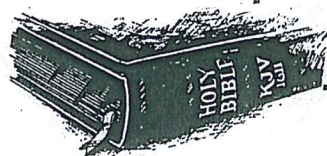


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The BIBLE – Inspired & Preserved – Today !

The basis for our church doctrine, faith and directions for Christian living is God's Word, the Bible. All that we believe comes from the Bible and God's Word which is in *printed* form today. There are no more visions, voices, dreams or any other way that God 'speaks' to us. Romans 10:17 says it succinctly and sufficiently,

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

And that *printed form* is promised to be inspired, incorruptible, preserved and perfect, even still today! Scriptures teach that His Word was inspired and continues to be preserved! **'Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.'** Did God promise to preserve some of His Words? most of His Words? or all of His Words?

Pelagianism & 'Sound of Music'

"In *The Sound of Music*, Maria, overwhelmed by her good fortune in being the object of the captain's affection, sings, 'Nothing comes from nothing; nothing ever could.

So somewhere in my youth or childhood, I must have done something good.' Pelagianism – the belief that we are good people who can save ourselves – is our natural theology. No one has to be taught this idea. In the West it may be called, 'getting what's coming to you,' and in the East it may be called *kharma*, but it is the same concept ... Good things happen to good people and bad things happen to bad people."

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(but God's Word says ...)

"There is none righteous, no, not one there is none that doeth good, no not one." - Romans 3:10,12

What is it Called?

"In the military, if you disobey the order of a commander, it is called '*insubordination*', If you take authority away from the captain of a ship, it is called '*mutiny*'.

What is it called to disobey the Commander, Captain and Saviour of all mankind?"

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Christian's Fears

"I have noticed in recent years that all of the Lord's people ... tend more and more to become a nervous and harried people. Paul wrote to the Philippians and said, **"Be careful for nothing ... And the peace of God ... shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

Philippians 4:6,7 ...

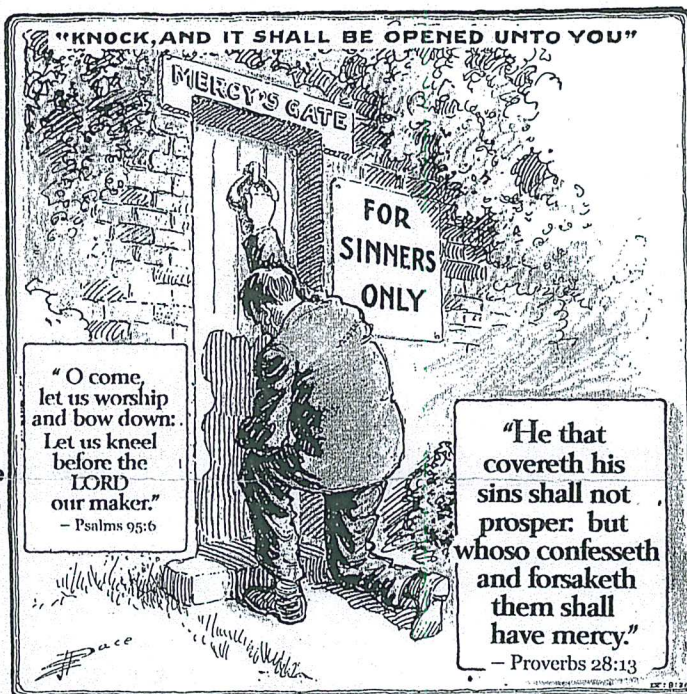
but, listen and remember that peace of heart does not come from denying that there is trouble, but comes from rolling your trouble on God. " - A. W. Tozer,

'The Tozer Pulpit', Vol One, p 129,131

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

II Timothy 1:7

The Scriptures are *not just mostly* preserved, but preservation includes *all* of His Words. There are English translations today that are faulty because they used the wrong manuscripts; but in the Authorized Version 1611, only the King James Bible (KJV) translators, used the correct Greek and Hebrew manuscripts. And remember ... God's Word is inspired, preserved and perfect!



CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

Quotes

"TRUTH doesn't care what you believe."

"The highest test of Christianity is not enjoyment, but usefulness!"

"When was the last time a poor man gave you a job?"

These are trying times. Many of us have to do without things that our parents never heard of."

"Society has made an idol of feeling good."

"Pride often borrows the cloak of humility."

"Liars begin by deceiving others, but end up by deceiving themselves."

"God does not believe in atheists, therefore, atheists do not exist."

"Good Christian Examples either convict and convert sinners, or condemn them."

"In Temptations our invisible enemy becomes more visible."

SALVATION & OBEDIENCE

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"

- Hebrews 5:9

Salvation is a turning from disobedience to obedience.

If you're not obeying Jesus Christ, He is not your Lord;

if He is not your Lord He is not your Saviour; **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** Romans 10:13

if He is not your Saviour you do not have forgiveness of sins;

if you do not have forgiveness of sins you are not going to heaven;

if you are not going to heaven then your eternal destination is hell.

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" - II Thess. 1:8

So, in repentance and faith, turn now from disobedience and determine to start living in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Bible.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" - Romans 6:16

The Bible definition of 'faith' includes *believing and obeying*; obeying Jesus Christ through the written Word of God!

Biblically, you can't *believe* on Him without *obeying* Him; it's a turning from obeying yourself – doing what you want to do; to obeying the Lord – and doing what He wants you to do.

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which which I say?" Luke 6:46

As A.W. Tozer said ...

"When faith becomes obedience then it is true faith indeed."

As Charles Spurgeon said ...

"No man is really saved unless he is in his heart obedient to Christ."

The Evil & Good Connection

"Evil does not exist by itself, because it does not exist apart from good. Evil exists only as a corruption of some good thing; it is a privation and does not have essence by itself." - copied

"You cannot have a wrong answer unless there is a right answer."

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness:
fear before him, all the earth.
Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth."**

- Psalm 96:9,10

EVANGELIZING & CCM

Evangelizing with contemporary music has many serious flaws. It tends to *create pride* in the musicians rather than humility. It makes the gospel *a matter of entertainment* when there is not one thing in it that is at all entertaining. It makes the public proclaimers of Christianity those who are *popular and talented* in the world's eyes, rather than those who are *godly and gifted* teachers of God's truth.

In using the world's genres of music, it *blurs the gap* between worldly Satanic values and divine ones. It tends to *deny the power* of the simple gospel and the sovereign saving work of the Holy Spirit. It *creates a wide generation gap* in the church, thus contributing to the disunity and lack of intimacy in the fellowship of all believers. It leads to the propagation of *bad or weak theology* and *drags the name of the Lord down* to the level of the world. The music of the gospel is certainly not to be a means for making money or seeking fame, and it must never be allowed to *cheapen* what is priceless, or *trivialize* what is profound." -*The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*, Ephesians 519, p 257

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVISTS CONFESS THEIR SINS TO PLANTS AT UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

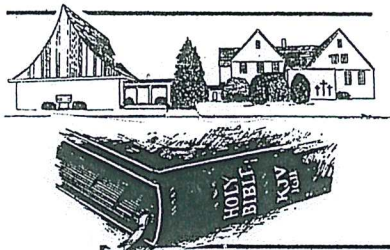
"On Tuesday, Union Theological Seminary hosted a chapel service in which self-identified Christians confessed their climate sins to plants. No, this is not satire from *The Babylon Bee* - this really happened, and the seminary is defending it without shame.

The incident illustrates how dangerous *climate change hysteria* can become, and how important it is for Christians to actually read their Bibles and reject the *we're treating plants as fully created beings*, divine Creation in its own right—not just something to be consumed. Because plants aren't capable of verbal response, does that mean we shouldn't engage with them?" *Climate Crazy Seminary Confesses Sins to Plants*, PJmedia.com, Sept. 19, 2019



October 2019

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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The Only Perfect BOOK

"There are no contradictions in Scripture; there is organic unity. Though there are 66 books, yet it is perfect unity as shown in structure, history, purposes, doctrine, and theme, which is Jesus Christ. There are always critics who declare that the Bible is full of discrepancies, inaccuracies, contradictions and errors, but the Bible is not a Bible of mistakes.

And this is guaranteed by the God of truth and faithfulness." (copied)

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words will not pass away." - Mark 13:31

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Archaeology

"There have been over 25,000 archaeological finds that provide support regarding people, their titles, and their locations mentioned in the Bible ... not one of those finds has contradicted the Bible."
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Almighty, Omnipotent

"Fifty-six times the Bible states that God is Almighty. (No one stronger) One of God's divine attributes is His Omnipotence."

Google Engineer Fired

"A former Google engineer, who claims he has been blacklisted by the tech giant, says he believes the company will try to influence the outcome of the 2020 presidential election."
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Highland Park Baptist Church

"In 1982 Highland Park Baptist Church had a reported membership of 60,000 with a Wednesday service of 3,000. The church no longer exists."

McDonald's

"McDonald's originally served hot dogs, not hamburgers."
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'shamefacedness' - I Timothy 2:9

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety"

"Shamefacedness" is from the Greek *aídos*, which meaning godly humility. It 'has the idea of downcast eyes' and means 'bashfulness, i.e. (towards men), modesty or (towards God) awe', (Strong). It implies 'a shrinking from trespassing the boundaries of propriety' (William Hendrickson, *N. T. Commentary*). Shamefacedness is shyness in the sense of humility, submission to God, submission to God's will, submission to God's order of creation. Shamefacedness is that '*meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price*' (I Peter 3:3-4). The shamefaced woman loves God and is committed to obeying His Word, and this is reflected on her face and in every aspect of her life, including her clothing. It is a renunciation of '*the pride of life*' which is a major characteristic of this fallen world (I John 2:16). A shamefaced Christian woman will not have the attitude that says, '*Don't tell me how to dress; I will dress as I please!*' She will not be stubborn and sassy. She will not say, '*I don't care what some old-fashioned men say about how I dress; that is their problem; I'm not going to be a weirdo!*' That is exactly the spirit of this lost world, and the fact that so many women in 'Bible-believing' churches reflect that spirit is clear evidence of apostasy. Paul described apostasy as a Christianity that lives according to its own lusts (II Timothy 4:3-4). Shamefacedness is exactly the opposite of the cheeky, saucy, proud, impertinent, brash, flippant, sensual, show yourself off, insubordinate attitude that the world seeks to develop in women today and that is modeled by Hollywood starlets and rock & roll queens." - copied



The promise of God's Word, not our feelings, is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the relationship between fact (God and His Word), faith (our trust in God and His Word), and feeling (the result of our faith and obedience) (John 14:21).

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DEVILISH FAITH

"Now, that faith that which does *not* bring forth good works is *not* a living faith but a dead and devilish one. For even the devils believe that Christ was born of a virgin; that He wrought all kinds of miracles, declaring Himself to be very God; that for our sakes He died and rose again and ascended into heaven; and at the end of the world shall come again to judge the living and the dead. This the devils believe; and so they believe all that is written in the Old Testament and New Testaments. And yet still, for all this faith, they are but devils; they remain still in their damnable estate, lacking the true Christian faith." - John Wesley, *The Essential Works of John Wesley*, p 838