

# GENESIS 1:1

## Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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### GOD AS WITNESS

"FAITH learns more in the first sentence of the Bible than all human science and philosophy ever discovered, to wit: *'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'*

To create is to bring into being without the use of pre-existing material. That one sentence answers all atheism, pantheism, stoicism, Epicurianism, agnosticism, materialism ... *No man was there to witness.* We take it on God's word. He alone being present, reveals the past. We do not ask science or philosophy to account for the universe.

The scientist and philosopher were not there. We prefer to accept the testimony of the infinite eyewitness and agent rather than the puerile fancies and contradictory conjectures of finite absentees." (B.H. Carroll). **"In the beginning God Created ..."**

### Once Saved - Always Saved

Suppose it were true that a person once saved could be lost again. Suppose such a person, to gain Heaven would then have to be saved all over again.

But suppose the person in question never did get saved the second time and, departing this life a lost man, went finally to the lake of fire—after having been once "saved"?

In what sense, then, was he first saved? What was he saved from? Was he saved from the penalty of sin? No, for he did not escape the lake of fire. Was he saved from the power of sin? No, for he fell back into sin and died a lost man. And most assuredly he was not saved from the presence of sin, for none this side of Heaven have yet been saved from that.

What was he saved from then? The answer is: **Nothing at all!**

He may have thought he was saved. He may have felt saved. He may have acted as though he were saved. His friends may have thought he was saved, but in the final analysis, he was **saved from nothing.**

Salvation, to be anything more than a mere term, **must** be everlasting. Any person who has been saved has been **eternally** saved. No one is saved until he is eternally saved. Anyone who dies in a lost condition never was saved at all.

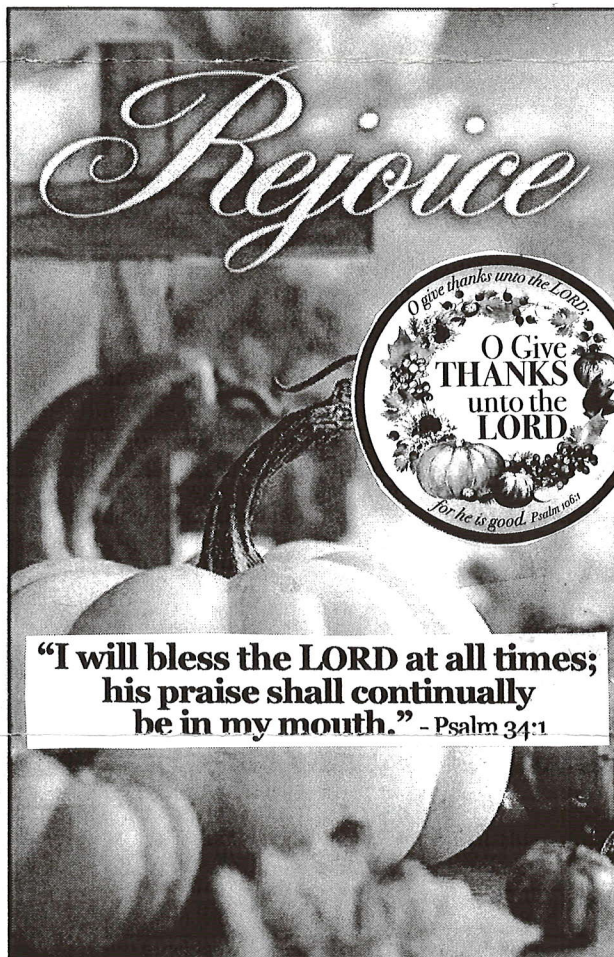
Does this mean we must wait until this life is over to find out? No. We may be saved **now** and **know** it. This is evident from such passages as I Corinthians 1:18, where the Apostle Paul refers to "us which are saved."

How can we be saved? See John 3:36.

### Christian Faith at its **Strongest**

"The Christian faith is rather at its strongest when its antagonism to unbelief is most definite, when its spirit is other-worldly, and when its whole trust is not 'in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God', I Corinthians 2:5"

- Iain Murray,  
"Evangelicalism Divided", p 212



**"I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually  
be in my mouth." - Psalm 34:1**

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

### Quotes

**"Sin is not to be judged by how we see it, but by how God sees it."**

**"Deceivers will be deceived!"**

**"Satan needed no tempter to sin."**

**"FRIENDS are the chocolate chips in the cookie of life."**

**"When you open a window yourself you get fresh air - when someone else opens a window, you get a draft."**

**"To have the right friends, you must be willing to have the right enemies."**

**"We cannot ignore sin to death."**

**"Living by faith means not living by your emotions."**

**"Words can hit harder than fists."**

**"Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error."**

**"Where God is, disorder cannot reign;  
His laws are ever adjusting the disorders  
which our sins create."**

### Biblical Love:

**In Relation To Doctrinal Error  
"Nor can we ignore it to death"**

"It is a serious mistake to presume that the Christian can maintain a neutral or passive attitude toward error.

Contrariwise, we must *oppose* error as definitely as we embrace truth.

*Error is never static or stagnant, but is always aggressive.*

For that reason it has never died a natural death, nor can we ignore it to death."

Error *ceaselessly* seeks to corrupt, efface, and neutralize the truth, and to destroy all whom it enmeshes in its tentacles.

The grand reason then for opposing error is to retrieve precious souls from its blight, and to deliver them from bondage to freedom, from darkness to marvelous light."

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### God is UNDERSTANDING

The word 'infinite' means unlimited.

God is infinite and therefore is *not* limited in any way.

God is unlimited in all ways.

To consider one area of God being *infinite* is - God is *infinite* in Understanding.

He has no limits to knowing why things happen. He is never puzzled, surprised, or unsure about anything!

And, this God reveals His understanding in His Word - the Bible!

Read it, learn it, and believe it, to benefit from this God of infinite understanding!"

### God's Tests of the 'Best' and 'Worst'

"Peter says, *"and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?"*

(I Peter 4:18)

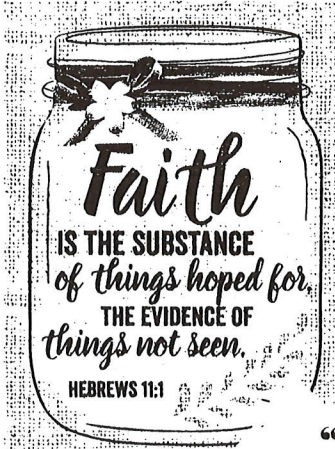
by which he means, I think, first, that if even the righteous are so severely tested, what *short work* will God make with the unrighteous; if the wheat must thus be winnowed, how certainly will the chaff be destroyed: if the gold must pass through the fire, how assuredly will the dross be consumed!

The God who tries and tests the best will certainly not wink at the worst."

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**"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth:  
for the LORD hath spoken ..."**

- Isaiah 1:2 a





## TWELVE Uses of the TONGUE

### [ ] CONDEMNED [ ] COMMENDED

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| 1. Gossiping,<br><i>Deuteronomy 22:13-19</i>                         | 1. Speaking Truth,<br><i>Proverbs 24:26</i>     |
| 2. Talebearing,<br><i>Leviticus 19:16;</i><br><i>Proverbs 11:13</i>  | 2. Blessing,<br><i>Psalms 16:7</i>              |
| 3. False witnessing,<br><i>Exodus 20:16, 23:7</i>                    | 3. Encouraging,<br><i>Joshua 1:9</i>            |
| 4. Cursing,<br><i>Romans 3:14</i>                                    | 4. Teaching,<br><i>II Timothy 2:2</i>           |
| 5. Slandering,<br><i>I Timothy 5:13</i>                              | 5. Rebuking,<br><i>Luke 17:3,4</i>              |
| 6. Bitterness,<br><i>Romans 3:14</i>                                 | 6. Confessing Sins,<br><i>James 1:16</i>        |
| 7. Boasting,<br><i>Romans 1:30</i>                                   | 7. Calming &<br>Comforting,<br><i>Job 16:2,</i> |
| 8. Defaming,<br><i>Jeremiah 20:10</i>                                | 8. Praying,<br><i>James 1:16</i>                |
| 9. Tattling,<br><i>I Timothy 5:13</i>                                | 9. Preaching,<br><i>II Timothy 4:2</i>          |
| 10. Lying,<br><i>Proverbs 6:17;</i><br><i>Revelation 21:8, 22:15</i> | 10. Sympathizing,<br><i>Romans 12:15</i>        |
| 11. Deceiving,<br><i>Revelation 12:9</i>                             | 11. Witnessing,<br><i>I Peter 3:15</i>          |
| 12. Backbiting,<br><i>Psalms 15:3;</i><br><i>Romans 1:30</i>         | 12. Praising God<br><i>Psalms 7:17</i>          |

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things ... And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity ... But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." - *James 3:5-6, 8-10*

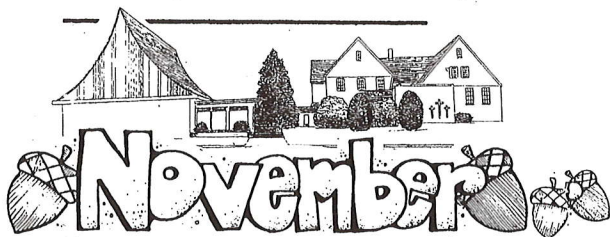
Read Your Bible Twenty Minutes a day.  
If you're too busy to read the Bible twenty minutes  
a day, then read your Bible an hour a day!"

### BIBLE BAPTIST TEMPLE

P.O. Box 32005  
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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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#### Karl Marx wrote

"Communism abolishes eternal truth, it abolishes all religion, and all morality" (*The Communist Manifesto*). Marxism, the new 'Leftism', Critical Theory, etc., is simply a war against God and His Holy Laws."  
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#### Senate Dress Code

"Senate Majority leader Chuck Schumer ... ordered that the Senate dress code is to stop being enforced (Senator John Fetterman appeared in shorts, T-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts) ... Within days the Senate voted unanimously to restore the dress code."  
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(opinion ... "Dress down, hang loose, be sloppy - that's the spirit of our times. This is the same spirit that has invaded many of our churches; frankly it does not bode well for either the Senate or our churches."  
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#### Drunkards

"It is said that 'The drunkard's life has two Chapters: One, he could have stopped if he would; and Two, he would have stopped if he could.' - copied



## Bible Commentaries

On several occasions I have heard people disdain commentaries, but I have learned to love good commentaries and I thank God for them often. I thank God that I read and understand English, because that is where most of the good commentaries are today. When I was a young Christian, I determined to read and study the Bible alone and to forgo consulting any commentaries or study books. I did this religiously for awhile, and the Lord made it plain to me that I need help from men and that He was not going to give me everything by direct enlightenment. It is not that the Bible is insufficient; it is that I am only one weak man and can't possibly know and understand everything without help.

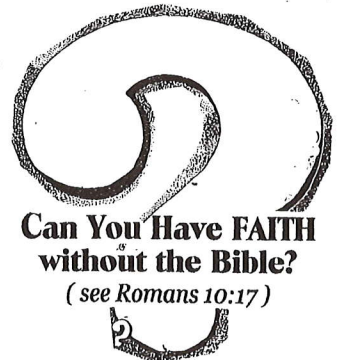
When I rejected the use of commentaries, I was left with my own meager resources, and though I have some gifts in understanding and teaching the Bible, I am still only a very man with limited ideas, learning, and experience when left to my own resources. Any man who is honest before God will acknowledge that most of his knowledge and understanding is gleaned from other men. God has ordained this. That is why we start life as a child and are dependent upon parents and tutors, and even as we grow older, we remain very dependent upon the help of others. God has given ministry-gifted men to the churches, He uses them to edify the saints (*Eph 4:11-14; II Tim 2:2*). If I were shut up on a remote island with only the Bible, I am sure the Lord would give me everything I needed for that situation directly through His Word, but that is not His normal way of operation. I am thankful that some of the excellent teaching of past and present generations has been captured in print so I can possess it and consult it whenever I please. Such material is worth its weight in gold. It is priceless." - David Cloud, *'Way of Life Literature'*

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The word "wicked" or "wickedness" appears throughout the Bible, but what does it mean? *The International Bible Encyclopedia* gives this definition of wicked according to the Bible: "The state of being wicked; a mental disregard for justice, righteousness, truth, honor, virtue; evil in thought and life; depravity; sinfulness; criminality." Although the word wickedness appears 119 times in the 1611 King James Bible, it is a term rarely heard today, and appears only 61 times in the English Standard Version, published in 2001. The ESV simply makes use of synonyms in several places. The use of 'wicked' to describe fairy tale witches has devalued its seriousness, but in the Bible, the term was a scathing accusation. In fact, being wicked sometimes brought God's curse upon people. "An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked." *Proverbs 29:27*



Can You Have FAITH  
without the Bible?

(see *Romans 10:17*)

"But without faith it is  
IMPOSSIBLE to please him;"

- *Hebrews 11:6*

"So then faith cometh by  
hearing, and hearing  
by the word of God."

- *Romans 10:17*