

Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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This Month of May includes Two Special Days.

THIS SUNDAY, May 7th, is our church's 44th Anniversary.
It starts with Sunday school classes at 10:30 and the morning Service at 11:00.

A Nursery will also be available. Bring all the family.

Please come out and be a part of this day of rejoicing and celebration!

There will be refreshments afterwards & special gifts will be given to all.

"They ... were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." Luke 24:52,53



Also, in this month is Mothers' Day on May 14th.

This is a special time when we emphasize families and recognize all the ladies.

"A woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30

GOD IS ...

1. Smarter than we are;
2. Wiser than we are;
3. Holier than we are;
4. Older than we are;
5. More Truthful ;
6. More Patient than us;
7. More Honest ;
8. More Kind than we are;
9. More Merciful ;
10. More Fair than we are;
11. More Just than we are;
12. More Understanding;
13. More Powerful than us;
14. More Knowledgeable ;
15. More Reliable than we are;
16. More Trustworthy ;
17. More Generous than us;
18. Better than we are;
19. Richer than we are;
20. More Faithful ;
21. More Caring ;
22. More Loving ;

In every way God is better than we are! ... in fact, He is *more* than just better than us,

He is -
absolute perfection
in every way !

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

- Matthew 5:48

Law Enforcement & Music

"If music can soothe the savage beast, might it also charm out a holed-up gunman? The Houston police department's hostage-negotiating team counts music - everything from soothing gospel tunes to rousing martial airs - among their 'secret weapons'.

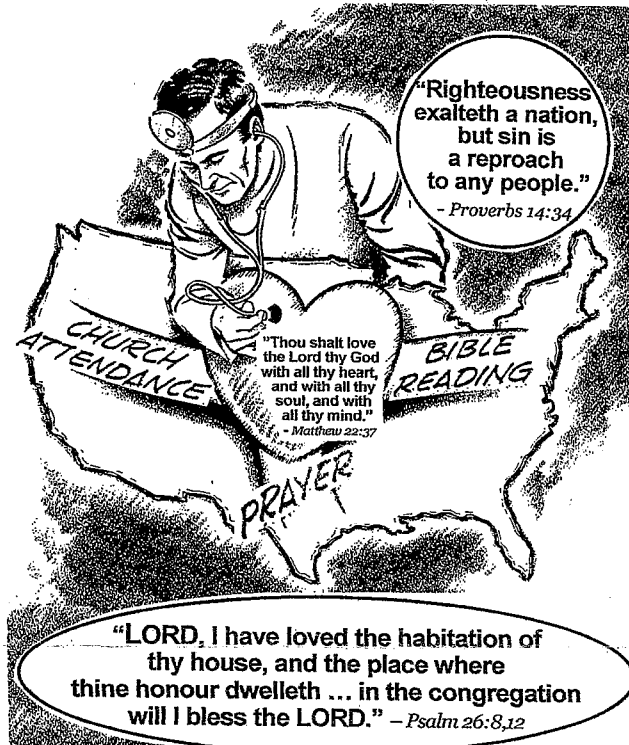
Not long ago they had to deal with an eighteen-year-old who ended an all-night drinking binge by threatening to commit suicide. He held his mother hostage and randomly shot at police.

The team waited six hours.

Then they figured he was not only tired, but probably suffering from a tremendous hangover.

They figured right. When they played 'Stars and Stripes Forever', at a deafening level over their loudspeakers, the teen promptly surrendered, unarmed and wincing."

- *Thinkpak*, Michael Michalko



God's Reasonable Offer

Isaiah 1:18, *"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD ..."*

God's humble offer to 'reason together' shows that Christianity includes sound thought, judgment and good sense; 'to think coherently and logically; to draw inferences or conclusions from facts'.
(*"God talks with men as rational beings."*)

Methods of Deception

"A major part of Satan's deceptive arsenal of weapons involves (1) challenging God's Word, the (2) denying God's Word, and finally (3) offering an alternative to God's Word that claims to produce better results than can be obtained by believing and obeying God. Genesis 3:1-5, "(1) *Yea, hath God said, then (2) Ye shall not surely die, and (3) Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."*



MORE THAN A SCHOOL BOOK

"More than a school book or text book, more than just a book on science or biology, history or social studies, a book that speaks on human behavior and psychology, it is all these but much more ... it is the eternal, perfectly preserved, prophetic, literal, inspired and trustworthy Bible the WORD OF GOD!



A Person's attitude toward the BIBLE is a strong indication and evidence of his spiritual condition."



CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

April 9 - Resurrection ('Easter') Sunday

May 7 - 44th Church Anniversary

Quotes

"The UNIVERSE is the most extraordinary masterpiece ever constructed by nobody."
(The atheists dilemma -Where did everything come from?)

"God takes complaining seriously."

"The more light we have, the more we shall see our own faults."

"The BIBLE is not politically correct!"

"Riches don't make a man better, they only make him busier."

"We tend to live on the level of the kind of MUSIC we listen to."

"It's almost impossible to overestimate the unimportance of most things."

"The political 'left' routinely labels Biblical truth as 'hate speech'."

"There's a tyranny in 'Consensus' Thinking."

"Many people battle for 'equal rights' when what they really mean is 'special privileges.'"

"Every group has its lunatic fringe."

"Mothers should not have children after 35 - 35 children are enough!" (;

"the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory." - Isaiah 60:19 b

... about the Completion of the Bible
 "I speak most plainly here, *no additional revelation is to be expected*, because the book of God is ended, the revelation of God is finished, and he that adds to the sacred book is cursed. (see Revelation 22:18)

I have little confidence in those persons who speak of having received *direct* revelations from the Lord, as though he appeared otherwise than by and through the gospel. His word is so full, so perfect, that for God to make any fresh revelation to you or me is quite needless.

To do so would be to put a dishonour upon the perfection of that word. There is a special curse pronounced upon any who shall add to this book; and you may rest assured that the Holy Spirit will not so transgress in a matter which he has peremptorily forbidden all his children to commit."

- Charles Spurgeon

Resurrection Reflections & Realities

"He suffered all the horror of hell; in one pelting shower of iron wrath it fell upon him, with hailstones bigger than a talent; and he stood until the black cloud had emptied itself completely. There was our debt, huge and immense; he paid the utmost farthing of whatever his people owed; and now there is not so much as a doit (*little value*) or a farthing (*a very small British coin*) due to the justice of God in the way of punishment from any believer; and though we owe God gratitude, though we owe much to his love, we owe nothing to his justice; *for Christ in that hour took all our sins, past, present, and to come*, and was punished for them all there and then, that we might never be punished because he suffered in our stead." C.H.S.



THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

'Living Water'

"There are Eight verses in the Bible with the phrase '*living water*', four in the Old Testament and four in the New Testament."

'The Chosen'

"... series was initiated and inspired from a partnership between Dallas Jenkins, an evangelical filmmaker, and three Mormon businessmen, Jeffrey and Neal Harmon and Derral Eves ... the Mormon influence on *The Chosen* is considerable ..."

- 'The Chosen' series, 10 Critical Concerns"

Sins of 'Ignorance'

"Under the Old Testament Law, *sins of 'ignorance'* needed to be forgiven and a sacrifice offered for them."

Church Services

"There is nowhere in the New Testament where there is given a format of a '*Schedule of Service*' to be followed that instructs how much, when or in what order to sing, pray, give, teach or preach at a local church."

Question: What is Mysticism?

"*Mysticism* is the process of turning from the objective truth of God's Word to the subjective realm of the imagination, *feelings*, and *emotions*. '... a significant cause that is turning Christendom away from '*sound doctrine*,' away 'from the truth,' and 'turned unto *fables*.' It's called **mysticism**. As we noted, mysticism is the obscurity of biblical doctrine. It is a process of taking the truth of God's Word and distorting it so badly that it becomes devoid of reason, logic, and common sense. It is a completely subjective process that rejects the objective truth presented in the Scriptures. Noah Webster, in his 1828 dictionary, defines the doctrine of the mystics as '*a religious sect who profess to have a direct intercourse with the Spirit of God*.' Mysticism creates an environment that is purely mental. It's the stuff of the imagination that *has no basis in reality*. Yet it's sold on the idea that it can and will become a reality ... he has to *draw people into the world of the imagination*, a world of make-believe, a world that can't be challenged on the basis of reason or objective truth.

It's a world that is completely subjective. It's driven by emotions, the state of one's mind, attitudes, moods, *feelings*, and so forth.

The initial attraction of mysticism is the lie that it will help a person draw closer to God.

That concept is promoted today primarily through the contemplative spiritual movement in Christendom. *The seduction centers around emotions and feelings.*

Doctrine is disdained and is believed to generate an unloving and uncaring mentality."

- T. A. McMahon, *The Berean Call*, February 2023

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devil." (1 Timothy 4:1)



BEWARE "The 'mystical' spirituality that is so popular in evangelical and charismatic circles today is a yearning for an *experience-based relationship with God* that downplays the role of faith and Scripture and that exalts 'transcendental' experiences that lift the individual from the earthly mundane into a (*supposedly*) higher 'spiritual' plane. Biblical prayer is talking with God; mystical prayer is silent meditation and 'centering' and other such things. Biblical Christianity is a patient walk of faith; mystical spirituality is a flight of fantasy. Biblical study is *analyzing and meditating upon the literal truth of the Scripture*;"

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May 2023

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.



May 7

44th Church Anniversary

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How Much to Read the Bible?

1. Until you understand how Bible verses apply in everyday life.
2. Until it is believed above and against all contrary philosophies and 'religions'.
3. Until it is chosen instead of 'worldly' science; i.e., evolution, psychology, humanism, etc.
4. Until it encourages and blesses you.
5. Until it makes a difference in your daily walk and lifestyle.
6. Until it begins to conform you to Bible morality and behavior.
7. Until you come to the conclusion that this 'world's' people and 'knowledge' are wrong.
8. Until it makes you look at the world puzzled and perplexed about how people live.
9. Until you know that the holy way of the holy Bible is the way of joy and blessing.
10. Until it motivates you into seeking the Lord.
11. Until it makes you feel guilty about something.
12. Until it convicts and convinces you to turn from your sin - Repent.
13. Until you choose to live a *separated* life unto God.
14. Until you believe God's written Word first over anyone in this world.
15. Until it takes away your fear in this world and replaces it with the great confidence and truth from *the God who cannot lie*.
16. Until you want to read more.
17. Until you want to go to church!
18. Until you understand and believe the Gospel of Salvation!
19. Until you know Who God is!

"*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*" Psalm 119:105