts” such as a compass or a map as our primary tool for navigation. However, a compass is a very simple tool and requires that you know only one thing: where you are headed. Let there be no mistake, the compass, though simple, requires effort and concentration on the part of the user. Sure, the compass can point you in the direction but you must take the steps necessary to reach your destination, as well as maneuver around the obstacles that will inevitably arise along the way. Does this sound like your walk with the Lord? Has a loved one seemingly lost his direction in life? Does it seem that a loved one has “lost” his moral compass?

The truth is, no one has actually “lost” his moral compass, he has just chosen to ignore it and navigate blindly; or perhaps he is navigating to a destination nowhere on the map to heaven but rather to a dream world that Satan has deceived him into believing exists. Let us notice some facts:

- No one who has chosen the path of unrighteousness and fulfilling the desires of the flesh has attained true peace and happiness, and never will.
- No one who has departed from the Lord truly grasps what real “love” is, for God is love, and without Him there is nothing but terror, emptiness, and sorrow.

Sure, the world has people who are “happy,” claim to have “peace,” claim to be “fulfilled,” and claim to know real “love.” Nobody denies that. In fact, the world is full of those types of people, but is that happiness, peace, fulfillment, and love according to man's standards or God's? The deceptive power of Satan can be overwhelming at times. You and I have both witnessed that fact. Those whom we have loved through the years can, it seems to us, in an instant fall away. Our hearts ache as we see, or learn of, them engaging in activities that they know are absolutely sinful; yet our loved one seeks to justify himself and condemn others for being “too strict” or “unloving” because Bible truth is expressed to him. Yes, friend, it hurts deeply and we sorrow and cry out to God for strength and courage. We hit our knees in humble prayer to God asking Him one of the the hardest things of all: “Whatever it takes to bring our loved one back to a saved state, whatever it takes for him to be humbled and repent, Lord please let it be done.”

The question now arises in our minds: Lord, what do I do? What do I do when someone I love has seemingly “lost” his moral compass?

As we have stated before, no one actually “loses” his moral compass, he just chooses to ignore it or follow a different path. This might seem a matter of semantics, but I believe it is

- No one who has left the Lord has reached heaven, and no one ever will.

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fundamental to our understanding about what to say or do. If one were to truly “lose” his moral compass then that would imply he doesn’t have the tools to return and is completely without help; I firmly deny that. Those who have left the Lord still possess the tools to return, because God gave them to all of us: His holy word, His precepts, His commands, and a soul that longs to return to its Maker. It is true that without using these tools we are lost, but let us not forget that refusing to follow Him is a *choice* not an *accident* of some sort, like “losing” our compass would be. Let’s look at what our responsibility is towards those who have chosen to ignore God’s compass and have left the straight and narrow in favor of the broad path.

PRAY

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil.4:6-7).

Take it all to the Lord in prayer and pour out your broken heart. He offers His peace to us if we will but communicate humbly with Him. There is unspeakable peace that comes from knowing that it all has been placed in the Lord’s hands. He is the One from whom all blessings flow, and the “peace of God... will guard (y)our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.” Let us rejoice that we have an avenue whereby we may speak to our Heavenly Father. Let us also rejoice that He speaks to us through His beautiful word. Let us rejoice, not because the circumstances are great, but because He has given us (and our lost loved one) the tools to get through this trial and be victorious. He has given us “all that pertains to life and godliness” (2 Pet.1:3) which means we have everything we need to navigate through this life; may we seek the answers in His word for our troubles and those of others.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (James 5:16).

- “Effective”: Successful in producing a desired or intended result

- “fervent”: Having or displaying a passionate intensity
- “avails much”: Help or benefit

Do these words describe our prayers? Consider the Psalms of David and see how he prayed to God. Draw strength from those prayers and model your own after them. Speak openly, humbly, and honestly with God . . . for He knows our every thought. We must express it all to God and have the faith to leave it with Him and accept that some things are just out of our control. We can’t always “fix” somebody or some situation. But God’s word can and will every time, but only when that person humbles himself and submits to His word. Pray fervently to that end, God’s will be done in all things.

... without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers... pray without ceasing... without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day (Rom. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:17; 2 Tim. 1:3).

Paul prayed for the well-being of his brethren “without ceasing” and he instructed them to do the same in their own lives. So we also must pray, not only for those who have fallen away to return but also for ourselves, and others who are living righteously, that they may have the strength and courage to continue standing for, and living, the truth.

CONSIDER SELF

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted (Gal. 6:1).

“You who are spiritual...” This is not only an admonition, but also a warning that, if we are seeking to help another be restored to God, we too must be spiritual. This means not living according to the flesh; our lives are to be righteous and holy before God. Having been found righteous, we must seek to restore the lost brother in a spirit of gentleness, “considering ourselves” because we are just as fallible as everyone else, no man is perfect. Reminding ourselves of these facts helps us to be centered

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and focus harder on our own lives so, when the time comes, we will then be better equipped to help another right his wrongs.

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall (1 Cor.10:12). No one is exempt from the temptation to sin, but we don't have to give in. We must “take heed lest ye fall,” knowing that when we think ourselves the strongest we can be knocked down because we fail to be aware of the surrounding dangers.

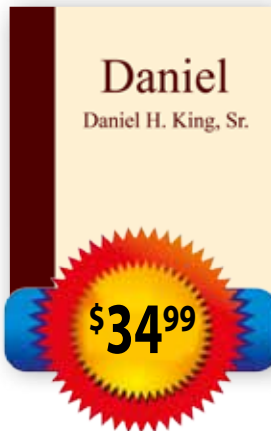
... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom.3:23). We have all sinned and, therefore, we all been separated from God. But thanks be to God that we have been redeemed through His Son in baptism. Our loved ones have killed their souls with sin and only repentance and subjection to God can resurrect that soul from the corpse it has become. Watch out for your own soul that you do not slip into sin while trying to help others with theirs.

For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me remove the

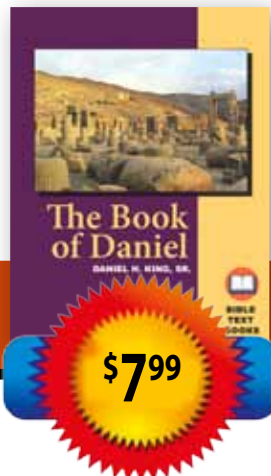
speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye” (Matt. 7:2-5).

Remove the plank from our own eye; do not self-righteously judge another. Our loved one must abide by the judgments of God, that is true;

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but may we not forget that we also must answer and abide by those same judgments. God is without partiality, no man is exempt from His commands, so while we seek to restore another let's not be blind to our own faults.

SHARE GOD'S WORD (SPEAK UP AND WARN THEM)

... when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity . . . because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand (Ezek.3:20).

Many times we will feel as if we are being ignored by our wayward loved one and, sadly, most of the time we probably are. But, the unrighteous have quiet moments too. For proof, look at David's pain when he departed from the Lord with the events surrounding his sin with Bathsheba. David knew the right way, like our loved ones do, but he chose to ignore it in favor of pleasing the flesh. Yet, in his quiet moments, he was tormented by what he knew in his heart (Pss. 32, 51). You never know when a truth you might share, a gentle pleading, or a firm rebuke might be recalled to memory by the wayward soul. It may take finally hitting rock bottom before God's truth hits them and touches their heart, so let us be the vessel by which the Word of God is fresh in their minds or at least stored up in their memory for later.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear (Prov.25:11-12).

Having the right words is sometimes very hard, especially in difficult circumstances. There are times when our silence is just as loud as our words and it is just what is needed for the situation; at other times we must speak up. One blessing we have as children of God is having His complete revealed word in our hands. When you struggle with what to say, first go to God's Word and see what God has to say about the sin, the situation, and how to deal with the one in error. Next, study what God has to say about how we are to conduct ourselves while dealing with the situation at hand. When we handle our

trials with God, we will not be at a loss for words because God has already said it all.

Try writing a letter, an email, or sending a text. Write something private and personal that they can re-read later. I recommend doing such in the order mentioned; email and texting are great tools, but guard yourself against hasty replies, quickly written thoughts/rants, or anything which you have not taken proper time to consider. And, whatever you do, don't air the dirty laundry in a public forum (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, blogs, etc.); there are times when public rebuke is necessary but there are also times when discretion is the better judgment. Consider that when we bring our words into a public forum, the likelihood of someone sympathizing with our erring brother is much higher. This can result in leading others astray and also undoing a great deal of good that may have been achieved had we chosen to deal directly with him. A suggestion: keep your personal thoughts to this individual between God, you, and the one in error. In some cases your window of opportunity is very small before all communication is shut down, so say what needs to be said and do so thoughtfully (not rashly).

But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person (1 Cor.5:11).

Do not keep company with them socially. Our actions can speak just as loud as our words. We can say all of the right things, but if our actions don't change then the message is conflicting. If we value his soul we will depart from him in a social context in order that he will be ashamed of his sin (2 Thess.3:13-15; 1 Cor.5:11). Loving our brethren demands we advise them to not love the world, and that we walk in the truth ourselves. True Bible love does not withhold the truth of their condition in favor of their feelings or in favor of just “keeping the peace.” True Bible love requires that the truth be made known and that repentance be required, else we're doing a grave disservice. Coddling one who is in error hurts

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everyone connected. Consider the warning in 2 John 9-11 against sympathizing with the sinner.

... Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. . . . They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work (Tit. 1:10-16).

Sharp rebuke and righteous indignation are profitable, do not discount their importance. I am convinced that too much of our time is spent trying to be “politically correct,” which is just a nice way of saying “spineless.” For some of us, we treat sin as if it is just some minor infraction that might possibly require one to perhaps stop doing hid supposed sin if by some chance he maybe feel like it at some point. If that didn’t make sense then it is for good reason, and it’s no wonder some leave the faith with that approach and attitude towards sin. Let’s wake up friends! Sin is serious, deadly, and its punishment is eternal! Convey those thoughts to the wayward soul from God’s Word. Proper care in doing so is always required; words spoken bitterly, rashly, and in hate do no good (James 3). True love, as God displays, demands that we warn the sinner of his ways with God’s word; remind him of the goodness of God; seek restoration of his soul. What we deem a sharp rebuke for one may not be enough for another; each situation is different and requires some knowledge of the one we are seeking to reach. Love each and every soul enough to truly hate the sin being engaged in and let your speech reflect as much, for we will be held accountable for our warnings, or lack thereof, to the erring soul (Ezek. 3:20-21).

For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. . . . But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

The Lord detests sin, and this verse shows just how disgusting it is when one of His children returns to the vomit and refuse that is the world.

Sin is ugly, not glamorous. Sin is filthy, not a novelty. Sin is death, not living.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23).

We will surely die if we stay in our sin, make this known to those who desire to give in to the desires of the flesh. It will end in death, spiritual death most importantly.

VALUE THEIR SOUL

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9).

Trust may be broken, feelings may be hurt, respect may be lost, and deep disappointment may come. However, this does not give us permission to label the person in error as sub-human, trash, worthless, or any other name which classifies them as someone not worthy of the saving blood of Christ. Who are we to determine such a thing? Did not Christ die for all sinners? Have we not sinned against God? Have we not been enemies of our Lord in times past (Rom. 3:23; 1 Pet. 4:3-8)?

Those who have left the Lord still have value. They are still worth something, their soul is precious. Those who have left the Lord still have good inside them; they just have refused to acknowledge it and/or have seared their conscience (1 Tim. 4:1-3). However, they

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When Our Loved Ones “Lose” Their Moral Compass

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have the choice to leave those ways and return to God.

Remember that while there is still time, the Father awaits the return of His children (2 Pet. 3:9). God awaits the sheep who have gone astray, and so should we. Never stop loving, never stop caring, never stop looking for the prodigal to return. Read over the parables of lost things in Luke 15 and gain strength from the lessons taught there. These parables impact us even stronger when it is our loved one whom has gone “to a far country and there wasted possessions with prodigal living.”

LEAN ON THE LORD

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30).

Lean on the Lord, go to Him with all your cares, heartaches, and worries. He alone can heal our broken hearts and give us the strength to carry on. Seek Him, believe Him, trust Him, love Him with all you have.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths (Prov. 3:5-6).

So many times we try to answer the question of “why” something is happening or perhaps we attempt to explain through our limited knowledge the reasons for suffering, why others leave the Lord, or many other happenings in life. Through it all, we need to understand that sometimes there is not an explanation but there is always some way to grow closer to the Lord no matter

the circumstance. While leaning on the Lord, let’s look for the lessons in every trial. Trust God who is all knowing, acknowledge Him in all we do, and walk that straight and narrow path with Him as He so lovingly leads us to Heaven.

Whatever may be the case in your life while going through this trying time do not give up on the Lord. He is our strength, He is our hope, He is our salvation. Remember that our loved ones who have decided to leave the Lord have not “lost” their moral compass; God’s word still stands true and it always will. They are just choosing to ignore God right now and foolishly follow the broad path to destruction. Take courage and learn from the trials you face now so you may be able to stand tomorrow and perhaps help someone else in his trials of a like nature (James 1:2-4). Remember that our Savior calmed the storm on the sea of Galilee with a simple, “Peace, be still,” and He will most certainly calm the storm of our lives if we will but draw close to Him. May we all draw nearer to the Lord, pray, teach, speak up, value souls, and seek the Kingdom first. We will hurt in this life, that is a fact, but no hurt we can imagine will ever be as severe as the hurt of being eternally separated from God, our Father. God’s word is powerful; it has the power to save even the vilest sinner from eternal destruction. May we never cease believing it, teaching it, living it. In closing, let us draw strength from the words that Moses imparted to Israel before he departed this life:

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid...for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you” (Deut. 31:6).

Press on brothers and sisters, we’re not home yet.



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Church Alters “Limbo” View

Catholics have always clung to the concept there are two sources of authority: The Bible and traditions. The latter is of far more significance, as they are “God updating to modern times,” according to Catholic teaching. Thus, traditions are as binding, or more so, than anything found in the Bible.

But according to the *Indianapolis Star* (4-21-07), in an AP release from the Vatican City, “Pope Benedict XVI has reversed centuries of traditional Roman Catholic teaching on limbo” (a place completely unknown to the word of God). Catholics have always held that children were born with the “original sin” from Adam and Eve, hence every child (save Mary and Jesus) born into this world is born with sin. The logical consequences of this teaching is that if a baby dies, it would go to hell, as sin is not allowed in heaven. But that did not sit well with Catholic parents who lost loved ones at birth, etc. So, “Theologians have long taught that such children enjoy an eternal state of perfect natural happiness, commonly called limbo, but without being in communication with God.”

After much study, they have finally found out the truth on the matter: Children are neither saved nor lost—they are *safe* (see Matt. 18:3; 19:14; Ezek. 18:20; 2 Cor. 5:10; etc.). “The Rev.” (he needs to read Matt. 23:8-11), Richard McBrien, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame summed it up: “If there is no limbo and we’re not going to revert to St. Augustine’s teaching that unbaptized infants go to hell, we’re left with one option, namely, that everyone is born in a state of grace” (*Ibid.*).

Now read Ezekiel 18:15. I wonder how much longer it will be until Baptists finally wake up, come to the same truth, and abandon their doctrine of “total depravity” and “original sin.” But in finally accepting this Bible truth, he has also turned his back on “centuries of traditional Roman Catholic teaching.” They have been forced to admit they were wrong! Not just this time, but other times as well. What does *that* do to Catholic teaching about church infallibility?

They have also been forced to admit the Bible was right after all, so God really did know more than their traditions—even way back then (see Jude 3; 2 Pet. 1:3). They are learning!



Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me

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figure of speech is derived from the public execution of crucifixion. As a preliminary to the crucifixion itself, one carried the cross beam of his cross through the streets on his way to the place of his execution. In Jesus' crucifixion, He bore His own cross (John 19:17) until the Romans compelled Simon to bear it for Him (see Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26). What was the significance of this act?

Darrel L. Bock writes concerning the significance of bearing one's cross saying,

Cross-bearing publicly displayed a person's submission to the state. The criminal rebelled against the state, and so bore the penalty of punishment from it. Cross-bearing was a visible, public affair that visualized a person's humility before the state. Thus, the fundamental idea is of submitting to the authority of another – in this case God. . . . cross-bearing means that one's independent life is at an end, an element that reinforces the picture of self-denial and submission (*Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: Luke*, I: 853).

Obviously the Christian life demands the submission of one's will to the will of the Lord Jesus, even as Jesus submitted Himself to the will of His heavenly Father. In Gethsemane, Jesus said, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matt. 26:39). Paul said that Jesus "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8). The writer of Hebrews has this in his mind as he wrote, "though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered" (5:8) and again, ". . . Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, . . . for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:1-2).

The yielding of the human spirit to the lordship of Jesus Christ is demanded of Jesus' disciples, just as it was for Himself. Jesus asked, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46). Not everyone who calls

Jesus Lord will be saved, but only the one who submits his will to the will of Jesus and does what He says (Matt. 7:21-23).

The act of being baptized is one public display that one has submitted himself to the Lordship of Jesus. Why be baptized? Because the Lord Jesus commanded that one do so (Acts 10:48; 2:38). However, it is not the only example of submission, for Jesus said that one is to take up his cross *daily* and follow Him. Day by day one submits his will to Jesus.

FOLLOW ME

The Christian life that one begins when he denies himself and takes up his cross continues as one makes himself the disciple of Jesus. The convert resolves to follow Jesus wherever that may lead him (cf. Matt. 4:19; 8:19, 22; 9:9; 16:24; 19:21). The disciple may not understand and know where his allegiance to Jesus will take him in the years that lie ahead, but he is determined that, "Where He leads me, I will follow!"

Using the comparison of a shepherd to his sheep, Jesus said, "he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (John 10:3-4). "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). Peter said, "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). The chaste virgins of Revelation 14 "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes" (14:4).

CONCLUSION

Reading this text should cause each of us to ask himself, "What kind of disciple am I?" One does not give answer to me, the preacher, or the elders, but to Him who is our Lord – Jesus! How effectively am I denying self, taking up the cross, and following Him? Let each of us prayerfully examine himself and give answer to his Lord.

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<p>MIAMI, FL Church of Christ Eglise du Christ de Miami 8343 NE 3rd Ct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Minister: Junot Joseph (305) 244-8295</p>	<p>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL Mary Esther, FL Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Butttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY, FL Church of Christ 3339 Florida Ave. (Between Baldwin Rd. & Hwy. 390) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin Hudson (850) 265-6539</p>	<p>CORDELE, GA Crisp County Church of Christ 120 Emmaus Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Jimmy Tuten Call for directions: (229) 271-1964 (229) 382-8766 (229) 3263715</p>	<p>DOWNERS GROVE, IL Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of 1355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>
<p>BRONSON, FL Church of Christ 894 E. Hathaway (Hwy. 27A) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Zellner (352) 528-3058</p>	<p>FROSTPROOF, FL Church of Christ 40 W. "A" St. Frostproof, FL 33483 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Jimmy Ford, preacher (863) 635-2607 or 635-4278</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437</p>	<p>PENSACOLA, FL East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Stan Adams 479-2130 or 994-7749</p>	<p>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>	<p>GLENN ELLYN, IL Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630) 529-2149 (630) 858-2290</p>
<p>BROOKSVILLE, FL Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803</p>	<p>GENEVA, FL Church of Christ Ave. C and 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. (407) 349-9998</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p>SEFFNER, FL Church of Christ 621 E. Wheeler Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297 www.seffnercoc.org</p>	<p>SAVANNAH, GA Costal Church of Christ 7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Nelson ronaldnelson1@gmail.com (912) 306-4631 www.coastalchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>MATTOON, IL Southside Church of Christ 1100 S. 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (217) 234-3702</p>
<p>CHIPLEY, FL Church of Christ 1295 Brickyard Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 638-2366 www.chipleychurch.com</p>	<p>HOLLYWOOD, FL Harding St. Church of Christ 5828 Harding St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (954) 961-4112</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p>PUNTA GORDA, FL Church of Christ 2300 Taylor Road PO Box 511069 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov.-Mar.) 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paul Branch (941) 347-8425</p>	<p>VALDOSTA, GA Church of Christ 4313 North Valdosta Rd. (Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 of I-75) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. (No evening worship) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (229) 244-8630</p>	<p>PALATINE, IL Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 967-9667</p>
<p>DELAND, FL North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE, FL Junglton Creek Church of Christ 1630 State Rd 13N Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (904) 703-2277 Denny Freeman www.jcccoc.com</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL S. Bumbo Church of Christ 3940 S. Bumbo Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua C. Creel (407) 851-8031 or (321) 235-3307</p>	<p>ST. PETERSBURG, FL Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p>HI - ISLAND OF OAHU Leeward Church of Christ 94-1233 Waipahu St. Waipahu, HI 96797 (15 mi. from Honolulu; 18 mi. from Waikiki) Bible Study 9 am Worship 10 am Evening 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm www.leewardchurchofchrist.org Anthony Genton: (808) 671-0239</p>	<p>CLARKSVILLE, IN Clarksville Church of Christ 407 W. Lewis & Clark Pkwy. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (502) 593-6868 or (812) 944-2305 www.cvcoc.org (812) 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>

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<p>HAMMOND, IN Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p>RICHMOND, IN Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>		<p>FRANKLIN, KY 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p>LEESVILLE, LA White Park Church of Christ 17801 Nolan Trace; 20 mi. from Fort Polk (5 mi. W. of Leesville) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (337) 239-4614 www.whiteparkchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>DULUTH, MN Church of Christ 4401 Glennwood St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Nick Krumrei (218) 728-3233</p>
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<p>INDIANAPOLIS, IN Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St., 46256 SUNDAY Worship 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 10:25 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:00 P.M. (317) 710-1204</p>	<p>TRAFALGAR, IN Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ed Rangel (317) 878-5969 www.trafalgarchurch.com</p>	<p>BEAVER DAM, KY Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p>LEITCHFIELD, KY Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (270) 259-4968</p>	<p>STONEWALL, LA N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>	<p>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</p>
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<p>MARION, IN South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602 www.southmarionchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>LENEXA, KS Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p>BOWLING GREEN, KY West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com</p>	<p>LOUISVILLE, KY Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>	<p>PORTLAND, ME Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times & places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>	<p>BOONEVILLE, MS Oakleigh Dr. Church of Christ 101 Oakleigh Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Building: (662) 728-1942</p>
<p>MUNCIE, IN Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488</p>	<p>TOPEKA, KS 17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>BRANDENBURG, KY Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p>OWENSBORO, KY Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>	<p>ARBUTUS, MD Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, (410) 590-2852</p>	<p>CLINTON, MS McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (I20, exit 36) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>
<p>OOLITIC, IN Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p>WICHITA, KS Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p>CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) AM Worship 9:30 A.M. AM Bible Study 10:30 A.M. AM Worship 11:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651</p>	<p>REGINA, KY Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 & Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (606) 754-9883, 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>	<p>SEVERN, MD Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brandon Trout (410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofchrist.org</p>	<p>COLUMBUS, MS Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>
<p>PEKIN, IN Church of Christ (First St. & Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jeremy Goen (812) 967-3437 or 967-3520 www.pekinchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>GRINNELL, IA Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 236-1955 (641) 521-6485 (641) 236-3883</p>	<p>CANEYVILLE, KY Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 274-3065, (270) 259-0306 or (502) 724-2231</p>	<p>BATON ROUGE, LA Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>	<p>RIVERDALE, MD (Washington, D.C. area) Wildercroft Church of Christ 6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Antoine Holloway (301) 474-7460 or (301) 741-0012</p>	<p>GULFPORT, MS Morris Rd. Church of Christ 1 blk. N. of Dedeaux Rd. & 3 Rivers Rd. on Morris Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Carmack (228) 832-5529</p>

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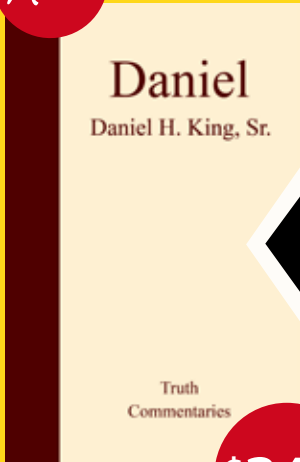
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