

# Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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“He ever liveth  
to make  
intercession  
for them”



- Hebrews  
7:25 b

## The Present Work of Jesus Christ

While the Bible focuses much attention on the *past* work of the Lord, His *present* ministry in heaven is of great importance and comfort to the believer.

While Satan is the ‘*accuser of the brethren*’, Revelation 12:10, **Christ** appears before the Father as the believer’s Advocate, and His shed blood *continues* to speak for us, *I John 2:1; Hebrews 12:24.*

**Christ** continues His ‘cleansing’ work on behalf of each believer. This work is freely given on the basis of the confession of sins, *I John 1:9.* This fact has to do with our ‘standing’ (*relationship/position*) in **Christ**; and this assures Christians not only *permanent* union, but of *continual* communion. **Christ** enjoys fellowship with each believer, and **Christ** is preparing a place for each and every Christian in heaven! *John 14:2*

## HOW TO VOTE AS A CHRISTIAN

“There is something worse than  
not voting, and that is  
casting an ignorant vote.”

WHAT IS AN IGNORANT VOTE?

A Christian should *not* vote a ‘party’, or a personality, and especially *not* cast an ignorant vote!

To vote as a Christian is to first learn what the Bible says - ‘*search the Scriptures*’ - Acts 17:11- to find out what God says about issues and candidates!

1. Voting on an issue or person, without knowing what God’s Word says about it is casting an ignorant vote.
2. Know the candidate and where he/she stands on the issues - know their history, how they’ve voted and served in the past.
3. Know who the candidate’s ‘friends’ are - “*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly ...*”, - Psalm 1:1
4. People who do not know, at least basically, what is in the U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights may be casting an ignorant vote.”
5. An ignorant vote is voting without knowing how your Pastor is going to vote. “*... whose faith follow ...*”, Hebrews 13:7
6. To Vote contrary to and in opposition of what the Bible teaches on any given subject, is to cast a vote against God and His Word. (Jesus said, “*He that is not with me is against me*”, Luke 11:23);

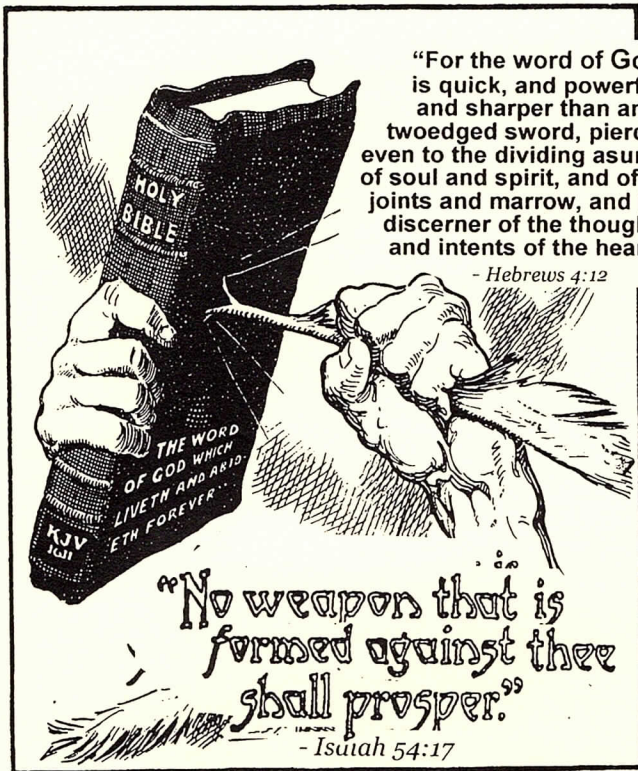
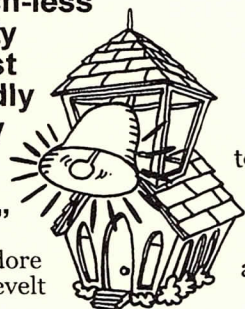
“... **whatsoever ye do (even voting), do all to the glory of God.**”

- *I Corinthians 10:31 b*

“ISSUES for November Elections”  
- abortion, economy, southern wall, religious freedom, Israel, America a Republic, first amendment, second amendment, public schools, etc.)

“A Church-less  
Society  
is most  
assuredly  
a society  
on the  
down  
grade.”

- Theodore  
Roosevelt



“For the word of God  
is quick, and powerful,  
and sharper than any  
twoedged sword, piercing  
even to the dividing asunder  
of soul and spirit, and of the  
joints and marrow, and is a  
discerner of the thoughts  
and intents of the heart.”

- Hebrews 4:12

“No weapon that is  
formed against thee  
shall prosper.”

- Isaiah 54:17

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Friday Night Church - 1st and 3rd Friday  
of each Month - 7:00 pm

## Quotes

“Give your life to God; He can do  
more with it than you can.”

“A nation is born stoic, dies epicurean.”

“Man’s apostasy began with an affection for forbidden  
knowledge; but it is kept up by an affection  
for forbidden ignorance.”

“It’s easier to fool people than to  
convince them that they’ve been fooled.”

“CONVICTION is for the ‘saved’ as well as  
for the ‘unsaved.’”

“Obey  
my voice,  
and I will be  
your God”

- Jeremiah 7:23 b

“Almost right is still wrong.”

“Many times *can’t* means *won’t*.”

“A whetstone, though it cannot cut,  
may sharpen a knife that will.”

“The power of government is the  
religion of many politicians ...”

“Popularity with men is not popularity with God.”

## President Abraham Lincoln’s Prayer

“Whereas it is the *duty of nations*, as well as of men,  
to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God,  
to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow,  
yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead  
to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth,  
announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history,  
that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord”

Abraham Lincoln, March 30, 1863



## The Important Contrast

“IF religious books are not  
widely circulated among  
the masses in this country,  
I do not know what is to  
become of us as a nation.

IF truth is not diffused,  
error will be.

IF God and His Word  
are not known and received,  
the devil and his works  
will gain the ascendancy.  
IF the evangelical volume  
does not reach every hamlet,  
the pages of a corrupt and  
licentious literature will.”

- Daniel Webster

## The Reason

“The only real argument  
against the Bible is an  
unholy life.

When a man argues  
against the Word of God,  
follow him home,  
and see if you cannot  
discover the reason  
of his enmity to the  
Word of the Lord.

It lies in some sort of sin.”

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## “exceeding sinful”

“Man knows that he is a sinner  
by the testimony of conscience;  
but by the published *law of God*  
he has an *intensified* ‘knowledge  
of sin’ (Romans 3:19, 20; 7:7)  
The Apostle Paul says, “*I had  
not known sin, except through  
the law*” (Romans 7:7).

He does not mean that he had  
not known sin in any sense,  
but that he had not known it  
as *exceeding* sinful!

That is why we must preach  
the law to sinners.” - copied,  
Henry C. Thiessen

“Lectures in Systematic Theology”

## “Effect or Evidence?”

“Not that our Salvation  
should be the effect of  
our work, but our work  
should be the evidence of  
our Salvation.”

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“The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him,  
to all that call upon him in truth.”

- Psalm 145:18

**BIBLE Proofs, Tests & Convincing Evidences:**

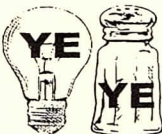
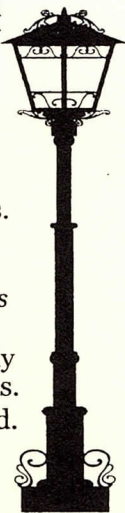
There are 66 books in the Bible - 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. There were about 40 different men who wrote the words of these books, but there is only One Author. The time of their writing covers a period of about 1,500 years, but it tells of one unbroken message that does not have even a single mistake or contradiction! There are many proofs that will remove the doubts of any honest seeker after truth such as ...

1. PROPHECY - Almost one-third of the Bible was prophetic when it was first written, and the parts that have already happened were exactly accurate to the smallest detail.
2. HISTORICAL and SCIENTIFIC Accuracy - Nowhere in the Bible are there any differences or contradictions with true history or science.
3. PRESERVATION - In spite of persecution over the centuries, and serious efforts to destroy it from the face of the earth, it is still abundant today.
4. MORAL TEACHINGS - The Bible has the highest principles for human conduct. It even teaches that man cannot attain to them..
5. UNITY - Even though the Bible was written by so many authors, over many years, there are no differences or contradictions in its teachings.
6. ADHERENTS - People over the centuries have been willing to sacrifice even their lives rather than deny the teachings of this Book; *i.e.*, martyrs
7. SUPERNATURAL - Another proof that it is supernatural is evidenced by how it dramatically changes those who believe and obey its doctrines.
8. AGE - Parts of the Bible are nearly 4,000 years old. What other book is that old and still around in such numbers today?
9. SELF-CLAIMS - What it says about itself, and what it claims to be, is important. It claims to be the very Word of God itself!
10. CHRIST'S TESTIMONY - Jesus said it was and is and always will be absolutely perfect; without any error! Mark 13:31, John 10:35

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**Spurgeon & Reading**  
"Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) had no advanced education, but he read 6 books a week. He was reading deep theological books by Puritans at age 10."

**Chicago**

"The city of Chicago, so far this year, has had 337 murders."  
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OBJECTIVE REASON vs. SUBJECTIVE FEELINGS  
"We live in a **feeling-oriented society** and, sadly, that has spilled over into the church. ... feelings are unreliable. Emotions are untrustworthy. They ebb and flow like the tides of the sea that bring in all kinds of seaweed and debris and deposit them on the shore ... Such is the state of those whose emotions rule their lives. Doubt and discouragement, particularly about the Christian life, are the inevitable result of trying to interpret our feelings as though they were truth. They are *not*. But the Christian who is forewarned and well armed is a person *not* governed by feelings but by the truth he knows. He does *not* rely on his feelings to prove anything to him. Relying on feelings is precisely the error many people make in life. They will continually question their relationship with God ... What we need to do is stop ... focusing on our feelings, and instead redirect our focus to God and the truth we know about Him *from His Word!*" (copied)

**"Work" & Success - Proverbs 12:24**

**24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.**

Note, 1. Industry is the way to preferment. Solomon advanced Jeroboam, because he saw that he was an industrious young man, and minded his business, 1 Kings xi. 28. Men that take pains in study and serviceableness, will thereby gain such an interest and reputation as will give them a dominion over all about them, by which means many have risen strangely. He that has been *faithful in a few things* shall be made ruler over many things. The elders, that labour in the word and doctrine, are worthy of double honour; and those that are diligent when they are young will get that which will enable them to rule, and so to rest, when they are old.

2. Knavery is the way to slavery; *The slothful and careless, or rather the deceitful, (for so the word signifies,) shall be under tribute.* Those that, because they will not take pains in an honest calling, live by their shifts, and arts of dishonesty, are paltry and beggarly, and will be kept under. Those that are diligent and honest, when they are apprentices, will come to be masters; but those that are otherwise are the fools which, all their days, must be *servants to the wise in heart.*

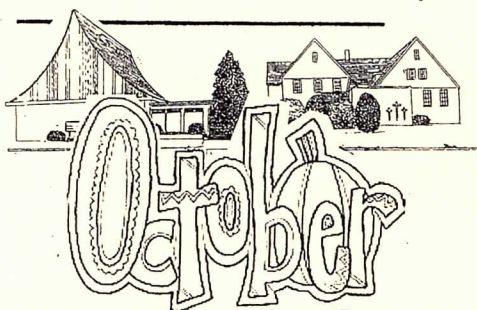
*Matthew Henry Commentary*

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**October 2024**

- 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 present world is an evil world: it has become so by the sin of man, and it is so on account of the sin and sorrow with which it abounds and the many snares and temptations to which we are exposed as long as we continue in it.

**Galatians 1:3,4,5,** " \_\_\_\_\_ be to you and \_\_\_\_\_ from God the Father, and from \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ us from this \_\_\_\_\_ e \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_, according to the will of God and our Father. To whom be \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever. \_\_\_\_\_."

But, Jesus Christ has died to deliver us from this present evil world, *not* presently to remove his people out of it, but to rescue them from the power of it, to keep them from the evil of it, and in due time to possess them of another and better world." (*Matthew Henry*)

\*words in alphabetical order to fill-in for Galatians 1:3-5 ...  
**Amen deliver evil glory Grace himself our peace present sins world**