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The February issue of *Truth Magazine* features a series of articles on the Holy Spirit. We would like to express appreciation to Ron Halbrook for putting together this special issue and choosing the writers for it.

God's revealed truth about the Holy Spirit needs to be taught to every generation. When teaching on this subject is ignored, Christians will have their thinking shaped by denominational teaching that is consistently spreading through TV, the internet, denominational tracts, books, etc. The passing of the older generation which was instructed in the subject leaves a congregation full of untaught members, vulnerable to the false doctrines of their own generation.

When I first started preaching, my brother Cecil advised me to read and preach the lessons in H. Leo Boles' book *The Holy Spirit: His Personality, Nature, Works*. The book was published in 1942, but I still find this work to be useful, even though many books have been written on the subject since then.

A variety of errors still circulate about the Holy Spirit, such as the idea that the Holy Spirit is not a person with the nature of God (He is said to be a power or force), or that God manifested Himself as Father, then as the Son, and now as the Holy Spirit (as in the Jesus' only doctrines of the Godhead). Realizing that the Holy Spirit is of the same nature as the Father and the Son corrects those ideas that He is mysterious and different in nature from the Father and Son.

The Holy Spirit worked, among other things, in revealing God's will to mankind. He inspired men to write God's truth in both testaments (2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). When the truth is being taught, the Holy Spirit is working through the Spirit-inspired word.

To confirm that the preached message was from God, the Lord gave the Apostles the special gifts of the Holy Spirit which enabled them to perform miracles. These spiritual gifts accompanied believers – not that every believer worked miracles (see for example, 1 Cor. 12:29-31), but that these gifts did not accompany pagans, Pharisees, Essenes, or Sadducees, but believers. The Apostles went out doing the work

Christ sent them to do: "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs" (Mark 16:20).

Once the message that was revealed through the Holy Spirit was confirmed by the miracles, the need for miracles ceased and so did the miracles (1 Cor. 13:9-13). The Charismatic movement has influenced most denominations and their programs are still aired on TV. Their promises of miraculous healing appeal to those who are suffering to send a contribution so that God may heal their hurting body or empty wallet! Undoubtedly, many have a mistaken concept about the work of the Holy Spirit today.

Those influenced by Calvinism believed that man has inherited a nature from Adam that precludes his ability to understand Scripture until the Holy Spirit illuminates him. The Holy Spirit only illuminates those who are the elect of God, so affecting them that they are irresistibly drawn to God's grace. Evidences of the reception of the Holy Spirit vary among the denominations from a "better felt than told" experience to tongue speaking. Understanding how the Holy Spirit operates in man's salvation is as relevant today as it ever has been.

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by Steve Reeves

The Holy Spirit is a Person in the Godhead (Acts 5:3-4)

Like many subjects in the Bible, there is a great amount of erroneous teaching and misconceptions concerning the nature and person of the Holy Spirit. This, in part, leads to a misunderstanding of other aspects of the Spirit's work such as the baptism, the indwelling, the promise, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The English word "Godhead" is akin to the word "Godhood" which means "possessing the qualities of deity," much as the word "motherhood" would speak of a woman who was a mother to children.

There are some religions, like the United Church of God that believe that there are two beings who are in the Godhead — the Father and the Son. Still others, like the United

Pentecostal Church, believe that there is one being that possesses Godhood. **They state that this God reveals Himself in Scripture at times as the "Father," at other times as the "Son," and still other times as the "Holy Spirit."** Many of these religions that have one or two beings in the Godhead speak of the Holy Spirit as being just a "force" or "active force" of God. One Mormon writer spoke of the "divine substance or fluid called the Holy Spirit." However, the Bible reveals that there are three persons who possess the eternal qualities of Godhood, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three are spirit in nature (John 4:24) yet they are still "persons." The Holy Spirit, as revealed in Scripture, is a spirit being, possessing personality separate from the Father and the Son, which has the essence and attributes of Deity. He, too, is God.

WHAT SAYETH THE SCRIPTURE?

In Acts 5:1-4 we read, *"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, did it not remain thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? Thou has not lied unto*

men, but unto God." Ananias and Sapphira lied to the apostles about the price; however, since the apostles were inspired with the Holy Spirit, Peter said that their lie was to the Spirit (v. 3). In v. 4 Peter said that their lie to the Holy Spirit was a lie to God (Deity). In saying this, Peter identifies the Spirit as possessing the attributes of God and therefore part of the Godhead. To speak of "lying to" someone addresses also the "personality" of a being. One does not lie to a mere power or force. For instance, it would be nonsense to speak of lying to electricity or lying to the wind which are forces and not persons or beings. Neither electricity nor the wind can discern the truth from a lie. Even men, by themselves, cannot always tell if a person is lying to them. But God who knows the hearts of men, can discern when one is lying. Therefore Peter, being inspired with the Holy Spirit, could know of the deception of these two, because the Holy Spirit is God! He is a *person* in the *Godhead*.

The event in John 16:7-15 has Jesus describing the Holy Spirit in terms of being a person and being part of the Godhead. Jesus said, *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you. And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot*

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bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you. All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he taketh of mine, and shall declare it unto you.” Jesus is speaking to His apostles about His departing from them and returning to the Father. On earth, Jesus was one of the Godhead come in the flesh (John 1:1, 14), comforting, guiding, strengthening, teaching, and revealing the truth to the apostles. Upon His return to the Father, He said that He would send to them “another Comforter” (John 14:16). W.E. Vine states that the original word translated “another” in John 14:16 means “another of the same kind.” **So just as Jesus was a member of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, also a member, would come to the apostles and guide (16:13), teach, and help them to remember the teachings of Jesus (14:26).** In this passage the Holy Spirit is seen in the unity of the Godhead in matters of revelation of the truth to the apostles. In v. 13, Jesus said that the Spirit would not speak from Himself, but would take the “things” from Jesus and declare them to the apostles. In v. 15, Jesus includes all three of the Godhead: the “Father,” the Son (“mine,” “I”), and the Holy Spirit (“he”) in the matter of revelation of truth to the Apostles.

In this passage of John 16 the *personage* of the Holy Spirit is also revealed. Notice Jesus’ use of the masculine personal pronouns in reference to the Holy Spirit. In v. 7

Jesus spoke of sending “Him” (the Comforter) and in v. 8 He states that “He” would come and convict the world. In v. 13, “He” would guide, hear, speak, and declare truth to the apostles. These are actions of *personality*. “He” would glorify Jesus,

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take from Jesus, and declare it to the apostles. These terms divinely imply that the Holy Spirit is a *person*, part of the Godhead, not merely a *force* of God or an *action* of God.

The personage and Deity of the Holy Spirit is also seen in the “great commission” of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. In v. 18 Jesus states, “*All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth,*” and based on that He sends the apostles into the world to make disciples. In their going they would be **“baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”** The phrase “into the name” (ASV) or “in the name” does not merely mean “by the authority.” While the phrase may include the authority of “the name” it is referring to all that that being stands for. To be baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is to be baptized into a relationship with them in all that they stand for and all that they have done. In saying this, Jesus puts the Holy Spirit in equal relationship with the Father and Himself. This relationship that the Christian has with the Three in the Godhead is seen in Paul’s

closing words to the Corinthians. “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all*” (Cor. 13:14). All three, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are placed in the same relationship.

Briefly there are many other texts that testify to the fact that the Holy Spirit is a personal being. To the Romans, Paul says that the Holy Spirit has a “mind” (8:27), loves (15:30), and bears witness (8:16). In his first letter to the Corinthians he said that the Spirit “knows” (2:11), searches (2:10), and teaches (2:10). In Ephesians 4:30 Paul exhorted the Ephesians to not “grieve” the Holy Spirit. How does one grieve a mere force or power? Luke records that Paul and company were “forbidden” by the Spirit to go to Asia (Acts 16:6). **While earlier in Acts 13:2-4, Luke states that the Holy Spirit “sent forth” Barnabas and Saul to preach. And finally in John 15:26, the Spirit “bears witness” of Jesus.**

We have noted these passages to show that the Scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit in terms of a person and not a mere force, action, or influence. We have seen how that Peter informed Ananias that lying to the Holy Spirit was lying to God. The testimony of Jesus shows that, as Christians, we have been baptized into a relationship with the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Understanding the fact that the Holy Spirit is a person in the Godhead will help us to comprehend his role in salvation. For salvation is of God (Acts 28:28).

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The Holy Spirit

Revealed All the Truth

by Marshall McDaniel

In recent years, there has seemingly been an influx of denominational teaching regarding the Holy Spirit among Christians. As a result, some have sneered at the idea of merely associating the Holy Spirit with the revelation of truth. While He is involved in various other works, it is disappointing that people belittle the Holy Spirit's association with His primary work of manifesting truth.

The Bible confirms the importance of the Spirit's work of revelation. In fact, during Jesus' final moments with His apostles, He repeatedly returned to the promise of the coming Holy Spirit (cf. John 13-16). On one occasion, the Lord said: "But when He, the Spirit of truth,

comes, He will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13). Obviously, Jesus was not hesitant to associate the Holy Spirit with the truth.

Religious people may mock and accuse us of limiting the Holy Spirit when we affirm that He has fully and finally accomplished His task; we can, however, rest assured that there is within the Scriptures evidence of the Spirit-truth connection and that this was the primary mission of the Spirit. His work of revelation was (and is) vital because it unveiled the mystery that had been hidden for ages, declared not just some but—at last—all the truth, and glorified God.

HIDDEN MYSTERY

"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now" (John 16:12).

If the Spirit had not come, there would have been a continued "imperfection" of truth because, for ages, all truth was hidden in the mind of God as a mystery: "[T]he mystery...had been hidden from the past ages and generations" and "was not made known to the sons of men" (Col. 1:26; Eph. 3:5; cf. Rom. 16:25). The word *mystery* (Gk. *musterion*) is defined as "a matter to the knowledge of which initiation is necessary" or, simply, "a secret" (NAGL). Without divine revelation, therefore, we would know very little of God, His character, and His will.

While Jesus began to disclose the truth of God, even He Himself acknowledged that there were many things that remained veiled at the close of His earthly ministry (see John 14:25; 16:12). He, therefore,

promised the apostles that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to them so that the Divine might be revealed to all. The Spirit was assigned this task because He alone knew the mind of God: "[T]he thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11).

The essential work of the Holy Spirit was, thus, in the realm of the revelation of divine truth.

Jesus promised the apostles that, at the proper time, the Spirit would complete His mission, revealing all truth—past, present, and future: "[He will] bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (John 14:26). "He will teach you all things" (v. 26). "He will disclose to you what is to come" (John 16:13).

The mystery that had been hidden for ages in the mind of God, which no one could know apart from revelation, was, therefore, manifested through the Holy Spirit's work. (Praise God!)

COMPLETED TRUTH

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13).

The source of all truth is God the Father, but just as the Son received from the Father and then spoke, so the Spirit took from the Son and declared it to the apostles and prophets (cf. John 8:28; 12:49-50; 14:24; 16:13, 15). Consequently, Jesus not only referred to Himself as "the truth" but also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth" (John 14:6; 16:13). Yet, the Spirit was given an

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even “greater” revelatory task than the Son—manifesting *all* the truth.

The Holy Spirit did not fail in His mission. Though in previous ages the Spirit had given “many portions” of God’s will by the prophets, “in the last days” all truth was spoken “in [the] Son” by the Holy Spirit (Heb. 1:1-2; cf. John 16:13-15). In the first century, the Spirit “moved” men to speak and write of Jesus, and the apostles could declare that the mystery has “been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets [by] the Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:20-21; Eph. 3:5).

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, these men revealed the complete will of God — first by spoken words then by written (cf. 1 Cor. 2:12-13; Eph. 3:3-4). Early Christians acknowledged that revelation was being completed, insisting that “the faith...was once for all handed down to the saints” and that it was “the perfect law, the law of liberty” (Jude 3; Jas. 1:25; cf. 1 Cor. 13:8-12).

We can, therefore, with confidence affirm that the Scriptures we possess — both the Old and New Testaments — are the completed work of the Holy Spirit.

DIVINE GLORY

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you” (John 16:14).

It must be recognized, in closing, that the revelation of the truth was not merely to enlighten mankind but was ultimately intended to glorify God (cf. John 16:14). In discussing the eternal purpose of the Lord, the Scriptures say, “In all wisdom

and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will according to the kind intention which He purposed in Him” (Eph. 1:8-9). This would result in “the praise of His glory” (v. 12). The revelation of truth always glorified God.

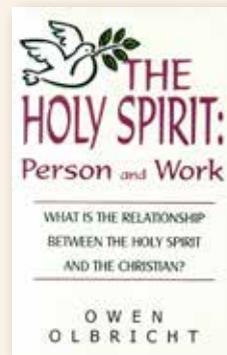
While on earth, Jesus had revealed the Father’s will and subjected Himself to it; this resulted in glory (cf. John 13:31-32; 17:1). Similarly, when the Holy Spirit was sent, revealing all the truth, He glorified the Son and the Father: “He [the Spirit] will glorify Me [Jesus], for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you” (John 16:14).

But divine glory in the truth has not ceased now that the revelation has been completed; it continues to work and glorify God! Every time a sinner is adopted into the family of God through faith in the message of the gospel, God is glorified (cf. Eph. 1:3-14). When we (believers) are filled with the words of the Spirit, sing songs of praise to the Lord, express deep gratitude to Him, and change our lives, God is glorified (cf. Eph. 5:18-21; Col. 3:16-17; Tit. 2:11-14).

The revelation of truth results in the glory of God. (Praise God!)

We must never depreciate or dismiss the Spirit’s work of revelation. The truth that has been manifested gives substance to our faith and hope. Without the Spirit and the truth we have nothing. Praise God that the Holy Spirit has revealed all truth!

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by Jim McDonald

The Holy Spirit Confirmed the Truth

In Mark's account of the Great Commission Jesus promised, "These signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover... and they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen" (Mark 16:17, 18, 20).

The promise "them that believe" would cast out demons, speak with new tongues, take up serpents and work other miracles was not, as some suppose, reference to "He that

believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16) but rather to the "they" that went forth working these signs, the apostles. Testimony of Jesus' resurrection was not immediately accepted by the apostles. In fact, twice Mark expressly says "they disbelieved" (Mark 16:11, 13). Jesus upbraided them because of that disbelief and gave the promise that to them that believe, there would be accompanying signs.

The Holy Spirit revealed the truth. That was Jesus' promise. He also confirmed the truth He revealed, doing this through signs He wrought through the apostles. Jesus promised the apostles they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them and they were to wait in Jerusalem for that power. (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49). We see the results of these signs throughout Acts. Peter and John healed a lame man at the Gate Beautiful (Acts 3:1-9). The healing was electrifying, for the man had been lame "from his mother's womb." The attention of all the people was drawn to him (he had long begged for alms) and then they focused on Peter and John, the ones through whom his healing came. Peter seized the moment to preach Christ and "many of them that heard the word believed" (Acts 4:4).

By the hands of the apostles many signs were performed among the people "...and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes of men and women" (Acts 5:12, 14). Peter healed palsied Aeneas at Lydda, "and all that dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord" (Acts 9:35). At Joppa Peter raised Dorcas from the dead: "and it became known through all

Joppa: and many believed on the Lord" (Acts 9:42). These results are repeated many times in Acts.

It should go without saying that since signs were designed to confirm the truth that the Holy Spirit revealed, falsehood or error can never be accompanied by genuine signs. Satan and his cohorts may (and often do) work "signs" which seem to be real, but are not. It "seemed" that Pharaoh's magicians had the same power as Moses and thus Moses' claims were regarded as "ho-hum" by Pharaoh. Moses had a message to Pharaoh from God: "Let my people go." But Pharaoh was unimpressed. He responded, "Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice?" (Exod. 5:2). But, his magicians' trickery soon came to an end, and they said of the signs wrought by Moses, "This is the finger of God" (Exod. 8:19). Simon "gave out that he was some great one" and deluded many Samaritans. They said, "This is that power of God called great." But it did not take Simon long to realize that Philip was not using trickery. So, just as the people believed Philip's preaching about Christ and were baptized, Simon also was (Acts 8:13). Through the ages Satan has deceived millions of people with his lying wonders (2 Thess. 2:9). He still does today.

It was necessary, whenever a new revelation came to man from God, that it be confirmed as truly God's Word. When Moses received the Law from God and revealed it to his people, many signs were wrought by his hand both before and after the giving of that law. Moses was sent to his people to deliver them from Egyptian bondage. When God sent him to Israel Moses said,

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“They won’t believe me.” So God gave him signs to convince Israel that God had indeed sent him (Exod. 4:1). Signs continued to follow. The ten plagues, the dividing of the sea, the daily manna, the fearsome events of Sinai – so awesome that Moses said, “I exceedingly fear and tremble” (Heb. 12:21). So, when a new, better covenant was revealed, miraculous power was needed to confirm that it came from God. The advent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, with the startling power of “ignorant” Galileans speaking languages they had not learned (Acts 2:1-4); healing the lame, raising the dead: all this confirmed the gospel revealed by the Holy Spirit, just as the Hebrew writer wrote: “...so great a salvation, which having at the first been spoken by the Lord was confirmed unto us by them that heard, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit...” (Heb. 2:3f).

The heart of that revelation was that the seed of Abraham who was promised and destined to be a blessing for all nations would also be God’s Son, God in the flesh, Emmanuel. Such a stupendous claim on Jesus’ part would understandably be met with both doubt and opposition. Thus we see his claim confirmed by his signs. On Pentecost Peter said that Jesus “was a man approved of God unto you by mighty works, and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves know...” (Acts 2:22). Jesus said, “The works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me...” (John 5:36). He had power over nature, he stilled the tempest (Mark 4:37-31), He blessed five loaves and two fishes and fed 5,000 men (Matt. 14:17-21). He turned water to wine (John 2:5-9), healed the sick, the paralytic, the blind. He cast out

demons, cleansed the lepers, raised the dead. Ultimately, He raised Himself from the dead, just as He promised that He would (John 2:19). Of Him John wrote, “Many other signs and wonders truly did Jesus in the midst of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name” (John 20:30f).

CONCLUSION

One of the greatest paradoxes of all time was that Jesus’ nation almost universally accepted the genuineness of His miracles, yet the vast majority rejected the conclusion of them! One prime example is the healing of the blind man in John 9. Neighbors, parents and the man himself affirmed he had been born blind, yet now saw. And, while his parents admitted their son was born blind, for fear of rejection of the Jews, would not attribute his healing to Jesus. However, gratitude reigned in the heart of their son, for he unhesitatingly acknowledged that “the man called Jesus” healed him. After a heated exchange between him and Jewish rulers, they said, “Thou art his disciple; but we are disciples of Moses. We know God hath spoken unto Moses; but as for this man, we know not whence he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein the marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and yet he opened mine eyes...if this man were not from God, he could do nothing” (John. 9:28-30). They “knew” God had spoken unto Moses, but how? Through the signs Moses wrought among their ancestors! The same testimony that witnessed God spoke to Moses was that which was found in Jesus, yet they knew not from whence He was. Still, there were a few noble, discerning men even among their rulers who did recognize the

signs for what they were. One such was Nicodemus who said to Jesus, “Rabbi, we know thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do the things that thou doest except God is with him” (John 3:1f).

Late in the first century antichrists arose and denied Jesus is the Christ (1 John 2:22). John wrote to encourage disciples to stand firm in their faith for he said, “Ye have an anointing from the Holy one, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth but because ye know it and because no lie is of the truth.” He further said, “and as for you the anointing which ye received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that anyone teach you...” (1 John 2:20, 21, 27). **Disciples in the first century could be certain that what they had been taught by the apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, was true because it had been adequately, completely confirmed by the signs God gave the apostles.** Jesus who died to make redemption possible for man, confirmed His message that He was God’s Son by His resurrection. Likewise His apostles who witnessed His resurrection and were given the Holy Spirit and accompanying signs to validate the truth of their testimony, added their own confirmation of the truth the Holy Spirit revealed to them. They suffered many indignities and the greater part of them became martyrs for their faith, perhaps the strongest testimony a man can give of the truth of his words.

Truly, “we have the word of prophecy made more sure, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed” (2 Pet. 1:19)!





by Bruce Reeves

The Holy Spirit Completed His Revelation

The religious culture which surrounds us today has chosen emotionalism and sensationalism over a passionate and substantive examination of God's word and application of truth to our lives. As a result, there is much confusion regarding miracles and the activity of the Holy Spirit. One of the key elements of the charismatic chaos grows out of a misunderstanding of the purpose of miracles in Biblical times. There is great power in the completed revelation of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures and it is that very point that must be driven home in the heart of every believer.

WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF MIRACLES IN THE DAYS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The miracles performed in the New Testament were not merely intended to remove human suffering. Jesus did not heal all of the sick or raise all of the dead. The miracles of both Jesus Christ and His apostles were for the purpose of the confirmation of the claim that Jesus was the divine Son of God (John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22).

Mark reports, *"And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed"* (Mark 16:20). The Hebrew writer also spoke of the purpose of miraculous gifts, *"...After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will"* (Heb. 2:3, 4). Luke speaks of the purpose of miracles, as well, when he writes, *"Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands"* (Acts 14:3).

The Holy Spirit came on the apostles in order to reveal all truth (John 16:13). It was necessary that He teach them all things because the revelation had not yet been completed (John 14:26). Once God's word was completely revealed, there would be no need for miraculous confirmation of that which had already been received. Additionally, the Holy Spirit came on Cornelius'

household in a direct fashion in order to offer confirmation of the Lord's willingness to accept the Gentiles into the church (Acts 10:47-48, 11:15-18). The Spirit's purposes in these regards have been accomplished, thus the need of miraculous activity for sake of empowerment and confirmation has been fulfilled.

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY (1 CORINTHIANS 12:31)

In order to appreciate 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 we must consider the surrounding context in which we find the text. It is clear contextually that there was carnality in Corinth surrounding the expression of miraculous spiritual gifts. Paul emphasizes that the gifts were a means to an end and not the end itself. He also establishes the necessity of love in the expression of spiritual gifts (13:1-3); the character of the love of Christ (13:4-7); and the superiority of love over the gifts, which were but temporary (13:8-13).

He speaks of the duration of love in contrast to the gifts. Love will never "fail," i.e. "come to an end" as the terms "done away" and "cease" demonstrate (13:8). However, the gifts of "prophecy," "tongues," and "knowledge" will "vanish away" (13:8). These gifts are all mentioned among the nine gifts enumerated in 12:8-10. These three miraculous gifts were not the only ones to cease, but are mentioned as representatives of miraculous spiritual gifts as a whole. Paul's argument is conditioned on the understanding that "faith," "hope," and "love" are superior and lasting in comparison to miraculous spiritual gifts.

The Holy Spirit Completed His Revelation*Continued from page 10***“BUT WHEN THE PERFECT COMES...” (13:9-10)**

Paul employs the use of two terms that interact with one another in this section in an instructive manner that must not be missed. “In part” is contrasted with the term “perfect” in 13:9-10. Paul uses the words “know” and “prophesy” in order to represent miraculous spiritual gifts in their entirety.

There has been much debate concerning the meaning of the phrase, *“but when that which is perfect comes...”* (13:10). The term “perfect” refers to that which is complete, full, or mature. Since the terms “part” and “perfect” are being contrasted, they must be used together to establish the definition of the concept Paul intends in this context. Likewise, the phrase “in part,” clearly references God’s revelation through “prophecy,” “knowledge,” or “tongues”; therefore we can certainly know that the counterpart of the term in the use of the word “perfect” refers to the completed revelation. So, just as one references partial revelation of God’s will, the other term must be defined as God’s perfect or complete revelation of God’s will.

We can read of the things that existed during the life of Paul, that is, miraculous spiritual gifts and faith, hope, and love. Paul pronounces the future of each item, i.e. miraculous gifts would “fail,” “cease,” and “vanish away,” whereas “faith,” “hope,” and “love” would “abide.” Therefore, there would be a time prior to the return of Christ in which miraculous spiritual gifts would cease to exist (13:13). We know that “hope” would exist after the cessation of miraculous spiritual gifts and, yet, Paul argues that in eternity we will no longer have to hope, for we will possess in actuality our spiritual reward (Rom. 8:24).

The apostle even uses illustrations in order to make this point clear. He speaks of his own development from a young man into adulthood. He wrote, *“When, I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things”* (13:11). Miraculous spiritual gifts were intended for empowerment and confirmation of the gospel in the infancy of the church. When the revelation of the gospel was complete, then the need for the spiritual gifts had been accomplished and miraculous spiritual gifts ceased. It is also noteworthy that only the apostles could transfer the ability to practice spiritual gifts through the laying on of their hands (Acts 8:14-25; 2 Tim. 1:6). As a result, miraculous spiritual gifts would cease as those who had received gifts through the laying on of the apostles’ hands died.

The final illustration Paul uses is that of a mirror. He writes, *“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known”* (13:12). Paul teaches the brethren that presently they saw “dimly” but the time was coming when by virtue of the full revelation brethren would see “face to face” or clearly. The phrase “face to face” is not referring to seeing God or Jesus on the Day of Judgment, but the phrase points to the complete revelation of God’s will. Let no one think that he or she is free to take liberties with God’s Word in the name of “following the Spirit.” Those who argue for a closed canon and yet affirm the existence of miraculous spiritual gifts are in a self-contradiction that reveals a problematic position to say the least. To follow the Spirit is to surrender to the word of God.

The Holy Spirit has revealed and confirmed the full revelation of God’s truth in the Bible. Jesus said,

“He who rejects and me and does not receive my sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day” (John 12:48). Let us thank God for His divinely inspired word!

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Ancient mirrors were made out of polished metals. One was not able to see the near perfect likeness that one is used to seeing in today's mirrors.



by John Henry

The Holy Spirit Testifies That Jesus Is The Christ

Jesus said, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the *Spirit of truth* who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning” (John 15:26-27). With those words in mind, let us focus on the testimony of the Holy Spirit in man’s salvation.

We begin our study with a look at the word “*testify*.” It means “to provide information about a person or an event concerning which the speaker has direct knowledge” (*Greek-English Lexicon of the N.T.*; electronic edition). A witness therefore testifies, or gives evidence to those things he has seen, heard, or knows. It was the work of the Spirit to establish reliable testimony of Christ who was the subject and object of these words and works (Matt. 28:18; Acts 2), “*that in all things he might have the preeminence*” (Col. 1:18).

So, what qualifies the Spirit to be a witness? There are many things.

The Spirit is God (Acts 5:1-4). He is eternal and was with Christ in the beginning of all things (Gen. 1:1-2, 26; Psa. 104:30; John 1:1-3). He proceeds from the Father (John 15:26). He was present at Christ’s baptism (Luke 3:22; Matt. 3:16). The Spirit accompanied and aided Christ throughout His personal ministry (Matt. 12:18, 28; Luke 4:18, 21). **On one occasion Jesus cast out demons by the power of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:28).** The Spirit searched the mind of God (1 Cor. 2:9-12). The Spirit also guided the writers and prophets of the Old Testament in speaking the will of God to man (2 Pet. 1:21). In so doing, the Spirit spoke many prophecies about Christ that were fulfilled in the New Testament (Matt. 1:33; 2:6, 18; 3:3; etc.). Christ Himself pointed out that many prophecies were fulfilled in His life (Luke 4:21). After the Lord’s ascension, He through the Holy Spirit gave commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen (Acts 1:2). I believe this is more than enough information to qualify the Holy Spirit to be a witness of Christ.

How does the Spirit *today* bear witness of Christ? First, Jesus promised the Spirit to the disciples while He was yet with them (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). When the Holy Spirit came, He was to bear witness of Christ, guide the disciples into “all truth,” and remind them of what Christ taught them. As promised, the Holy Spirit’s power was poured out on the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) and they “*began to speak, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*” This was the beginning of the Holy

Spirit’s testimony about Christ. Let me say here, that the Holy Spirit does not personally indwell or operate directly on a person to cause him to testify or save him. The Holy Spirit always works through God’s Word today. In other words, the Holy Spirit was never to be a witness of Christ separate from the preaching of the apostles. The same truth that converts one person is used by the Spirit in every case of conversion. The book of Acts clearly proves this point in each conversion. While there is no conversion without the Spirit, there is no operation of the Holy Spirit in conversion independent of God’s word. “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:1). Paul said, “For I am not ashamed of *the gospel of Christ*, for it is *the power of God to salvation for everyone* who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Rom. 1:16). The testimony of the Holy Spirit is just as alive and powerful today as it was in the first century (Heb. 4:12). The Spirit’s testimony still testifies to the world, through the gospel truth, that the Son of God, the Anointed One, came to earth, taught His Father’s Word, died for the salvation of humanity (1 John 2:2; 5:5-11; 1 Pet. 2:23-24; Rom. 5:8-11; 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:1-4), and arose from the grave to ascend into heaven to receive all power and authority from the Father (Eph. 1:22-23; 1 Pet. 3:22; Acts 1:1-9).

Let me close with this reading about the testimony of the Spirit: “This is he who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. *And the Spirit is the*

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one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (1 John 5:6-11, ESV).

The Spirit, who the Father would send in the name of Christ (John 14:26), was to declare the truth of God and Christ to men through the apostles and prophets (Eph. 3:3-5). In view of this, He is said to be the Spirit of Truth. In other words, the Spirit is the One who communicates God's Truth to man by means of

revelation. This He accomplished through the apostles and prophets.

I believe a good example of this is found in Ephesians 1:13-18. Paul said, "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the

Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints" (ESV).

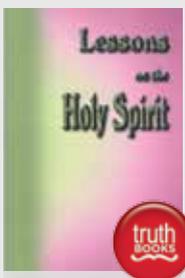
All this came about because the Spirit of truth testified of Christ through the apostles and prophets. We thank God for the Spirit of truth and His testimony of Christ which, when heard, believed, and obeyed, washes one from his sins, sanctifies him, and justifies him "in the name of the Lord Jesus, by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11). If I may say so, the testimony of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is the Christ is the Spirit's highest work in the salvation of man.

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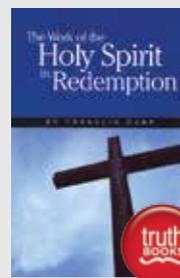
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The Holy Spirit Converts Sinners

In this study on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, we come to a topic on which there are many misunderstandings and error believed in the religious world. It has to do with the work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of man. Many believe that the conversion of an individual depends fully on God and that man has nothing to do in response to the gospel message.

Once the Holy Spirit has taken hold of the individual person, there is no other alternative but to convert. Although a complete issue of *Truth Magazine* could be written just answering the many errors that are taught about the work of the Holy Spirit, our topic in this article will be dealing with “how” the Holy Spirit works in the conversion of alien sinners to Christ.

JOHN 16:7-11

Concerning part of the work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus mentioned,

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.” As

already mentioned, many have concluded, based on this passage of Scripture, that the Holy Spirit is the only one at work when it comes to conversion - that man has nothing to do in that process.

Understand that I do not deny that the Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in the conversion of an alien sinner, but the confusion is in the manner of His work. Therefore, it is important that we begin by understanding what conversion involves.

THE PROCESS OF CONVERSION

To better understand the role the Holy Spirit plays in the conversion of individuals, it is necessary to understand what conversion, in the biblical sense of the word, means. True conversion requires a true change in the individual and his actions. This is seen in the Thessalonians when Paul said of them that they had “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9). Conversion, therefore, requires a change of the

most personal area in our lives, that which reflects who we are, the heart (Prov. 4:23; Matt. 15:19). A change of heart is a change in all the areas ruled by the heart, the intellect (Rom. 10:10), the emotion (Matt. 22:37), and the will (Rom. 6:17). A person, who has responded to the gospel call in changing his heart, will have in his obedience to the gospel changed his relationship towards God. While still in sin, one is separated from God (Isa. 59:2), but, in Christ, he is brought near to God (Eph. 2:11-13). In sin one is enslaved to it (John 8:34), but in Christ he has been taken out of darkness and is now in the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13-14).

Finally, conversion is something that can and should be seen in the way one lives (Matt. 5:13-16). A person who has been converted will no longer live for sin, but has put to death that pursuit (Rom. 6:1-2), for his life is now focused on Christ (Gal. 2:20) and offering his life as a living sacrifice to God (Rom. 12:1-2).

The faith required to make such conversion possible comes from God’s word (Rom. 10:17). It is God’s word that has the power to save man (Rom. 1:16), and it was the Holy Spirit who inspired the preaching of the apostles and other inspired men to preach God’s word (Acts 2:4; 8:26, 29). The same Spirit inspired the pen of chosen men to write down the same message for future generations (2 Pet. 1:20-21; Eph. 3:4). The Holy Spirit has been active in the conversion of souls through the preaching of God’s word. As it was on that Pentecost almost two thousand years ago, so also today, the Holy Spirit continues to convict and convert willing souls ▶

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unto God. To see the work of the Holy Spirit in action through the preaching of the gospel, let us consider a couple cases of conversion that we read about in the book of Acts.

CASES OF CONVERSION IN THE BOOK OF ACTS AND THE PART THE HOLY SPIRIT PLAYED

There is no better way to see the active work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of men than to briefly examine a couple of the examples of people converted to the Lord in the book of Acts. Let us consider the first case mentioned in the inspired record, those at Pentecost. It is recorded: "And they (the apostles, GA) were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as *the Spirit gave them utterance*" (v. 4). "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his *voice*, and *said* unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and *hearken to my words*" (v. 14). "Ye men of Israel, *hear these words...*" (v. 22). "Now when they *heard this*, they were pricked in their heart..." (v. 37). "Then they that gladly *received his word* were baptized..." (v. 41).

There are several things that we can see from this event that helps us understand the active part the Holy Spirit had in the conversion of these people. (1) The gospel was preached by the Holy Spirit in the apostles. (2) The people heard and understood what was spoken. (3) They believed what they heard. (4) They were told what to do and did it. God could have chosen any way He would have seen fit to convert the alien sinner, but He chose the preaching of the message inspired by the Holy Spirit to save those that believe (1 Cor. 1:21).

Let us consider another example of conversion, that of the Samaritans in Acts 8. It is said: "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and *preached Christ unto them*" (v. 5). "And the people with one accord *gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did*" (v. 6). "But when they *believed* Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, *they were baptized*, both men and women" (v. 12). From this example

of conversion, we can see the same pattern as of that of Acts 2, that is: (1) The gospel was preached by Phillip, a man full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:3, 5). (2) The people heard and understood what was spoken. (3) They believed what they heard. (4) They obeyed the message by being baptized into Christ. It is undeniable that the Holy Spirit played an important role in their conversion by directing Phillip in the preaching of the word, the gospel.

Every other example of conversion that we read about in the book of Acts follows the same pattern of work by the Holy Spirit. When men today hear that old saving message of the word of God (James 1:21) and obey it (1 Pet. 1:22-23), it is the Holy Spirit who continues to work in the conversion of people today, through the living and enduring word of God (1 Pet. 1:25). This places a great responsibility on those of us who teach the gospel always to be careful to preach it unadulterated and in its fullness (James 3:1), for nothing else but the truth of the gospel, as given by the Holy Spirit, can truly convert people to God and set them free from sin (John. 8:32).

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by David Halbrook

The Holy Spirit Gives Great Assurance (Romans 8:16)

Spirits (spiritual beings) communicate with each other through words. God is spirit, and man is spirit because God made man in Their image (Gen. 1:27).

On that day, God used words to reveal His expectations and blessings for Adam and Eve. The words that God spoke remained in their memory and thus they always had access to God's testimony of the truth - that they were to multiply, were to have dominion over the rich resources of God's creation, could eat freely of all trees (except one), and would die the day that they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 1:28; 2:16-17).

When the rich man and Abraham spoke in Hades, though they had no physical tongue or lips, they expressed themselves through words. By explaining why the rich man's request was impossible, Abraham bore witness to the condition of the rich man and the hope of his brothers (Luke 16:19-31). After this conversation, every time that the rich man thought about how to help his earthly brothers avoid his punishment, Abraham's testimony assured him of their only hope, without requiring Abraham to repeat himself. As long as the rich man remembered Abraham's words, the testimony of reality was with him.

In consideration of these familiar examples, we can understand Paul's statement in Romans 8:16, "*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*" Our spirit often needs words of assurance and reassurance that our relationship with the unseen God is real. Who replies when our spirit cries out for answers concerning spiritual, unseen truths? In the pages of Scripture, the Holy Spirit has recorded words of the assurance, joy, and hope of salvation that prepare us to face the barrage of attacks from the devil (Eph. 6:11).

THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSURES US OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

A Christian today who hears the variety of claims made by seemingly sincere people about their salvation may begin to wonder about their own salvation. He may wonder, "I didn't say a sinner's prayer, speak in tongues, or hear God's voice in my head like my friends claim led to their salvation. Are they really saved? Am *I really saved?*" When someone is searching for solid assurance, modern denominations will often offer affirmation based on a personal, internal experience. But, the Christian can read or recall the witness (testimony) of the Holy Spirit Himself who directed Peter to say, "*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:38). The same Spirit directed Mark to record Jesus' simple statement about two reactions to hearing the gospel, "*He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be*

condemned" (Mark 16:16). These words convince the Christian that he is a child of God and expose all false claims. When the religious world offers different practices and division, the Holy Spirit gives great assurance.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSURES US OF GOD'S WILLINGNESS TO GIVE SALVATION

A Christian today who reflects on his past life of sin may wonder about the certainty of his salvation. The damage done by decades and dollars wasted on drugs, pornography, or alcohol is not easily forgotten. The memory of raising children without including Christ or by living as a hypocrite during crucial years of a family, may cause the spirits of Christians to question whether God would forgive them. When regret raises our emotions it can suppress clear thinking leaving doubt where there was once certainty. Is the Holy Spirit silent on such occasions? No! The Hebrew writer tells us that "*the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us. . . Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more*" (Heb. 10:15-17, note the present tense of "witnesses"). He daily testifies, "*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*" (Rom. 5:8). The witness of the Holy Spirit is clear - those who once walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries can today live the rest of their time for the will of God (1 Pet. 4:1-3).

The Holy Spirit Gives Great Assurance (Romans 8:16)*Continued from page 16***THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSURES OF THE REALITY OF TRUTH AND SALVATION**

As our society returns to vain philosophies common to people of the past, Christians are constantly challenged by unbelievers who view faith as belief in anything unseen, whether what is unseen exists in reality or not. These skeptics claim that belief in Christ is void of evidence and is the result of a culture's influence, not a Creator's revelation. Christians who are not yet equipped to give a defense of the gospel may find themselves doubting the reality of sin, the necessity of salvation, or the veracity of the Bible. What makes the faith of a Christian different from the faith of a pagan, Buddhist, Muslim, or Mormon?

The same Holy Spirit who moved prophets to speak of sin, salvation, and exclusive truth, also foretold future events and moved the prophets to write their prophecies for all mankind of the present and future to find. They told of a scepter coming from Judah (Gen. 49:10), a branch growing from the roots of Jesse who would be born of a virgin and bruised for iniquities (Isa. 11:1; 7:14; 53), a kingdom that would be set up by God during the days of the kingdom following the Grecian empire and never destroyed (Dan. 2, 8), and a ruler born in Bethlehem Ephrathah coming from eternity (Mic. 5:2). Neither the writings nor "prophets" of paganism, Buddhism, or Mormonism can produce a single prophecy that matches the nature of the prophecies sent by Jehovah. The Holy Spirit's work in revealing these words which abide forever,

bears witness and fruit today assuring saints who search the Scriptures that these things are so, and therefore the claims of skeptics and false prophets are empty (1 Pet. 1:23; Acts 17:11).

This same work assures the young person who one day realizes that he must search out the things that he was raised to believe. Is his faith merely the faith of his parents or would he believe the same things by a study of the Scriptures if he was not taught the gospel from his youth? The common phase of questioning one's faith need not result in faithlessness when young, honest hearts grope for the God who is not far from them (Acts 17:27). Their faith can be refined, reassured, and renewed by the word revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets (Eph. 3:5). Here, He "witnesses to us" (Heb. 10:15).

THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSURES OF THE VALUE OF SALVATION

Suffering for the gospel always tests the faith of the saints. Today our suffering usually involves social pressure. In the first and second centuries, saints suffered both social exclusion and physical persecution. The books of Hebrews and 1 Peter were written because Christians were in danger of letting go of their eternal hope when they suffered for their faith. Some were wondering, "Is the faith of Christ worth paying the price of persecution?" The Hebrew writer reminds them that the Holy Spirit confirmed the faith by signs, wonders, and miracles and thus, it was an insult to the Spirit of grace to abandon the blood-bought covenant (Heb. 2:3; 10:29). These Christians, whose faith wavered, were given warnings of judgment and punishment to alert and reassure them of reality. They were also reminded that they had come to the assembly and church

of the people registered in heaven, whose registration and reservation were incorruptible and undefiled (Heb. 12:23; 1 Pet. 1:4). Based on this assurance, we often sing, "Heaven will surely be worth it all. Worth all the sorrows that here befall. After this life with all its strife, heaven will surely be worth it all!"¹ Maybe it was a similar song that Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail, while uncertain of what additional physical suffering was to come (Acts 16:23-25). If we ever face the same opposition, we have the same Spirit witnessing with our spirit that we are children and heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ and therefore have a great inheritance (Rom. 8:17).

CONCLUSION

God could have chosen many messengers to deliver the gospel of salvation, but both the Father and Son entrusted this vital work to the Holy Spirit. We may not fully appreciate this assurance until one of Satan's attacks makes us reexamine the reality of our salvation. God uses Satan's attacks to strengthen our faith as the Holy Spirit witnesses to us through His enduring words, settling our faith and hope on the Rock. Indeed this is blessed assurance, our story and song all the day long.²

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by Jarrod Jacobs

The Bible Answers Questions About the Holy Spirit

When studying about the Holy Spirit, we find that there is much confusion and false teaching about this One in the Godhead (Acts 5:3-4). In fact, we read about the Holy Spirit on many pages in the Bible. From Genesis 1:2 to Revelation 22:17, the existence, character, attributes, work, and power of the Holy Spirit are clearly revealed.

Therefore, when answering questions that arise concerning the Holy Spirit, the place to turn for the answers is the Bible. In fact, the Bible has come to man's hands because of the Holy Spirit's inspiration (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELL EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSONALLY?

First, we must understand that the Bible says the Holy Spirit dwells with the Christian. This cannot be denied. The Bible speaks about this in such passages as Romans 8:9-11, 1 Corinthians 6:19-

20, and 2 Timothy 1:13-14. The question is, how is this done?

In my thinking, the question of the Holy Spirit's dwelling is a discussion akin to the controversy surrounding the "faith only" doctrine. I say this because when some people read that folks are saved by faith, they assume the Bible is saying "faith only." This is a wrong assumption, of course (Jas. 2:24, 26; Rom. 10:16). In like manner, when some people read about the Holy Spirit calling men, dwelling, and the like, they assume that this is the Holy Spirit doing something in a "personal" way, rather than through agency. This also is a wrong assumption.

One reason why this is a false assumption is because to say the Holy Spirit personally indwells in someone makes Him a respecter of persons. In other words, He would be showing partiality on creation to dwell with one and not another. Yet, Scripture teaches that there is no respect of persons (partiality) with God (Acts 10:34; Eph. 6:9) – and remember – the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).

Another reason why this is a false assumption is because the Holy Spirit operates through the agency of the word. The Bible shows us that the things attributed to the Spirit in conviction, conversion, and sanctification are also attributed to the influence of the word. For example, the Bible says that the Holy Spirit convicts men (John 16:8). The Bible also tells us that men are convicted through the hearing of the gospel (Acts 2:36). The word that the Holy Spirit inspired was written down for us today (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Thus, the work of the Holy

Spirit is done through the agency of the word that we possess today.

Let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is an individual personality, a part of the Godhead, with Christ and the Father. The Holy Spirit is deity, and possesses the characteristics of an individual, living, personality. For example the Holy Spirit hears us (John 16:13). He speaks (1 Tim. 4:1) and bears witness to the truth (John 15:16; Rom. 8:16, 17). The Holy Spirit gives commandments (Acts 13:2; 16:6), and can be grieved (Eph. 4:30), and even vexed (Isa. 63:10). There are many other aspects of a personality that are true about the Holy Spirit, but these are enough to make our point. Our point is this: The Holy Spirit is deity as the Father and the Son, and therefore dwells in Christians in the same way that the Father and Son dwell in Christians (1 John 4:12-16; Col. 2:17). The truth is that the Holy Spirit dwells with us through the agency of the word.

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT IRRESISTIBLY LEAD PEOPLE TO BE SAVED?

This type of question is asked by those who have been influenced by the false doctrine of Calvinism. According to this doctrine, one is born in sin and, therefore, must be led to salvation via the Holy Spirit if he is to be saved, for he cannot even believe without the Holy Spirit stepping into one's life and taking control.

Friends, if Calvinism is a true doctrine, and people will only be saved when the Holy Spirit leads them, then whose fault is it when people are lost? Since Calvinism says that

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those who are lost were born lost and can't be saved without the Holy Spirit's leading, then if the Holy Spirit doesn't lead them, is it not the fault of the Holy Spirit (God) when those people die in their sins? Contrast this position to what is taught in 2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Timothy 2:4.

In truth, the drawing power of God is found in the word. Just as we saw above, the Holy Spirit works through this agency. So, in John 6:44-45, when Christ speaks about folks being drawn to God, we see that the drawing happens as a result of folks hearing the word and being taught! In like manner, Paul said that folks being called to God occurs when folks are called through the gospel (2 Thess. 2:13). Therefore, though folks are drawn to salvation through the word, they are not irresistibly drawn by the Holy Spirit acting independently of the word.

The truth is that babies are born without sin (Ezek. 18:4, 20). They choose to sin when they are old enough to yield to temptation that Satan has set (Jas. 1:14-15). Thus, when one wishes to be free from sin, this person needs to choose to believe on Christ (John 8:24) and repent of his sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38). Based upon these things, this person will confess Christ (Rom. 10:10) and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21). In all of this, the Holy Spirit did not "irresistibly" lead anyone. Rather, due to the inspired word, the people hear the Holy Spirit's words and accept His terms in order to be saved.

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT PERSONALLY CALL PEOPLE TO PREACH?

Some claim that the reason they are preaching the gospel is because they heard a "calling" from God. It is claimed that this is some kind of personal calling. I know of one man

who wished to preach (and did), but his mother tried to discourage him from it since she claimed, "He had not received the call from God." What of this? Does a preacher of the gospel receive some personal "calling" from the Holy Spirit in order to preach the truth? If so, what of others who serve the Lord in a public way, such as song leaders, those who lead prayers, serve the Lord's Supper and giving, and even deacons and elders? Must folks have a personal "calling" from the Holy Spirit in order to serve? Remember that the Holy Spirit does not show partiality!

When we look into the Bible, we find nothing that demands that a person receive a personal calling in order to preach. Those who are preaching the gospel today do so because they have the motivation and desire to do so! Some might claim that the motivation to preach is the Holy Spirit's personal working on them. Yet, remember, the Holy Spirit works through the agency of the word. Therefore, when folks hear God's word, and obey it, there are those who have the ability and drive to preach God's word, and they will preach. I think of folks like Timothy. He was a preacher of the gospel whom Paul considered a son in the faith (2 Tim. 1:2). He preached all over the world. Yet, there was never anything said about Timothy receiving a "personal calling" from the Holy Spirit to do what he did. He was just a young man who loved and served the Lord, and when Paul met him, the brethren spoke well of him. Paul then asked Timothy to go with him (Acts 16:1-3).

For those who claim that the Holy Spirit needs to personally call people to preach, I ask the following question: Is preaching the gospel somehow a better or greater "service" than any other? Remember, we are all equal before God – we are servants (Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 3:5-9)! Yes, all of us have different abilities, but all

people have the ability to serve the Lord in some way, and must do so in the best way we can. True, not all are going to preach the gospel. Yet, we all can work! Yet, if folks must receive a special "call" from the Holy Spirit in order to preach, I wonder why it is that song leaders do not get such a "call" also? Is not their work in leading us in the songs of Zion, and helping to teach and instruct through songs (Col. 3:16) not needed? Why do they not get a "call" from the Holy Spirit? In like manner, some may never serve in a "public" role in worship, but serve God through personal teaching and other good things. Their lives are a service, and the work they are providing to glorify God is to be commended, for Christ commended it (Matt. 10:40-42). Do these folks need a "call" too, or is it only for preachers? If so, why are only the preachers "called"? Remember, God is no respecter of persons!!

The fact is that when a man is motivated to preach, he will preach. However, he is not personally called to such a work from the Holy Spirit in a manner that is independent of the word.

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT "SEAL" PEOPLE, AND IF SO, WHAT IS THIS?

Some read Ephesians 1:13-14 and 2 Corinthians 1:22 and make the assumption that these passages are teaching that somehow the Holy Spirit will take a saved person and "seal" him so that he/she can never be lost. Is this what is being said? In fact, no it is not. This word "seal" in these passages does not carry with it the idea of sealing up like a fruit jar, or sealing an envelope. This is a by-product of the false doctrine of Calvinism. Calvinism says that once one is saved, he can never do anything to be lost. In so saying, Calvinists go to Ephesians 1:13 in a vain attempt

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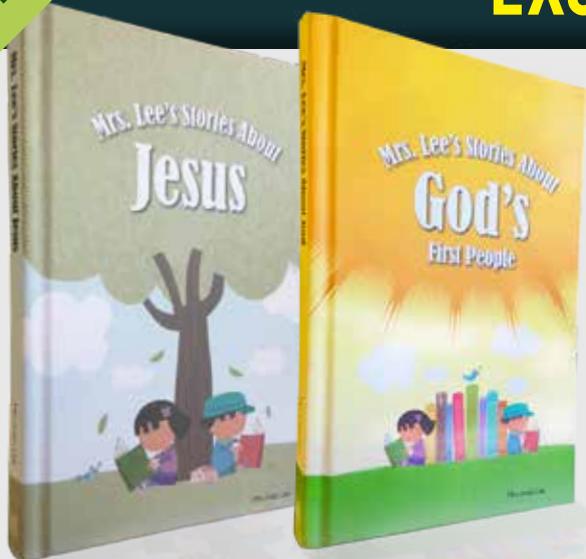
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to “prove” that one is “sealed up” by the Holy Spirit and is therefore safe from temptation, sin, and the like.

Actually, this word “seal” carries with it the idea of a sign of approval. It is like a state seal that is on certain official documents today. In fact, some Bible versions use the term “stamp” or “stamp of ownership” in 2 Corinthians 1:22. It is the idea of a “seal of approval” that we hear about at times. The Holy Spirit’s seal on a Christian is a spiritual sign upon the saved people declaring that they belong to God. It is not some type of “sealing” where one is now impervious to sin and temptation for the rest of his days.

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT REFUSE TO FORGIVE SOME PEOPLE?

There are many today who believe and teach that there is something called an “unpardonable sin” which can be committed by people. Often, people will go to Matthew 12 to prove that such is the case. The truth is that there are many things man can do that can be considered sins against the Holy Spirit. For example, we can resist the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). We can also quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19) and do despite to the Holy Spirit (Heb. 10:26-29). Don’t forget we can also lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4). Really, once we recognize the unity in the Godhead, we can know that whatever is done to One in the Godhead (sin or righteousness) is done to all!

Yet, many have been conditioned to think that the statements in Matthew 12 are different from the rest of the teachings of the Bible. Therefore, could it be that the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is a sin for which there is no forgiveness? Some say “Yes” to this question. If this is true, then understand that this means God categorizes some sins as worse than others. If so, then

I must ask is blasphemy a worse sin than persecuting and murdering Christians (Acts 9, 22, 26; Gal. 1:13-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-16)? Is blasphemy a worse sin than murdering the Messiah (Acts 2:36-38)?

When we read the context of Matthew 12:22-33, and the parallel accounts in Mark 3:22-30 and Luke 12:8-10, we see that this all began with the Pharisees accusing Jesus of casting out devils by Satan’s power. A key point in this study is to remember to whom Christ is speaking! These are *not* sincere people asking a sincere question! (Remember: Matt. 12:25a!) Christ is speaking to people who are intent on “catching” Him in an error, in accusing Him of wrongdoing, etc. These were *not* His friends! We begin here so we can see the contrast in this occasion and occasions such as when Jesus was speaking to the woman at the well, the leprous Samaritan, or the apostles!

Further, He is not speaking this as a warning that someone might accidentally blaspheme and not know he had done it! (As some have suggested.) Rather, to those who hated Jesus and looked to accuse Him; those who denied who He is; those who said He was an imposter, etc., to these people Jesus warned about the possibility of blaspheming Him and blaspheming the Holy Spirit. What is “blasphemy”? “Blasphemy” means “to speak against, revile, slander.” Albert Bengel says that “blasphemy” was “not a particular act of sin, but a state of willful, determined opposition to the Holy Spirit” (Bengel, Vol. 1, p. 178). Thus, it is not that someone committed one act and is therefore condemned, but it is a state of mind or life. It is something we live in and refuse to get out of!

If someone blasphemes the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven in this “age” or the “age to come.” What does this phrase mean? It means neither in the “age” while Christ was

on earth (Mosaic), or the next “age” after Christ has gone back to Heaven. Why say this? Put simply: The Holy Spirit is the final say in revelation! The folks may reject Moses’ teachings on Christ, and might reject Christ in the flesh, and still have opportunity to be forgiven (e.g., Acts 2:38; 3:19; etc.). However, if they reject the Holy Spirit, there would be no other way to be saved. You see, if someone reviles, speaks against, or slanders the Holy Spirit, there is no more revelation coming! There is nothing else!

The words Christ speaks here are a warning against rejecting the evidence presented by the Holy Spirit. When one blasphemes the Holy Spirit, he has rejected Heaven’s last appeal to save man (Mark 16:15). Further, he has rejected the power of God (Rom. 1:16). He also has rejected the power to convict us of sin (John 16:8-9; Acts 2:37). Under those circumstances, how could anyone expect to be forgiven?

Yet, anyone who is willing to repent of sins, regardless of what the specific sin is, can be forgiven. One can be forgiven when we repent of sin and turn to the Lord (2 Pet. 3:9)! It is when we reject the Lord, remaining impenitent, that we cannot be forgiven! Of course, how can we expect anything else when we are obstinate and refuse to repent? Therefore, the idea that there is some “unforgivable sin” lurking out there for the unsuspecting soul is wrong. In truth, *any* sin we do not repent of is unforgivable, and any sin we repent of will be forgiven (Acts 2:38, 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:9; etc.)!

CONCLUSION

I hope these answers will help us to know the truth and also help us when teaching others. When we speak about the Holy Spirit, and any other subject, the Bible has the answer!





by Ron Halbrook

The Holy Spirit Dwells in Christians

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Paul affirms in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 that Christians have a special fellowship with God, and especially with the Holy Spirit, which should inspire us to live holy lives giving glory to God. This beautiful lesson is illustrated and reinforced by introducing the role of the temple in Israel's history. The temple signified the presence and fellowship of God with His special nation, proclaiming His holiness and glory through the people who worshiped at His temple. By dwelling in the Christian, the Spirit makes the child of God a temple which proclaims His holiness and glory to an unbelieving world.

GOD DWELT IN THE MOASIC TEMPLE

God existed before the universe and will exist after it no longer exists. He dwells in heaven, transcending

the universe, rather than dwelling on earth. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name," said Jesus (Matt. 6:9). Yet, the Bible refers to God as dwelling from place to place, or in His people, or His people dwelling in Him. Such passages do not reflect His literal geographical location but to some point of reference regarding His relationship, manifestation, and work among men on earth.

For instance, before His death Moses pronounced a blessing on Israel. He first reminded them of how God gave them His law and promised to guide and protect them as their king (Deut. 33:2-3):

And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them. Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

God did not literally live on Mount Sinai, literally extend His hand with His Law in it, literally hold His people in His hand, or literally have them seated at His feet while He taught them. The Jews saw His miraculous manifestations at Mount Sinai and received His Law there.

When the tabernacle was completed according to the pattern God gave Moses, "the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" in the form of a cloud. "For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys" (Exod. 40:38). God who dwells in heaven signified His power, presence, and fellowship with Israel on earth by the pillars of cloud and fire.

Later, God had King Solomon build the temple according to His pattern. When it was completed, "The cloud filled the house of the Lord," signifying, "The glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord" (1 Kings 8:10-11). Solomon proclaimed, "I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever" (v. 13). After explaining how God had kept His covenant with David, Solomon clarified in verse 27 that God did not literally dwell in the temple: "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?" The temple signified God's care and special relationship with His people, who thus had every assurance that God heard their prayers: "And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive" (v. 30).

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In the Gospel Age the church is called God's temple because God the Spirit dwells there: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:16-17). This figure of speech is based on the Old Testament background. The truth of the gospel must be proclaimed and protected, and false teachers must be exposed and opposed, lest God's temple be desecrated and destroyed. God still dwells in heaven, but His truth, His mercy, and His glory are manifested by the church.

In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Paul proclaimed that every individual Christian is also God's temple. The Christian is the temple of God because of our close relationship with God. Because the will and work of the Spirit are seen in our lives, God is manifested and glorified! Therefore, His saints must maintain their purity and holiness in this wicked world.

What does it mean for someone to dwell in someone else? Satan is in unbelievers and they are in him (Rev. 2:13; 1 John 4:4; 5:19). Satan does not literally inhabit people but his sinful attitudes and deeds do. The Holy Spirit as a Person in the Godhead dwells in the regenerated man, an intelligent person made in God's image and cleansed of sin. This refers to a relationship in which we follow His word, will, and way.

Persons do not literally inhabit other persons in terms of geographical location, but one person may be said to dwell in another in terms of relationship, attitudes, and conduct! The Father is in the Son, the Son in the Father, and Christians

are in both the Father and the Son (John 17:21). The Father is in the Christian and the Christian in the Father (1 John 4:12-16), the Son in the Christian and the Christian in the Son (Eph. 3:17; John 6:56), the Holy Spirit in the Christian and the Christian in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9; Gal. 5:25). All these terms refer to our spiritual fellowship, not to the geographical location of the persons.

The Holy Spirit's great role in our salvation was to reveal and confirm "all truth" (John 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). He convicts and converts sinners through the divine power of the truth He revealed (John 16:7-13). Jesus said sinners must be "born again," "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:3, 5). Peter spoke of men who were saved by "obeying the truth through the Spirit,....being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Pet. 1:22-23). The Spirit operates on the human soul by the power of His Word.

In like manner, the Spirit dwells and works in Christians through the revealed word. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). Man's fellowship with Christ occurs as His words abide in us. The Spirit convinces both sinners and saints that Jesus Christ is the Son of God through His words, "because the Spirit is truth" (1 John 5:6). This means the Spirit uses the agency of truth to operate on sinners and saints. Christians are to be "filled with the Spirit," which is manifested in songs of praise according to Ephesians 5:18-19. In a parallel passage, Paul said, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly," which is manifested in songs of worship (Col. 3:16). The

Spirit revealed "the word of Christ," and those who are truly filled with it are truly "filled with the Spirit."

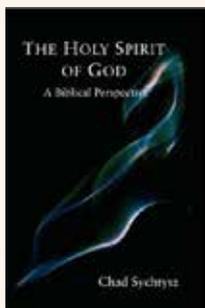
THE TEMPLE OF GOD IS HOLY

To be holy is to be separated from sin, separated unto the service of God. Urging saints to protect the truth of the gospel from false teachers, Paul said, "For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:17). When local churches become corrupted with sin and error, they are no longer temples of God imbued with the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is driven out when the truth is driven out.

When urging Christians not to fall back into sin, and especially to avoid sexual immorality, Paul reminded us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit in which God must be glorified: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:18-20). When saints embrace sin, we drive out the Spirit of God, we bring shame rather than glory on God's name, and we invite Satan to fill our souls.

When individual saints and local churches are faithful to God and to His truth, we have fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our holiness reflects the holiness of the Spirit of God, and thus we as temples of the Holy Spirit bring glory to our great God! "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen" (2 Cor. 13:14).

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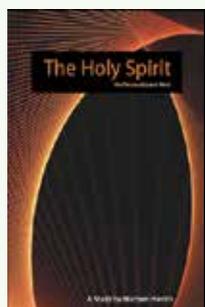
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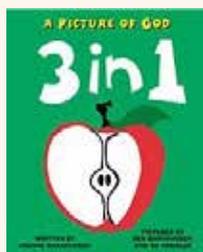
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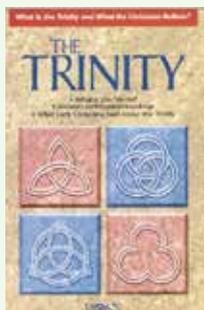
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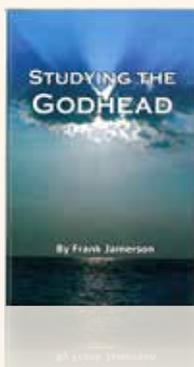
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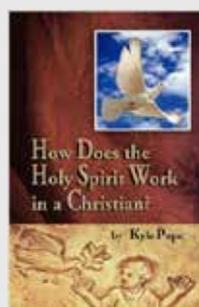
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“The Holy Spirit Bears Fruit in Christians” (Gal. 5:19-23)

A As this issue evidences, the person and activity of the Holy Spirit can be a source of confusion. Any potential confusion on the subject of the Holy Spirit is only intensified when a serious, invested study of God’s word is neglected. We can come to a proper understanding of the Holy Spirit and His work when we dedicate ourselves to God’s revealed word.

Paul’s epistle to the churches of Galatia is replete with references to the Holy Spirit. The notion that the Holy Spirit is involved in the life of the Christian is beyond dispute when considering the Biblical text. The more substantive question is this: How is the Holy Spirit active in the Christian’s life? A thorough reading of Paul’s Galatian epistle supplies the answer.

Paul submits to us that the Holy Spirit is active in the lives of Christians through the message of justification in Jesus Christ which He

has revealed (3:2-3). Paul’s contrast of the Spirit and the flesh in chapter 5 is not a discussion about some inner-struggle within man (cf. 5:17). Rather, Paul’s contrast is with reference to the outcome of two different systems of justification. This is made clear in 5:18, where Paul draws a line of distinction between the Spirit and the law (flesh, 5:17). Paul is not saying that being led by the Spirit is the equivalent of being removed from any law. In fact, in subsequent verses, Paul will affirm that certain actions (works of the flesh, 5:19-21) will disqualify one from the kingdom of God. Thus, when we read Paul’s words in 5:18, we are confronted by the reality that he is discussing two competing systems of justification, called the Spirit and the flesh.

When we grasp that Paul is discussing competing systems of justification, his usage of the term “Spirit” becomes clearer. Paul is advocating for the system of justification related to the Spirit and the law revealed by Him. Paul is calling for his audience to submit to the Spirit’s revelation, thereby walking in the Spirit. He drives this point home in 5:25 when he states, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” The word translated “walk” in 5:25 is used in only five verses in the New Testament and is a different word than what we encounter in 5:16. While 5:16 conveys the normal idea of progress, 5:25 is a more specialized word, conveying the idea of lining up in order. Basically, in 5:25, Paul is telling his audience that the only way to receive the blessing of justification through the Spirit is to line up with the Spirit, to submit to the teachings given by the Holy

Spirit. This is how Paul reveals the Spirit is active in our lives today.

Not content to speak only in theory about the Spirit’s activity in the life of Christians, Paul reveals the repercussions of Spirit-led and Spirit-absent lives.

Beginning in 5:19, Paul focuses on what we might call the Spirit-absent life—a life which seeks justification apart from the Spirit. This is the life which evidences the works of the flesh. Because justification comes only through the Spirit-revealed message of salvation in Jesus Christ (5:1-6), seeking justification from any other system will do nothing for man’s spiritual condition. He will enter the search as a sinner and will continue as a sinner. Paul’s argument is not that seeking justification apart from the Christ will result in a person engaging in *every* act listed in 5:19-21; rather, his argument is much more pointed. Writing to an audience struggling with a return to Judaism (2:16ff; 5:3-4), Paul identifies that such a return would leave man enslaved to his sin. Thus, the adulterer or murderer who was seeking to be made whole apart from faith in Jesus Christ would never find justification. As he details specific behaviors in these verses, Paul is not simply identifying actions that are contrary to godly living (though such is certainly true). More than that, Paul is revealing the futile situation of the sinner seeking justification apart from Jesus Christ! And pointedly, Paul is addressing the failings of the Galatian Christians who were relapsing to Judaism. No, they may not have been engaged in murder and adultery, but they were engaged in repulsive behavior toward each other (5:13-15), notably

“The Holy Spirit Bears Fruit in Christians” (Gal. 5:19-23)*Continued from page 26*

selfish ambitions, dissensions, and heresies. To Paul and the Spirit inspiring him, there were no serious and not-so-serious sins. Undoubtedly, the Galatians would have seen the sinfulness of murder and adultery; however, could the same be said of the works Paul mentions in 5:20? Among these Christians, the push by some to revert to the law of Moses was producing the works of the flesh, shameful fruit (Rom. 6:20-21). Ultimately, such behavior would eternally disqualify them.

In 5:22, Paul turns his attention to the Spirit-led life and the outcome thereof. Outcome, as opposed

to outcomes, because the word translated “fruit” in 5:22 is a singular noun. The fruit of the Spirit should not be approached in piecemeal format; rather, we should view the fruit of the Spirit as a whole - a manner of life that is produced by a whole-hearted devotion to Jesus Christ through the gospel (5:22-25).

Paul makes it clear that the Holy Spirit is involved in the lives of Christians.

Through the word He has delivered, He impacts our lives. When we submit to His revelation (5:25), we walk with Him. When we walk with

Him, we avoid the vanity of the flesh (5:16) and the actions which such a lifestyle produces (5:19-21). If we want to avoid the works of the flesh and enjoy the blessed life of 5:22-23, we must submit ourselves to Jesus Christ and His gospel (5:24-25). When we give the Spirit His proper place in our lives, we will become the people in whom God delights. And when we are the people God wants us to be, we will find satisfaction in who we are (Phil. 4:7).

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by Bobby L. Graham

Q and A

QUESTION: “How can we handle the issue of the unconverted who think they are ‘Christians’ (or saved), and ‘that they have fellowship with God’ because they are members of any denomination (i.e., Pentecostal, Baptist, etc.), and when attending our worship services they want to take (or actually take) the Lord’s Supper?” This brother went ahead to add, “Would we be committing a sin if we let that happen?”

ANSWER: The concern of this brother is widespread, because others also do not wish to drive off these interested persons so that no opportunity to teach them remains. We should be careful not to hurt their feelings. I say this, not because truth will not sometimes hurt feelings, but because it ought to be truth that does it, not our careless handling of the truth. When we teach what truth

declares about the Lord’s Table being in the kingdom (Luke 22:16) and in the local church (1 Cor. 11:17-34), we do what we must do. On the other hand, when we become policemen who enforce this teaching on aliens by forbidding their participation, we do more than truth teaches or authorizes us to do. There is a difference between teaching truth, which God authorizes, and enforcing it, which He does not authorize.

The solution to this problem is spiritual education. The local church and individual members can accomplish good, even in this area, by

they do not unnecessarily disparage the intentions or motives of the outsiders. It is easy to call such in question when there is no need to do so. Simply teach what the Bible says.

When a non-Christian drinks the cup or eats the bread, he does not benefit spiritually as does the Christian, because he is unprepared by conversion and teaching to benefit. If enforcement is the answer, then why do we not also enforce similar restrictions on the singing, praying, and contribution? There is no more authority for our becoming enforcers than there is for their partaking.



simply teaching people what the New Testament teaches about the Lord’s Supper, particularly its participants. Those redeemed by the death of Christ are the ones who can benefit in the Supper by remembering Christ their Passover (Eph. 1:7; 1 Cor. 5:7). The needed teaching can take place in special lessons or in brief lessons at the Table. Whichever way is used to teach, those teaching should be sure to choose their words carefully, so

Their position as aliens does not give them special exemption from sin, but it does suggest to strong Christians that they need our hand to guide and help, not the back of the hand.

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The Christian Homemaker's Handbook. Pat Ennis & Dorothy Kelley Patterson, Editors. Crossway Books, 2013. 543 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-433-2838-5

The apostle Paul wrote the following to Timothy: "I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear children, rule the household" (1 Tim. 5:14). And again he wrote the following to Titus: "to be sober-minded, chaste, workers at home..." (Tit. 2:5). The godly Christian woman who marries and has children is to be first and foremost a homemaker. While many worldly women today have filled their minds with modern feminism and have neglected their home and family, godly women continue to put a priority on their home life. Pat Ennis and Dorothy Kelley Patterson have edited a new book which contains biblical principles and many good suggestions for the contemporary homemaker. *The Christian Homemaker's Handbook* is divided into six parts: (1) God's design for the home; (2) God's view of the sanctity of life; (3) Foundations for parenting; (4) The practical aspects of establishing a home; (5) Planning and preparing healthy meals; and (6) Making wise clothing decisions. The authors of the material in this handbook approach homemaking from a conservative biblical viewpoint. Several biblical topics are covered like marriage, the role of the wife, and parenting. There are also practical topics covered like home decoration and cleaning, food safety and preparation, and buying and cleaning clothes. *The Christian Homemaker's Handbook* is recommended because it contains a large amount of worthwhile homemaking sense that is often neglected or untaught among the younger generation today.

A History of Christianity and the church of Christ: A Study Guide for Home and Class.

Charlie Brackett. Clarion Word Publishing, 2012. 238 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-934821-11-4

New Testament Christians today need to know why and how the Lord's church began in the first-century and they need to know why and how we have so many contemporary man-made denominations in competition with the Lord's church. In *A History of Christianity and the church of Christ*, Charlie Brackett provides a good overview of the religious history related to Christianity over the past 2,000 years. All the usual historical developments down through the centuries are included in this book, but Brackett also includes special topics along the way like his material on English Bible translations. Contemporary topics dealing with divorce and remarriage, the New Hermeneutic, Darwinian evolution, and 21st century pressures can also be found in this book. Brackett's history would make a good Bible class workbook because it is divided into 26 chapters with discussion questions following each chapter. *A History of Christianity* will take the reader from the establishment of the Lord's church, through the great apostasy, and up to the time when some sought to restore the New Testament church. This book is recommended because it helps the Bible student to learn important lessons from history – lessons that we cannot afford to ignore or repeat.

The Preacher Has It Wrong. C. Ed Smith. Privately published, 2012. 118 pages, softback. ISBN: 9780615704067

When discussing Bible matters with our friends, family, or co-workers, they will often point out what their "Pastor says." They don't know what the Bible says about the matter and they don't stop to think that the preacher may just be wrong. *The Preacher Has It Wrong* by C. Ed Smith is a critique of some popular and prominent doctrines taught by "Christian" preachers today. These man-made doctrines are carefully examined by Smith in light of God's word and found to be erroneous. Smith is willing to say over and over again what many today are reluctant to admit: "The preacher has it wrong!" The following statements made by preachers are covered in this book: "It doesn't matter what you believe," "You don't have to do anything to be saved," "Jesus failed to establish His kingdom when He came the first time," "We are born depraved and we inherit Adam's sin," "Once you are saved, you are always saved," "You need the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be saved," "Jesus is coming back to set up His kingdom," "You can call me Pastor," and "You are saved by faith alone without baptism." *The Preacher Has It Wrong* takes a candid look at the errors that contemporary preachers propagate. This book is easy to read and recommend. It will help you to answer biblically when your next discussion is about what someone's "Pastor says".

Looking for a Sign

by Marvin Cossey

The Bible records many signs that were performed. It also tells of those who sought signs from God. Bible signs fell into two categories: (1) Acts commanded to be done as a sign or a memorial, and (2) Miraculous signs performed to make believers.

In Exodus 13:7 Moses said, “Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days.” Verse 9 says, “It shall be for a *sign* upon thy head and for a *memorial*.” Exodus 31:13 says, “Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep, for it is a *sign* between me and you throughout your generations.” In Joshua 4, the Lord commands Joshua to take twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan river, one stone for each tribe. Verse 6 says, “that this may be a *sign* among you.” Verse 7 calls the stones a “memorial.” The three examples I have given are of certain actions to be performed as signs.

The second category of signs were of a miraculous nature. The birth of Christ was a miracle and *sign*. “The Lord himself shall give you a *sign*, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son” (Isa. 7:14).

Both Jesus and His apostles performed miraculous signs. John 20:30 says, “Many other *signs* truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples.” What was the purpose of these signs? Verse 31 informs us, “but these are written that ye might believe.” The primary reason for signs and wonders was to make believers! The Bible records that, “Many wonders and signs were done by the apostles” (Acts 2:43).

God and His prophets and apostles have bestowed upon mankind abundant evidence. In spite of this there are those who seek *more* evidence *through signs* and signals! The Scribes and Pharisees said, “Master, we would see a sign from you.” Jesus told them that no sign would be given but the sign of Jonas, the prophet.

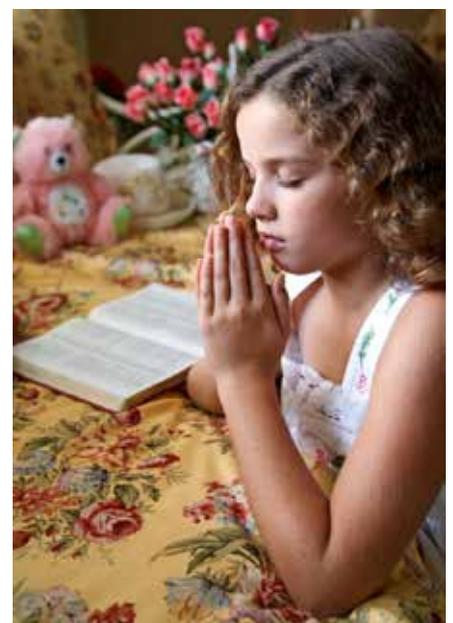
Paul writes, “The Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom” (1 Cor. 1:22). Both of these pursuits are wrong! Why are they wrong? Because the Jews had *already received* many signs and the Greeks were seeking truth through human wisdom, a place where truth is not found! In the next verse Paul gives the correct course: “But we preach Christ crucified.” Truth and salvation can only be found in Christ!

We often hear the statement, “Maybe God is trying to tell me something.” This statement is used to portray an ordinary event or circumstance as a message from God. Ignorance of the Scriptures combined with wishful thinking is usually the basis for such expressions.

God does not speak to us through ordinary events or circumstances of life. Not knowing this, some, like the Pharisees of old, pray for God to send them a sign. Some even go so far as to manufacture a sign! Example: A few years ago a well-known Baptist preacher in Little Rock decided to retire. He claimed God told him to retire! His exact words: “God said it is enough.”

God doesn't send signals nor does he rely on fallible man to interpret signals. Just how does he speak to us? He “hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son” (Heb. 1:2). Don't pray for a sign; pray for wisdom to understand His word! Don't look for a sign; look “into the perfect law of liberty” (Jas. 1: 25).

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Wait Till **Marriage** for First Kiss?



by Jesse Flowers

Hard to believe, I know. But that's what one Chicago couple did.

"Chicagoans Melody LaLuz, 28, and Claudaniel Fabien, 30, shared their first kiss Saturday at the altar. The two teach abstinence at the city's public schools and practiced what they preached to their teenage students. The *Chicago Tribune* reports that the couple had never kissed and that they had never been alone together in a house" (<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,459247,00.html>).

The focus of my article will not be on waiting till marriage until a couple has their first kiss.

However, there are great lessons from this unique story to be applied to the life of every Christian.

1. The Bible teaches abstinence. "*Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge*" (Heb. 13:4). How surprising and refreshing that a young couple in today's world can see the wisdom and purity of waiting until marriage. Both the Christian who is unmarried and married need to put into practice what Paul wrote to the saints in Thessalonica, to "*abstain from sexual immorality*" and to "*know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor*" (1 Thess. 4:3-5).

2. Never alone together. This is where most young couples "in love" get themselves into trouble. The young man and woman are alone at a house, apartment, or

bedroom and youthful lusts begin to manifest themselves. It is wise never to place ourselves in such tempting situations (Eph. 5:15). The first kiss always leads to more, which in turn, can lead to immorality. Remember to "flee" youthful lusts and sexual immorality (2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 6:18).

3. Practiced what they preached. Elders, preachers, deacons, and saints often fail to do this very thing (Rom. 2:17-24). But this young couple was consistent in both their message and practice. Let us ever strive to *preach* the truth in love (Eph. 4:15), and then *do* those things with love (1 Cor. 16:14). If we fail in this area, we have failed the Lord, each other, and the lost around us!



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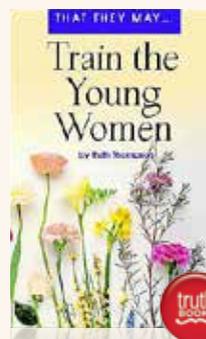
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by John Henry

Who Were “The Sons Of God”?

Some have asked, “who were the sons of God,” in Genesis 6:4? I believe this is a good question. Let me begin by stating a conclusion from a seminary thesis.

“As shown, the evidence that ‘the sons of God’ mentioned in Genesis 6 are indeed fallen angels is substantial. By their sexual immorality, these angels produced offspring which were strong and violent. Additionally, the concept of a race of giants which resulted from the union of gods and humans is virtually universal in the world’s early civilizations. The original intent of the angels may have only been to satisfy their forbidden lust. Yet the knowledge they brought with them and taught to mankind must have caused society to develop at a more rapid technological pace than God has intended. This societal development was not positive, and it gave rise to a very violent society, one in which the *nephilim* apparently played a large role. God was forced to restrain in the Abyss the wicked angels that produced the *nephilim*, thereby cleansing the earth of them through the great Flood and cleansing the earth of the violence they brought with them” (Summit Theological Seminary).

This is what is being taught in our seminaries across the land. No wonder people are confused as to what the Bible teaches, not just about this subject, but others as well. This is nothing but hogwash! Just in case you are unaware of what “hogwash” means: “*Lack of soundness or good sense, nonsense, foolishness, ridiculousness, senselessness, silliness, absurdity, rubbish, bunkum, garbage, horse feathers, baloney*” (*American Heritage Dictionary*). I do not have the space to disprove all the hogwash contained in this conclusion of Genesis 6.

Lets notice two translations of the Bible: **New Kings James Version:** “*There were tyrants in the earth in those days, and also, afterward when the sons of God (righteous men) went in unto the daughters of men (ungodly) and had children by them. These were the famous heroes of legend*” (Gen. 6:4). **King James Version** reads: “*There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*”

“*Sons of God*” does not refer to angels, but righteous men who worshipped and walked with God, i.e., descendants of Seth. These words simply mean that at some point in the history of the world, the descendants of Cain (wicked, ungodly) and the descendants of Seth (righteous) intermarried. **Consider:** The Genesis account *never* states that angelic beings had illicit relations with mortals. The Scripture is clear as day that they took wives. This would mean the relationship was a

permanent one! Also, in the judgment of the flood, does one ever find any hint of judgment on angels? It is men who sin, and a race of men that perish in the waters of the deluge. The flood is a judgment on fallen man.

The text tells us that the sons of God married ungodly, unbelieving women. They married to please themselves. They fixed their eyes on what charmed the senses, physical attraction, and left behind the necessary qualifications such as spiritual compatibility in their partners. They married as many wives as they desired, “*all which they chose.*” NASB says, “*whomsoever they chose.*” It is clear from verse one that marriage standards began to decay among the Sethites. What kind of children is produced when the sons of God marry the daughters of men? The kind that will not walk with God because of the influence of the unrighteous mate.

Who were the famous heroes? Some heroes were the offspring of, and consequences of, this kind of marriage union! The word “*giants*” (KJV), means “to fall upon as an oppressor.” “*Giants*” does not mean big in the sense we use the word. It refers to tyrants and oppressors. Therefore, God teaches us what happens when the righteous marry the unrighteous, more often than not, it produces apostasy from God.

Think about these questions:

- (1) If angels are capable of sexual desires, how do they satisfy them?
- (2) If angels had sexual relations (which is foolish to think of in the first place), with humans (women), what is to stop it from happening again?
- (3) If an angel had a

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sexual relation with one's wife, would that be adultery? (4) From the very beginning of creation, God has always commanded one man and one woman for life (Gen. 2:21-25; Matt. 19:9). So if angels interfered with God's law for marriage and sexual relationship, does that mean that God is no longer in control (Heb. 1:1-4)? (5) Why would angels need to satisfy carnal appetites when they are spiritual beings? (6) Why did Jesus say that in the resurrection of the dead, we neither marry nor are given in marriage, for we will be “*equal to the angels and are the sons of God*” (Luke 20:34-36; see also Matt. 22:29-30)?

Maybe learning about the term “**Sons of God**” will help our understanding. This term does apply to angels in *some instances*. It tells us that the angels share a close

relationship with their Creator and are interested in God's care for all creation (Job. 38:4-7). Why are the angels described as “**sons of God**”? According to Colossians 1:16, God made all things through Christ. The things that are in heaven and that are on earth were created through Him and for Him. What do saints have in common with angels? Saints are *sons of God* (Rom. 8:14-16) and also share a close relationship with their Creator (1 John 1:7). In Ephesians 2:10, we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus. As the angels were created through Christ for good works, so are Christians. In Galatians 3:26, Paul says we are “*all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*”

Also, did we seem to forget that Satan was now in the world? That the world was now his playground?

Satan was there in the Garden of Eden when God cursed him and then promised to send a Savior through the seed of woman to destroy him and redeem mankind (Gen. 3:15). So, Satan set out to corrupt the human race so that the Messiah would have nothing to come and redeem. But God salvaged a remnant (Gen. 6:8), and a godly line was preserved. There is no remedy for rebellion against God! Therefore, the judgment predicted by Noah and his ancestor's fell (Jude 14-15; Gen. 7:11-13; 2 Pet. 2:5; compare: Isa. 1:2-7, 24-25).

We must let the Bible speak for itself! It seems to me that God ought to know more about the angels than men! Don't you think so? Therefore, always put your faith in God and not in man (1 Cor. 2:5). You cannot go wrong with God!

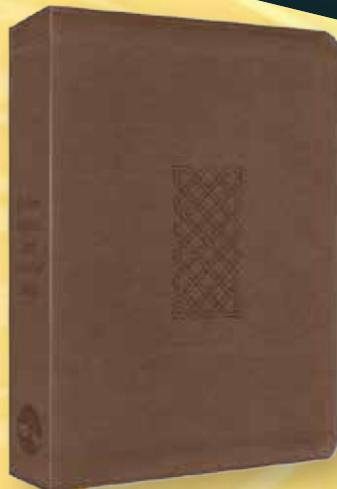
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by Don Ames

“Secret Sins”

In Psalm 19:12-13, David says, “Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me. That I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.”

Many times people interpret these “secret faults” as “sins I have no knowledge of.” Hence, they conclude, God is being asked to cleanse us of sins we are ignorant of. God does not excuse ignorance. So what are these “secret faults” David mentions here?

In Psalm 90:8, David says, “You have set out iniquities before You. Our *secret sins* in the light of Your countenance.” Ecclesiastes 12:14 notes, “God will bring every work into judgment, including every *secret thing*, whether good or evil.” 1 Timothy 5:24-25 adds, “Some men’s sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise *cannot be hidden*.” From these few verses, and consistent with the other

passages, it would seem to point out that the correct interpretation of “secret sins” is not “sins I know nothing about,” but rather sins “*I would rather not have anyone else know about*.” David tried to cover up his sin with Bathsheba, but God revealed it. If the “secret” things are going to be judged in the Judgment (Rom. 2:16), then that clearly refers to things no one else but us is aware of. And things that “cannot be hidden” means that sooner or later God *will* bring them to light, as He did the sins of Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5).

We must remember God knows our hearts (1 Sam. 16:7), and although we might want to pretend no one else knows, so that makes it OK, that it is our personal “secret,” God knows every thought and action we engage in (Pss. 139:7-12, 94:11). There are no “secret” sins with God, and they are not excused in “ignorance” for us (Lev. 5:17). David simply was asking why do we do the things we do – even when we know better (Paul wrestled with this same problem in Rom. 7). He then appeals for God to cleanse him of those sins no one else but he and God know about, as well as those presumptuous sins that are common knowledge. Do not let *any sin* have dominion over him – public or private. And if God will remove them (after proper repentance), then he will stand innocent again in the presence of God.

Now, consider David’s passionate plea in Psalm 32:3-5, “When I kept silent, my bones grew old, through my groaning all the day long, for day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have

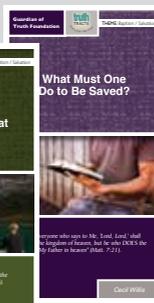
not hidden. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.” Certainly this is in full harmony with the above passage and the other passages talking about our sins.

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FLORENCE, AL College View Church of Christ 851 N. Pine St. (Next to University Campus) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Mark White (256) 766-0403	GLENDALE, AZ Church of Christ 6801 N. 60th Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:40 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Harper	JACKSONVILLE, AR Church of Christ 1807 McArthur Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 982-6413 - church bldg (501) 982-6776 - William Engel www.mcarthurdrccoc.com	TEXARKANA, AR Church of Christ 2301 Franklin Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marc R. Hinds	LONG BEACH, CA Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. JP Flores (562) 420-2363 Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577 www.JustChristians.org	Visit us today at:  www.CEIbooks.com
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MOBILE, AL West Mobile Church of Christ 129 Hillcrest Rd. Worship 9:00am-9:30am Bible Study 9:30am-10:30am Worship 10:30am-11:30am Wednesday 7:00pm (251) 342-4144 or 342-2041	CONWAY, AR Hwy. 65 Church of Christ 271 Highway 65N Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bruce Reeves Bldg: (501) 336-0052	LITTLE ROCK, AR Church of Christ 7115 West 65th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Don McClain Res. (501) 847-6677 Study (501) 568-1062	BELLFLOWER, CA Rose Ave. Church of Christ 4202 North Garfield Avenue 17903 Ibbetson Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (562) 866-5615	LOVELAND, CO Poudre Valley church of Christ 4202 North Garfield Avenue Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Afternoon 2:00 P.M. Evangelist: Richard Thetford (970) 667-0469 www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL Northside Church of Christ 912 NW 19th St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (954) 763-1404
MONTGOMERY, AL Eastbrook Church of Christ 650 Coliseum Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Bldg: (334) 272-4232 Evangelist: Brian Moore 279-1077 Charles Martin 283-2983	CONWAY, AR Eastside Church of Christ 1540 E. Oak St. 72302 www.conwaychurchofchrist.org <u>Schedule of Services</u> Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship 6:00 P.M. Wed. Bible Classes 7:00 P.M. Preacher - Gary Prince gwprince@juno.com	MARSHALL, AR Marshall Church of Christ (North Central, AR) Hwy. 27 N, 1 Mi. from 65 Jct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Searight (870) 448-2055	CANOGA PARK, CA (San Fernando Valley) Church of Christ 7054 Winnetka Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Afternoon 2:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Minister: Bruce Evans (818) 795-5566 Spanish congregation (818) 701-0112	MONTROSE, CO San Juan Church of Christ 1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit C Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 2:00 P.M. (970) 249-8116	FORT MYERS, FL Church of Christ 200 Pine Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Vernon E. Ford (239) 567-2170
NORTHPORT, AL Northwood Church of Christ 4601 Nrtwood Estates Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Maxson	CONWAY, AR Prince Street Church of Christ 2655 Prince St. (Hwy. 60) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 339-6917	PINE BLUFF, AR Church of Christ 4700 W. 28th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Clarence W. Fell (870) 879-2097	DUBLIN, CA Dublin Church of Christ 11873 Dublin Blvd. CA 94568 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Higgins (925) 828-8747	MILTON, DE Lighthouse Church of Christ 14574 Coastal Hwy. Rt. 1 Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (302) 644-7379	FORT MYERS, FL Southside Church of Christ 13641 Learning Ct. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David P. Schmidt 433-2838 or 482-2158

<p>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL 6 Lane Dr. 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>ORLANDO, FL Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p>CONYERS, GA Rockdale Church of Christ East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932; Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987; Building (770) 929-3973</p>	<p>DOWNERS GROVE, IL Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>	<p>PLAINFIELD, IN Church of Christ West 2028 Stafford Rd., Suite C (Marsh Shopping Center) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards (317) 964-9404 or (317) 839-1769 www.churchofchristwest.org</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) 521-6485 (641) 236-3883 www.grinnellccc.com</p>
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<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 Camberrill Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Hal Hammoms (850) 479-2130 and (850) 602-8420</p>	<p>BLACKFOOT, ID Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 1:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>	<p>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</p>	<p>SALEM, IN Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Evan Casey (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p>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>OCALA, FL Anthony Church of Christ 9778 N.E. Jacksonville Rd. Anthony, FL 32617 Bible Study 9 A.M. Worship 10 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Greg Cruz Phone: (352) 629-5505 www.anthonycocf.com</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.seffnerccc.org</p>	<p>ABINGDON, IL Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>	<p>GREENWOOD, IN Greenwood Church of Christ 371 W. Main St. Sun. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Dan Barker & Steve Niemeier (317) 888-8288 www.churchofchristatgreenwood.org</p>	<p>TRAFALGAR, IN Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ 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>CAMPBELLVILLE, 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 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651 WWW.SUNNYHILLCOC.COM</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>CENTERVILLE, GA Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1158</p>	<p>CHICAGO, IL Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>	<p>HOBART, IN Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663</p>	<p>DES MOINES, IA Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p>CANEYVILLE, KY Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. • P.O. Box 233 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 589-4167, (270) 274-3065 or (502) 724-2231</p>

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<p>DANVILLE, KY 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Scott Vifuquain (859) 236-4204</p>	<p>STONEWALL, LA N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 925-2733</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>	<p>KENNETT, MO Church of Christ 703 Harrison St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 888-6778 or (870) 650-1648 Nolan Glover, Preacher www.westsidetchurchofchrist.us</p>	<p>VAUXHALL, NJ Church of Christ Milbourn Mall Suite 6 2933 Vauxhall Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Harry A. Persaud Home: (908) 964-8570 Church: (908) 964-6356</p>	<p>DAYTON, OH West Carrollton 28 W. Main Street, 45449 Early Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Michael Grushon (937) 866-5162 or 848-3779 E-mail: www.wc-coc.org</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>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>MERIDIAN, MS Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 482-0543 or (601) 479-8542 Contacts: Ron Cooper & Jim Young youngins@comcast.net</p>	<p>LILBOURN, MO P.O. Box 270 • 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-5204</p>	<p>ALBUQUERQUE, NM Heights Church of Christ 7801 Zuni Road, S.E. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Darrel Yontz (505) 266-7577 www.heightschurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>FRANKLIN, OH Franklin Church of Christ 6417 Franklin/Lebanon Rd. Franklin, OH 45005 Sunday Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evangelist: Eston Vandever (937) 746-1249</p>
<p>LEITCHFIELD, KY Mill St. Church of Christ 733 Mill Street, Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Michael Hardin (270) 259-4968, (270) 300-3239 www.millstreetchurchofchrist.org</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.swcofcchrist.com</p>	<p>MERIDIAN, MS 7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 483-3101</p>	<p>RAYTOWN, MO Sterling Ave. Church of Christ 5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 554-0836 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>CHARLOTTE, NC Charlotte Church of Christ 5327 S. Tyrone St. Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (704) 525-5655</p>	<p>FREMONT, OH Church of Christ 3361 W. State St. 1 mi. W. of Fremont on U.S. Rt. 20 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (419) 849-3340 or 849-2980 www.fremontchurchofchrist.com</p>
<p>LOUISVILLE, KY Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822</p>	<p>RIVERDALE, MD (Washington, D.C. area) Wildcroft 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>SOUTHAVEN, MS (Memphis area) Church of Christ 2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James A. Brown (662) 342-1132 - Church Building</p>	<p>ST. JAMES, MO Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p>HOPE MILLS, NC Gray's Creek Church of Christ Gray's Community Bldg. School Road Worship 10 A.M. Bible Study 11 A.M. (910) 321-9023 (910) 423-2879</p>	<p>HAMILTON, OH Westview Church of Christ 1040 Azel Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David A. Stansberry (513) 868-9988</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>CEDAR SPRINGS, MI Grand Rapids Area W. Michigan church of Christ Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park St. Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 12:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph Gladwell (616) 975-2778 westmichcofc10@yahoo.com</p>	<p>BLUE SPRINGS, MO Southside Church of Christ 4000 SW Christians Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Brett Hogland (816) 228-9262</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH, MO County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 3:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylinechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>BEAVERCREEK, OH Knollwood Church of Christ 1031 Welford Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Afternoon 3:00 P.M. Wed. Afternoon 1:00 P.M. Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M. (937) 426-1422 www.knollwoodchurch.org</p>	<p>HILLIARD, OH Church of Christ 4840 Cemetery Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (614) 876-4089</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. (270) 683-5386</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>	<p>CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO North Cape Church of Christ 121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Lee Westbrook (573)334-9673</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH, MO Prairie Hills Church of Christ 14273 County Rd. 307 (7 mi. E of Intersection I-29 & Hwy. 169) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 233-6485 Evangelist: Erik Smith</p>	<p>CINCINNATI, OH Church of Christ Evergreen Retirement Center 230 West Galbraith Rd. Cincinnati, Oh 45215 Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M. Phone: 513-948-1012 wchea1@yahoo.com</p>	<p>MANSFIELD, OH Eastside Church of Christ 326 Grace Street Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: James Bond (419) 526-2868</p>
<p>Shop online @ CEIbooks. com</p>	<p>ST. CHARLES, MN Church of Christ 636 Whitewater Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7 P.M., call for location Bible Study 2:15 P.M. FREE Bible correspondence studies Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905</p>	<p>COLUMBIA, MO Eastside Church of Christ 5051 Ponderosa Columbia, MO 65201 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 445-5497 or 636-0224</p>	<p>BEATRICE, NE Church of Christ • 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3822 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p>CINCINNATI, OH Blue Ash Church of Christ Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. 891-3174</p>	<p>MANSFIELD, OH Southside Church of Christ 687 Mansfield-Lucas Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Leon Bond: 525-3684 Church: 522-8982</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 10:35 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (337) 239-4614 www.whiteparkchurchofchrist.org</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>DONIPHAN, MO Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. ½ mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</p>	<p>CLEVELAND, OH Lorain Ave. Church of Christ 13501 Lorain Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (216) 476-0660 or (330) 725-3960, 723-0111</p>	<p>MARIETTA-RENO, OH Marietta-Reno Church of Christ 80 Sandhill Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (740) 222-9160 (Daniel Ruegg) or 473-9028 (Steve Foutly)</p>
<p>MANY, LA Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>	<p>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>FAIR GROVE, MO Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663</p>	<p>RENO, NV Central Church of Christ 2450 Wronald Way, Ste. A Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (775) 786-2888</p>	<p>COLUMBUS, OH Laurel Canyon Church of Christ 409 McNaughton Rd. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (614) 868-1375 www.lccoc.net</p>	<p>NEW CARLISLE, OH Church of Christ 235 Funston Ave. (Near Wright-Patterson AFB) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Phone: (937) 845-8467 (bldg.)</p>

<p>NEW RICHMOND, OH Church of Christ 550 Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Contact: Dave Wylie (513) 553-6414 www.nrchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>PHILADELPHIA, PA Church of Christ 7222 Germantown Ave., 19119 Bible Study 10:15 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. Tues. night 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James H. Baker, Jr. (215) 248-2026 www.mtairychurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>JACKSON, TN Sunset View Church of Christ 3618 Hwy 70 East (Exit 87 off I-40, 7mi. @ Spring Creek) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Wilkerson (731) 967-0590 or 968-9851</p>	<p>NASHVILLE, TN Bell Road Church of Christ 1608 Bell Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Chris Pace (615) 833-4444</p>	<p>ALVIN, TX Adoue St. Church of Christ 605 E. Adoue St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Mayberry (281) 331-4953 or (832) 837-9038</p>	<p>DUNCANVILLE, TX (South Dallas) Whispering Hills Church of Christ 2126 S. Main Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (972) 298-2522 info@whchurchofchrist.net</p>
<p>NORTHWOOD, OH (Toledo Area) Church of Christ 4110 Frey Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Jarabek 893-3566 or 691-0688</p>	<p>BEAUFORT, SC Church of Christ 2107 King Street Parris Island: Call for times, services for recruits only. Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bryan Nash (843) 524-4400</p>	<p>JOHNSON CITY, TN Brookmead Church of Christ 2428 Lakeview Drive Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Kay (423) 282-6251 or 426-1836</p>	<p>NASHVILLE, TN Hillview Church of Christ 7471 Charlotte Pike Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (615) 952-5458 or (615) 356-7318 Evangelist: Lee Wildman</p>	<p>AUSTIN, TX Schultz Lane Church of Christ Faber Rd. & Schultz Ln. Pflugerville, TX 78660 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 2:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Lehde</p>	<p>EDNA, TX 301 Robinson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (361) 782-5506 or 782-2844 Elders: R. Dunham, J. Mercer S. Mercer & G. Nordin</p>
<p>UHRICHSVILLE, OH Church of Christ 638 Parrish Street Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Mid-week 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>COLUMBIA, SC Lower Richland Church of Christ 3000 Trotter Rd. (Hopkins, SC) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (803) 776-0754 http://lowerrichlandchurch.org</p>	<p>JONESBOROUGH, TN 11-E Church of Christ 240 Headtown Rd. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Wheeler 423-557-9119 or 423-948-6464 www.christianadmonisher.jigsy.com</p>	<p>NASHVILLE, TN Perry Heights Church of Christ 423 Donelson Pike Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnny Felker (615) 883-3118 http://perryheights.faithweb.com</p>	<p>BAYTOWN, TX Church of Christ at Pruett & Lobit 701 North Pruett St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jesse Flowers (281) 515-8939 Building (281) 422-5926 Weldon (713) 818-1321</p>	<p>EL PASO, TX Eastridge Church of Christ 3277 Pendleton Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (915) 855-1524</p>
<p>MCALISTER, OK North A St. Church of Christ 2120 No. A St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Rob Lungstrum Office: (918) 423-3445 Cell: (918) 931-1362</p>	<p>ORANGEBURG, SC Southside Church of Christ 1502 Binnicker Bridge Rd. (Grange Building - Hwy 70) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Fred England (803) 939-0672 www.southside-church.org</p>	<p>KINGSTON SPRINGS, TN Kingston Springs Church of Christ 350 North Main St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dan King, Sr. (615) 952-5720 or 797-2280</p>	<p>PIGEON FORGE, TN King Branch Road Church of Christ 560 King Branch Road Worship 10:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Facilities available for Sunday evening services upon request. Evangelist: Roger Williams (865) 430-5980 www.KingBranchRoadChurchOfChrist.org</p>	<p>BAYTOWN, TX East Side Church of Christ 3107 N. Highway 146 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kris Emerson (281) 427-8729; 837-9259 422-8800; 573-1940</p>	<p>FORT WORTH, TX Woodmont Church of Christ 6417 Landview (at Altamesa) Worship 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Afternoon 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jeff S. Smith (817) 292-4908 or 426-2242 woodmontchurch.org</p>
<p>OKLAHOMA CITY, OK Seminole Pointe Church of Christ 16300 N. May Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John M. Duvall (405) 340-3189 or 513-6691 www.seminolepointecocf.org</p>	<p>SUMTER, SC Woodland Church of Christ 3370 Broad St. Extension Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr. (803) 499-6023</p>	<p>KINGSPOUR, TN Kingsport Church of Christ 4938 Fort Henry Drive P.O. Box 554 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Kinzel Bldg #423-239-3979 or 423-579-2002 • www.kptcoc.org</p>	<p>SHELBYVILLE, TN El Bethel Church of Christ 1801 Hwy. 41-A North Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donnie V. Rader Phone: (931) 607-9099 email: dvrader@live.com</p>	<p>BEAUMONT, TX Dowlen Rd. Church of Christ 3060 Dowlen Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Max Dawson, Kris Emerson & Benjamin Lee (409) 866-1996</p>	<p>FORT WORTH, TX West Side Church of Christ 6110 White Settlement Rd. 76114 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (817) 738-7269</p>
<p>TULSA, OK Woodland Hills Church of Christ 9119 E. 61 St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Oldenkamp (918) 252-1220</p>	<p>TAYLORS, SC (Greenville Area) Taylors Church of Christ 400 E. Main St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Luther Pratt (864) 268-5224 or 877-2728 www.taylorschurch.com</p>	<p>MARYVILLE, TN Smokey Mt. Church of Christ 2206 Montvale Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Harold Tabor (865) 977-4230 Lon Spurgeon (865) 388-8749 http://tinyurl.com/smchurch</p>	<p>SHELBYVILLE, TN Shelbyville Mills Church of Christ 1222 W. Jackson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jeff Curtis Phone: (931) 607-9118 dcurtis1963@hotmail.com</p>	<p>CONROE, TX Woodland Hills Church of Christ 410 Woodland Hills Dr., 77303 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kurt G. Jones www.conroechurch.com 936-756-9322</p>	<p>GRANBURY, TX Old Granbury Rd. Church of Christ 4313 Old Granbury Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 817-913-4209 or 817-279-3351</p>
<p>MEDFORD, OR Church of Christ 1850 Spring St. (Roxy Ann Grange Hall) Corner of Spring/Valley View Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dean Blackwell (541) 773-2649</p>	<p>WEST COLUMBIA, SC Airport Church of Christ 4013 Edmund Hwy. (Hwy. 302) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Seth Mauldin Building (803) 834-6978 http://airport-church-of-christ.com</p>	<p>MEMPHIS, TN Rocky Pt. Road Church of Christ 516 E. Rocky Point Rd., Cordova Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. rockypointchurch@gmail.com WWW.ROCKYPOINTCHURCH.ORG</p>	<p>TULLAHOMA, TN Church of Christ 1625 W. Lincoln St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Mickells (931) 455-0273 or 563-7312</p>	<p>CLEVELAND, TX Church of Christ 310 E. Houston Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Davis (281) 592-5676</p>	<p>HOUSTON, TX Fry Rd. Church of Christ 2510 Fry Road (77084) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Bob Pulliam (281) 832-4633</p>
<p>SWEET HOME, OR Church of Christ 3702 E. Long St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Building: (541) 367-1599</p>	<p>COLUMBIA, TN Jackson Hts. Church of Christ 1200 Nashville Hwy., Hwy. 31N Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Mid-week 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Andrew Roberts (931) 388-6811 WWW.THEBIBLEWAY.ORG</p>	<p>MURFREESBORO, TN Cason Lane Church of Christ 1110 Cason Lane Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (615) 896-0090 (Building) www.casonlanechurch.org</p>	<p>ALLEN, TX West Allen Church of Christ 1414 W. Exchange Blvd. (2 miles w. of Hwy. 75) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry King (214) 504-0443 - (972) 727-5355 (bldg)</p>	<p>CORPUS CHRISTI, TX Hwy. 9 church of Christ Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Worship 12:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Call for location: Keith Kalies (361) 776-2304 or Patrick Frazier (361) 235-1990</p>	<p>TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR AD: tmmikewillis@gmail.com</p>
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Worship 10:20 A.M.
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Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
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Evening 5:00 P.M.
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www.methodiststreetchurchofchrist.com
Evangelist: L. DeRoy Klice

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Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Steve Schlosser
(757) 436-6900

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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
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Ranch Mart Mall
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Worship 10:00 A.M.
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Contact: Bob Reich
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5470 Lost Lane at Grissom Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78238-2700
Bible Classes 9:30 P.M.
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Evening 5:00 P.M.
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Wednesday Bible Class 7:30 P.M.
Terry Starling, Evangelist
www.grissomroadcocc.org

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Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
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Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelists: Harold Hancock
Reagan McClenny
634-7110 or 632-7070

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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Clyde W. Carter
(210) 337-6143

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Harpersville Rd. Church of Christ
315 Harpersville Rd.
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(757) 595-9564

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Church of Christ
873 Oakwood Rd.
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Worship 10:50 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Jonathan Chaffin
(304) 342-5637
www.oakwoodchurchofchrist.com

MANSFIELD, TX
Northside Church of Christ
1820 Mansfield-Webb Road
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:20 A.M.
Evening 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Evangelists: Tom Roberts
(817) 466-3160

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Westwood Village
Church of Christ
314 N. Tolbert
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Jim Smelser

RICHMOND (Metro), VA
Courthouse Church of Christ
Courthouse Rd. at Double Creek Ct.
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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Gene Tope
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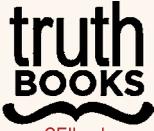
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Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Ashley Sharkey
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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
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Evangelist: Jack Bise, Jr.
(804) 233-5959

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Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Worship 10:45 A.M.
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Independence, WV 26374
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Worship 10:45 A.M.
Sunday 7:00 P.M.
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(304) 864-3078

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3831 N.E. Stallings Dr.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:20 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelists: Randy Harshbarger
& Jay Taylor

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340 E. Warren St.
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Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Marc Smith
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Church of Christ
2970 Old Leaksville Rd.
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Robert Byrd
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210 Cedar St.
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Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:30 P.M.
Mid-week 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Devin Roush
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1415 Royalty
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Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Kristofer Gordana
(432) 366-5071

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Waco, TX 76712
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.
Afternoon Worship 4:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Kenny Peden
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Worship 11:00 A.M.
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10:00 AM		Peter's Method & Message: Pentecost Sermon (Acts 2) <i>Mike Thomas</i>	Peter's Method & Message: Temple Gate Sermon (Acts 3-4) <i>John Gentry</i>	Peter's Method & Message: Sermon to Cornelius (Acts 10-11) <i>David Diestelkamp</i>
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