

Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
that He gave His
Only Begotten Son
THAT WHOSOEVER
believeth in Him
SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
everlasting
life.
JOHN 3:16

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John 3:16 is a verse in the Bible that affirms who Jesus is, why He came to earth, and what belief in Him results in. The verse depicts how great God's love for the world is that He would be willing to offer up His son for us, which was an enormous sacrifice on God's part. This is the highest expression of love of which we can conceive.

A parent who should give up his only son to die for others who are guilty if this could or might be done - would show higher love than could be manifested in any other way.

So it shows the depth of the love of God, that He was willing to give His only Son, His *only begotten* Son, into the hands of sinful men that he might be slain, and thus redeem them from eternal sorrow.

'Encourage Him'

Deuteronomy 1:38

"God uses His people to encourage one another ... We should be glad that God usually works for man by man.

It forms a bond of brotherhood. When we are mutually dependent on one another, we are more completely blended into one family.

Beloved, take the text as God's message to you.

Work to help others, and especially strive to encourage them.

Speak in an encouraging way to the young person who is anxiously seeking God, and lovingly try to (re)move stumbling blocks out of his way.

Allow the young believer to discover the roughness of the road by degrees, but tell him of the strength that dwells in God, of the sureness of the promise, and of the delights of communion with Christ." - copied

Sinless perfection?

No, but ...

"The Scriptures never assert or imply that the Christian may, in this life, be perfectly sinless.

(but) The Christian life in its essential nature is the opposite of all sin. If there be sin, it must be after the working of the old nature.

Yet all Christians are required in Scripture to advance, to confess sin and receive forgiveness, to maintain

(*spiritual*) warfare, to assume the attitude of ill desert in prayer, to receive chastisement for the removal of imperfections, to regard full salvation as a matter of hope, not of present experience."

- copied, Emery H. Bancroft

Declaring TRUTH

"In order for something to be declared true, it must be discoverable, transcultural, unchanging, unaffected by attitude, absolute, and knowable.

For example, 2+2=4 is a truth that can be discovered (not created by one person), transcends all cultures, never changes, cannot be affected by feelings, is absolute in its factualness, and is knowable by all of humanity.

These same qualities and attributes can be ascribed to the God of the Bible.

God is truth." - copied

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

- 1 John 5:12

Spartans or Persians in Battle?

"When the Spartans marched into battle they advanced with cheerful songs, willing to fight; but when the Persians entered the conflict, you could hear, as the regiments came on, the crack of whips by which the officers drove the cowards to the fray. You need not wonder that a few Spartans were more than a match for the thousands of Persians, and that in fact they were like lions in the midst of sheep. So let it be with the church; never should she be forced to reluctant action, but full of irrepressible life, she should long for conflict against everything which is contrary to God. Were we enthusiastic soldiers of the cross, we should be like lions in the midst of herds of enemies, and through God's help nothing would be able to stand against us."

CONSTANT READING

"A close study of Christian biographies reveal the fact that all really great men of God were constant readers of the Scriptures.

The Lord's word to Joshua has perpetual significance, *'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.'* (Joshua 1:8).'

- copied, Henry C. Thiessen,

"Lectures in Systematic THEOLOGY", p 394



Too Much of a Good Thing

"There can be too much of a good thing. For instance, throwing one end of a rope to a person who has fallen through the ice on a lake is good. Throwing in both ends is too much!"



CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesdays - Prayer & Bible Studies

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

QUOTES

"When people don't believe the Bible they make up their own rules."

"A thief believes everybody steals."

"An onion can make people cry, but there is no vegetable that can make people laugh."

"The demands of covetousness are insatiable."

"The back-seat driver never runs out of gas."

Does 'freedom of speech' include lying?

"ADVERSITY introduces a man to himself."

"The Bible is un-improveable."

"Wondering if there is a God is like wondering if there is water while drowning."

'Faith' justifies the person;
'Works' justifies his faith."



"The GOSPEL is not simply a statement of facts to be believed, but a Person to be obeyed."

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

- Luke 6:46

"The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked." - Psalm 129:4

Courageous, Strong, Lively & Cheerful

"The **HEART** must be kept courageous and strong and lively, like an instrument which is tuned to tune all the rest, or else every grief will make thee impatient.

In Deuteronomy 30:9, it is said that God rejoices to do us good, and therefore in Deuteronomy 28, the Jews are reproved because they rejoiced *not* in the service of God. As He loveth a *cheerful* giver, so He loveth a *cheerful* server and a *cheerful* preacher and a *cheerful* hearer and a *cheerful* worshiper; and therefore David saith, 'Let us sing unto the LORD, (Psalm 95:1), showing, as it were, the tune which delights God's ears.'" - Henry Smith, "The Ladder of Peace"



Boats

"The Gospel is for lifeboats not showboats, and a man must make up his mind which he is going to board!"

- Vance Havner

IF, THEN

Isaiah 58:9, "Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer."

"The sense is, that if we go before God renouncing all our sins, and desirous of doing our duty, then we have a right to expect that He will hear us.

But if we go indulging still in sin; if we are false and hollow and hypocritical in our worship; or if, while we keep up the regular forms of devotion, we are nevertheless guilty of oppression, cruelty, and dishonesty, we have no right to expect that He will hear us."

- "Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible"



THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Snowflakes

"Snowflakes fall at an average speed of 3 to 4 miles per hour."
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Alcohol & President Trump

"The new President does not drink any alcohol!"

Proverbs 20:1,
23:20-21, 31:4,5

Scripture

means 'collection of sacred writings'."

Muslim Violence

"Muslim violence is excused by false claims of victimhood."
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The 'Perfect Bible' Issue

"From time to time, I am forced to deal with the issue of creation versus evolution. Once in a while, I have had to counter the subtle teachings of humanism. The greatest and most persistent challenge that I have run into is neither of those. It is the almost universally taught lie that there is no perfect Bible....For every college professor who smirked at the story of Jonah or challenged the creation account, there have been a thousand Sunday school teachers that have taught that there is no perfect Bible. There was a time when only seminarians had access to the instrument of textual criticism that ultimately destroyed confidence in the AV 1611. Today, in the very lowest grammar school grades, it is found necessary to indoctrinate young minds with the same infidelity."
- John M. Asquith

FAULTS or SINS

Observe that we are instructed to confess our *faults*, not our *sins*. The standard Greek word for sin is *harmartia*, but that is not used here. Instead, James uses the word *paraptoma*, which refers to "a side-slip, lapse, deviation, or error" (Strong). Elsewhere it is translated 'fall' (Romans 11:11), 'offence' (Romans 4:25), 'trespass' (Matthew 6:14). James is instructing us to confess those faults that are committed against other brethren.

He is not asking us to confess our deepest sins that we have committed against God.

Those are confessed to God directly. We confess faults to man that we have committed against man, and we confess sins to God that we have committed against God. "The confession referred to is for 'faults' with reference to 'one another,' that is, where one has injured another; and nothing is said of confessing faults to those whom we have *not* injured at all" (Barnes).

Modern versions such as the NIV and NASV erroneously read '*sin*' instead of '*faults*' in James 5:16 because they follow the corrupt Westcott-Hort Greek text which replaces the word *paraptoma* with *hamartia*." - copied

What is

'Assurance of Salvation?'

"Assurance of salvation is the Bible guarantee that once someone has put their faith in Jesus Christ, repented of their sins, and has entered into that relationship with God, they are sealed with God the Holy Spirit and are guaranteed their sins are fully forgiven.

And that they will go to Heaven after they die."

Acts 20:21; II Corinthians 5:17;
Ephesians 4:30 'sealed'; I John 5:11-13

Do you have Assurance of Salvation?

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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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Weekly RADIO Programs - WHKW 1220 AM -



Thursday Evenings, 8:00 pm
Friday Afternoons, 2:00 pm
Saturday Mornings, 10:00 am
Sunday Afternoons, 2:30 pm
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MARRIAGE

- I. Marriage is COVENANT - a Contract; legally binding
Ecclesiastes 5:4-6; Malachi 2:14,15
- II. Marriage is a YOKE - a voluntary bondage, *II Cor 6:14*
- III. Marriage is a FRIENDSHIP, *Song of Solomon 5:16;*
Proverbs 22:24-25
- IV. Marriage is a PARTNERSHIP, *Genesis 2:24*
- V. Marriage is a NEIGHBOR RELATIONSHIP, *Luke 10:33-37*
- VI. Marriage is CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP
I Peter 1:22; Romans 12:10, 14; Ephesians 5:21-33
- VII. Marriage Pictures a SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP
- within which the Lord is a part; *Ephesians 5:21-33;*
Proverbs 18:22
- VIII. Marriage is (should be) a JOY! *Deuteronomy 24:5;*
Proverbs 5:18
- IX. Marriage is BLESSING; *Proverbs 18:22, 31:10*
- X. Marriage is GOD'S idea, plan and 'will', *Genesis 2:24*

"In the marriage vows, when one says 'I do' to one, they are also saying, 'I don't' to all others."

"In real love you want the others person's good. In romantic love you want the other person."
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Society once (publicly, at least) considered sex outside of marriage a threat to its stability. Now, sex reserved exclusively for marriage is considered quaint."
- Cal Thomas

In the Bible, love is a promise and vow, not just an emotion.

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