

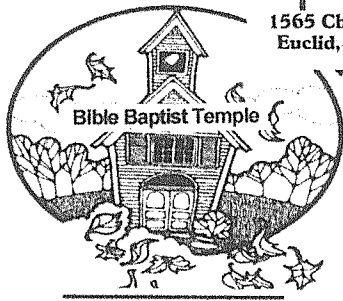
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October - time to go to Church!

Attending church has many benefits and positives!

There is the pleasure of seeing Christian friends. It affords an important opportunity to hear the Bible taught and preached. When the Word of God is preached the Holy Spirit of God gives understanding, illumination and even conviction. There's joy in singing Christian songs. Worshipping and working with others enables more to get done than could ever be done than serving by yourself.

It is a time of honoring and worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ.

By seeing your faithful example others are encouraged.

It is also a convicting witness to those who need the Lord!

And, it is a time and place where people meet with the Lord in prayer and self-examination.

DONT MISS THIS SUNDAY ... AT CHURCH !

THE BENEVOLENCE OF GOD

"The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." (Psalm 145:9)

"By the benevolence of God we mean the affection which He feels and manifests towards His sentient (*capacity for feeling; emotions*) and conscious creatures. It is due to the fact the creature is His workmanship (*Ephesians 2:10*); He cannot hate anything that He has made (*Job 14:5*), only that which has been added to His work.

Sin is such as addition.

The benevolence of God is manifested in His care for the welfare, and is suited to the needs and capacities, of the creature, *"Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."* (Psalm 145:16).

- Henry C. Thiessen,

'Lectures in systematic THEOLOGY', p 131

Answered Prayer

GOD answers prayer in three ways

(1) Yes, (2) No, (3) Not yet!

People have mistakenly, and unscripturally, supposed that when God answers prayer it must mean a 'yes' answer; it is taken for granted that answered prayer always means 'yes'.

To some, if it is not a 'yes' answer, God has not answered the prayer.

(You must be lacking faith')

But look at what the Bible teaches about answered prayer.

(1) Sometimes God's answer is 'yes'; *"Ask, and it shall be given you"*, but sometimes it is (2) 'No'.

'No' is also an answer to prayer. Paul prayed for his physical healing and God said, 'No'. (*II Corinthians 12:7-9, Deuteronomy 3:25-27*)

When God says 'no' to a prayer, it is always for good reasons, His reasons, and for God's glory and our spiritual benefit.

(3) A third answer is 'not yet'.

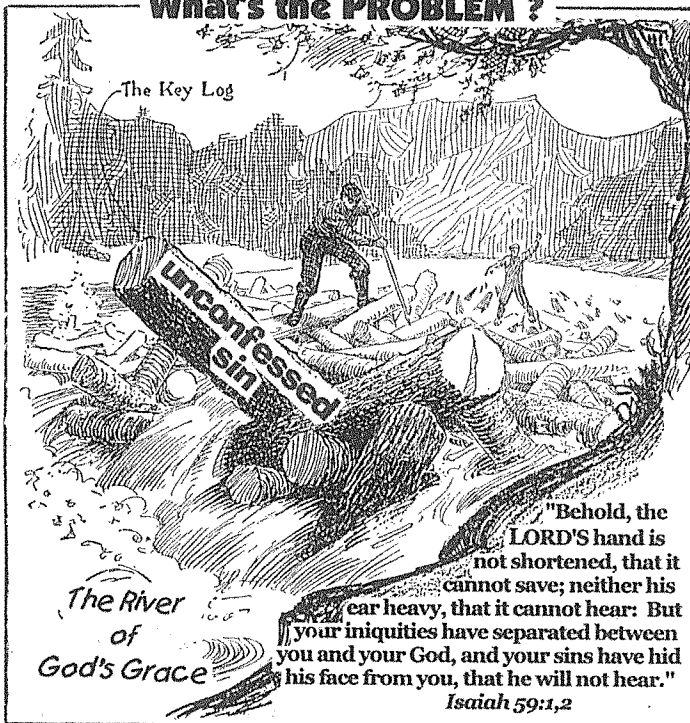
In Revelation 6:10, we see a group of people who want God to hurry up with an answer to their prayer, but God is delaying.

"How long, O Lord .."

God will bring a judgment, but it will be at His timing and many times it's not the same as ours. There are many examples of these three types of 'answers' in the Old Testament as well!

Log Jam !!

What's the PROBLEM ?



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies
& Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"The basis of TOLERANCE is ignorance: the less you know the less you can disagree about."

"All sin is premeditated."

"APOSTATES can grow only in the presence of a church."

"Most of the Bible was written to correct people."

"Everyone is responsible for learning more."

"We cannot pretend to be in good fellowship with churches who have chosen relevance over reverence."

"BAD HABITS are easy to form, but hard to live with."

"If you do not conquer self, you will be conquered by self." (copied)

"Troubled people trouble people."

"The world's SMILES are more dangerous than its frowns."

"It seems like the wrong churches are growing!"

"Everything worthwhile has a fence around it."

Forgiving Sin
without
Repentance
first?

Then all
would be
Forgiven!

... and the guilt and blame is then put on the offended and damaged party for not forgiving!

(Luke 19:3,4)

ASTRONOMY

"An astronomy student approached his professor at the end of class and said, 'I'm beginning to understand how we calculate the distances to stars light years away, but how did we ever find out their names?'"

A GOOD FIGHT

The Christian is a soldier. The fight is good because the victory is certain. The Christian is also a runner. The course has a sure finish for Christ is the goal. The Christian should be a steward of the faith. The truth is a treasure to be maintained. Can you say that you are all three?

Fierce may be the conflict, Strong may be the foe, But the King's own army - none can overthrow.
2 Timothy 4:7 *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."* - The Apostle Paul

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." - Psalm 50:23

'A good man'

"The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.", Proverbs 14:14 b

"Goodness is an internal quality. The good man is whole within, sound within. Hence his satisfaction; all health is within.

Piety has its own internal resources and powers. There is a pretty story told of a king, Shah Abbas, who in his travels met with a shepherd. He found him to be so wise that he elevated him to great power: he became a great statesman.

But it was discovered, many years after, that he frequently went to a lonely house, of which he kept the key; there it was supposed he kept his treasure; nay, it was supposed that there he hatched schemes against his royal master; thither, it was thought, traitors might resort. The whispering courtiers persuaded the king to break open the door, in order that all the villainy may be laid bare, and there was found an empty room, save that his shepherd's wallet and staff, and crook, and old coat were there. 'Hither,' said he, 'I come, in order that if I ever am tempted to think more highly of myself than I ought to think, I may be rebuked by remembering my origin, and what my rise has done for me.'

Contentment is containment; the idea in it is that of having learned the lesson of self-sufficing and self-sustaining. Contentment is a sense of possession; a sense of satisfied want.
(Matthew Henry Commentary)



THIS & THAT
From **HERE & THERE**

Families & Poverty

"... One in three families with women as the head of the household is poor, compared with one in ten in those led by men, and one in nineteen where the home has two parents."

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Age of Sun

"The belief that the sun is billions of years old contradicts other parts of the evolutionary story ... Earth's magnetic field is decaying too quickly for it to be even 100,000 years old."

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Seashell Sound

"A seashell next to your ear is the sound of your blood surging, not the ocean."

God's Love

"... is first mentioned in Deuteronomy 7:6-9, commanding Israel to be separate from false gods and pagan nations."

Alcohol

"New Study Debunks Myth that Drinking Alcohol is Beneficial to Health ... any benefits are outweighed by the harm." - copied, Institute for Health Metrics, University of Washington

SUGGESTED STATEMENT ON CHURCH MUSIC

"Some time back, we received the following request: 'My father asked me to write to you and see if you have a statement about music standards that we could draw Music has become such a big topic in our day that he feels from in revising our church constitution. as senior pastor that we should have a clear, somewhat timeless statement about it in our constitution.'

that we use in our churches in South Asia:

I sent the following, which is an update of a statement ...

(1) The church music must *teach sound doctrine* (Colossians 3:16). The words of the songs must be right according to the teaching of the Bible. Most Contemporary Christian Music is unacceptable because it represents the ecumenical charismatic philosophy or it presents a vague message that lacks doctrinal clarity and strength.

(2) The church music must be *holy and separate from the world* (Ephesians 5:19; Romans 12:2; I John 2:15-16). This means that the church's music will not sound like the popular music played on the radio and the music that the world uses for dancing and drinking and partying. Our church music will not use the backbeat and other forms of dance syncopation, because this has always been associated with sensuality and has been characterized as 'the sexy' part of pop music.

We believe it is not wise to use drums (except in an orchestra) and electric guitars in church music, because they are so easily used in a pop music fashion.

(3) The church music *must not borrow from the world of contemporary Christian music*, since it is a major element of building the apostate one-world church and represents a foreign spirit (1 Corinthians 10:21; Ephesians 5:11; II Timothy 3:5; Revelation 18:4). This is evident by examining the history of this music as well as the lives and beliefs of the contemporary musicians as we have done in *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*.

(4) The church music *must not be designed to produce a charismatic style mystical experience* (1 Peter 5:8). The objective of charismatic music is to produce an experiential worship and toward this end contemporary worshipers use music with a strong dance rhythm, non-resolving chord sequences, repetition, and electronic modulation so that people will be carried away emotionally.

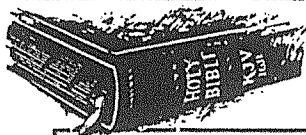
The Bible tells us to be sober-minded and not to allow anything to capture our hearts other than God and His Word.

We are *not* supposed to open ourselves up unquestioningly to any experience but are to continually test everything by the standard of God's absolute Truth (1 Thessalonians 5:21)." - Friday Church News Notes, September 14, 2018, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143



October 2018

- Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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THIS MONTH'S LITTLE ECONOMICS & POLITICAL LESSON:

"I have never understood why it is GREED to want to keep the money you have earned, but not GREED to want to take somebody else's money."

He Left Them Out

"I have discovered over the years that subtraction from the truth is something that members of churches are very, very slow to observe. I have almost come to the conclusion that the acid test to apply, to know whether a preacher is evangelical or not, is this - *observe what he does not say!*

So often I have found that people have listened to a man and been carried away by him, and thought everything was wonderful, for the reason that he said nothing wrong, and they were quite right in their observation. The man said had said nothing wrong, but the point was that he had not said certain things that an evangelical always must say; he left them out!"

- Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

Using CARNAL ways to get people into a church will end up with a CARNAL Church

If you have to resort to the ways of the world to get people into church, something is wrong, something is missing and it will deteriorate morally and spiritually.

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

I Corinthians 5:6, Galatians 5:9
Proverbs 14:34