

Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES – HOW ARE SINS FORGIVEN

There are many ways that our Baptist church differs from other 'Christian' churches.

One of the biggest differences is in *how* sins are forgiven; what place does personal 'good works' have in a person's salvation and relationship with God? Other churches trust in various kinds of good works. Good 'religious' works such as church attendance and membership, faithfulness to their church's teachings, communion, the most common one being baptism, etc; and such secular good 'works' like helping the poor, being involved in charitable groups, etc.

Whereas Baptists believe what the Bible teaches concerning the worthlessness of self-works of any kind.

But what does the Bible say about good works for God's forgiveness?

The apostle Paul says in Romans 3:10, 12c "... *There is none righteous, no, not one:... there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*"; Titus 3:5, "*Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us* ..."; Isaiah 64:6, "... *we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*"

Only through Jesus Christ can a person have forgiveness of sins and stand before the Holy God forgiven! Romans 10:13, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.*"

The World vs. Christianity

"The world is unrelenting in its hostility to us, and determined to wipe out every divine principle for which we stand. It seeks to supplant creationism with evolution. It denies the sacredness of human life by abortion. It achieves the breakdown of the family unit by divorce for any reason. The purity of the marriage relationship is denied by premarital sex. Homosexuality and lesbianism are looked on as acceptable alternative lifestyles. God's chain of command in the home and in the church is ridiculed by militant feminism. Church and state are so separated as to ban the mention of God and Christ from public life entirely. Obscenity, pornography, nakedness, filth, and violence are treated with amiable tolerance. And so, drugged and insensate, the world defies every law of God and hurtles on to its fiery doom."

—William MacDonald, *Worlds Apart*

Where to Look for Spiritual Inspiration

"Someone once said,
*'I was inspired when I saw
Jesus in a cloud!'*

What did seeing Jesus in a cloud inspire him to do?

Look for another cloud??"

The BIBLE ... teaches how to get inspiration; *Romans 10:17,*

***'Faith cometh by hearing
and hearing by the
WORD OF GOD.'***

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"Jesus preached

on the subject of true and false conversions relentlessly and repeatedly. He spoke of wheat and tares, good fish and rotten fish, wise and foolish virgins, sheep and goats.

Jesus was very concerned about spiritual self-deception.

(Matthew 13:24-29, 47-50;
25:1-13, 31-33)" - copied



Whosoever-Will Rescue Mission
Early 1900's, San Francisco,
California

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

APRIL 12th, Resurrection ('Easter') Sunday

MAY 3rd, 45th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Quotes

"Christian growth does not consist in seeing *new* things, but in seeing the *old* things more clearly."

"God arranged your anatomy so it would be difficult to pat yourself on the back."

APPLAUSE - "The custom of showing one's pleasure at beautiful music by immediately following it with an ugly noise."

"Man never needs to forgive God."

"I would as soon listen to a gangster lecture on honesty as watch Hollywood portray the Bible."

"Everyone born into the world now bears the image of the devil in pride and self-will."

Christian Encouragement

Christians should be encouraged and feel blessed because ...

We still have 'religious' freedom in our country to attend and worship the Lord without fear of government intrusion or punishment.

We have a preserved and perfect Bible still available today – inspired, preserved, perfect, prophetic, filled with God's promises and personal; that's the King James Bible!

We still have some good churches around that stand up and contend for the Word of God and all the doctrines that the Apostles taught during the time when Jesus Christ was here.

We still have God's calling and Purpose for our Churches in the 'Great Commission' that will not be ended until the Lord returns.

This is the reason that God does not take us right into heaven when we're saved; we have an important and eternal work that He has called us to do! And, Christians are glad and rejoice in doing the bidding of our God and Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ!

An Atheist's Observation

"I received an article recently that startled me. It was an interview with Richard Dawkins. What surprised me was his observation that Christianity is losing its influence for good in the world, and, as a consequence, creating a vacuum that is giving rise to increasing wickedness.

That is a stunning reflection by a man who is arguably the chief of the atheists.

He still doesn't believe in God, but he sees a literal fear of God by those who do believe in Him as a welcome deterrent against evil. He's concerned that losing that fear will give 'people a license to do really bad things,' and what he sees happening throughout society is shaking his confidence in his own belief in humanity's inherent goodness.

He realizes that people need help to do good. But that's not the main shocker.

When a committed atheist can see Christianity failing in its influence while, at the same time, Christendom's own leaders are mostly heedless of that fact, the church is in serious trouble."

(copied, *The Berean Call*, 2/20)

**"The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him ... in truth."**

- Psalm 145:17,18

Seven Parts of Music, etc.

"As we stated earlier, all seven parts of music help to create emotional force fields that are conveyed to the listener through the auditory nerves which are connected directly to the *midbrain*, the primary source of our emotions (note - music goes right to the emotions, bypassing the cognizant intelligence).

Again, as recorded earlier in this study, the wide range of human emotions can be reduced to *seven basic ingredients*: (1) mad, (2) sad, (3) glad, (4) scared, (5) sensual, (6) humorous, and (7) inspirational.

Music's job is to trigger one or more of these emotions through musical ideas expressed via the seven parts of the musical performance." p 223

"Rock music calls to all the baser instincts of man - riots, rebellion, sexual sensuality, sexual gratification, self-glorification. Rock music was designed to excite and stimulate the flesh." (p 159)

"Music is the universal language. Music can be understood and felt by all of humanity ... we can still sense the emotional content in most instances and react pleasurably to it." (back cover) - Jack Wheaton,

"The Amazing Power of Music"

"Music makes me forget my real situation: It transports me into a state which is not my own." (Leo Tolstoy)
(note - similar to a drug!)

THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Gargoyles

"Most medieval Europeans were illiterate and needed visual reminders of hell to get them into the ("Roman") church, so gargoyles were invented."

Chick-Fil-A

"...has surrendered To the LGBT 'bullies' and withdrawn its support for the F.C.A. and the Salvation Army. In its place, is supporting LGBTQ groups." - copied

Names for God

"In the Bible, there are around 100 different names used for God." - copied

Canaan

"The name of the Biblical land of Canaan means 'land of purple'." - copied

'Atheists'

"Early Christians were called Atheists by Romans because they didn't pay tribute to pagan gods." - copied

Red Cows

"A man in Nebraska is breeding red cows and sending them to Israel." - copied

SUPER BOWL IDOLATRY

"The Super Bowl is one of modern America's gods.

Viewership peaked at 115 million in 2014, but it still remains at about 100 million. It is not just a football game, it is a forum for the promotion of moral wickedness and humanistic philosophy. It is purposefully held on Sunday, a brash affront to the God who designated Sunday as 'the Lord's Day.'

For many years, the halftime show has been 'essentially a *celebration of gay pride*.' This year, one of the commercial spots featured 'pro-homosexual drag queens bent on indoctrinating your children into a pro-LGBTQ lifestyle' (whereas an anti-abortion commercial was deemed inappropriate). The game is primarily about greed, but the environment is permeated with foul speech, drinking, gambling, half-nakedness, rock & roll sensuality, a 'live as you please' philosophy (with a thin veneer of 'Jesus is my buddy and he helped me win' Christianity). Fox made \$412 million in advertising revenue this year, and the host city, Miami, received a \$500 million economic impact. The price of a single ticket is more than \$6,000. Anheuser-Busch has spent \$441 million on Super Bowl advertising since 2006. Super Bowl fans consume 52 million cases of beer. About 23 million people (7% of the population) place wagers on the game, totaling \$6.8 BILLION. The Super Bowl does not stir up righteous affections.

It's all about 'inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry' (Colossians 3:5). A pastor who stopped watching Super Bowl in 2008 said, 'It has become an intensified concentration of vulgarity and ego, with enough athletics in the game and cleverness in the commercials to trick me into watching. It's simply not what I'm living for.' To that we say, Amen. We would like to know how one can obey the following

Scripture while participating in the Super Bowl. **'And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather *reprove* them'** (Ephesians 5:11).

SUPER BOWL HALF TIME: Jennifer Lopez replaces Jesus on cross; worshipped as sex goddess. The following from 'Christians Clap and Cheer,' Reformation Charlotte, Feb. 3, 2020: "The Super Bowl Half-time Show during the NFL game last night may have been the most blasphemous production ever put on by a major world organization. As the show was riddled with sex, and references to sex, it is clear that Americans have exchanged the true God for a god of lust. ...

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March 2020

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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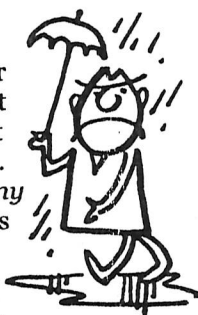
There are over 100
recorded preaching
messages available
to listen to at any time

And ... Many of the
recent monthly *NewsLetters*
and *bulletins* are available
to see and read



EXCUSES !

Here's some choices for those who have run out of excuses so you don't have to go to church ... It's too cold, it's too rainy and wet, it's too late, it's too hot, they're too unfriendly, they're too negative, I'm too tired, it lasts too long, or maybe like the biblical excuse, "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets." Proverbs 22:13. Notice by what kind of person this was said. The faithful Christian still seems to attend faithfully in spite of all these hindering experiences happening to them too!



During the show, Jennifer Lopez put on a ... dance performance and presented herself as a sex object for the world to watch. ... during the performance, it appears she is raised up on what looks like a pose on the cross of Jesus while the surrounding people fall down on their faces in simulated worship. [And there was an obvious depiction of the two crosses that were on either side of Jesus.] Anyone who thinks this wasn't by design is foolish."

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"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life ... (and the Super Bowl!) ... is not of the Father, but is of the world."

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall win the Super Bowl, and lose his own soul?"