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Age 3 thru Grade 5

**New Semester Starting
This Sunday**

Bring the kids! (see page 6)



Don't Look Too Closely!

**Evolution is
Unscientific**

Dr. Jeff Miller

FREE
Seminar

August 29-31



By Dan Jenkins

The Unpardonable Sin

When Jesus spoke of an unpardonable sin in Matthew chapter twelve, He introduced a concept which is difficult for some to comprehend. There is a difference between an unpardoned sin (any sin for which one will not repent) and one that God would not forgive in the age of Jesus or the age which followed. Read Matthew 12:23-32 several times, then think about the following truths.

There is a historical setting for what Jesus said. Jesus had just cast out a demon by the Holy Spirit of God. His enemies could not deny what they had seen so they attributed His action to the power of Satan. Think for a moment, *what if the accusation brought by the Jews had been accepted?* There would have been no way for Jesus to show He was the Son of God, for He could have raised all the dead, but it would only have shown He was the “son of Satan.” Thus Jesus’ words stopped this charge the first time it was said.

Consider the words used by Jesus. The Bible elsewhere speaks of “resisting the Spirit” (Acts 7:51) and of “quenching the Spirit” (1 Thess. 5:19), but this is not what Jesus said about this unpardonable sin. He was very specific about its nature when He said the sin was blaspheming the Spirit. He then defined the word blaspheming of the Spirit as

“to speak against the Spirit” (Matt. 12:31-32). His words show that the unpardonable sin was to speak against the Spirit. This is precisely what the Jews had done. Jesus had cast out the demon by the Spirit of God (12:28), and they spoke against the Spirit by calling Him the Spirit of Beelzebub (12:24).

Were the Jews guilty of speaking against the Spirit (the unpardonable sin) on that day? An action is not sinful until God reveals that such is sinful. Suppose you drove down the highway at 55 miles per hour and officials came behind you posting the speed limit as being 35 miles per hour. You did not do wrong, for the law had not been given. Thus, on that day, the action of the Jews preceded the revelation that speaking against the Spirit was unpardonable. They were not guilty of sin. His words ended such speaking against the Spirit.

Could men blaspheme the Spirit today? It is highly unlikely for one would have to see miracles to call them actions of Satan. It would indeed be strange for one to accept the Bible account of the *fact* of His miracles as trustworthy while denying the trustworthiness of the *source* of His power.

Read Mark’s account. Mark concludes and forever settles this matter when He adds these words to this event. “Because they said He had an unclean spirit” (Mark 3:28). Mark clearly defined what Jesus meant. Both the context and word definition help us understand this sin.

Both the context and word definition helps us understand the unpardonable sin



By David Sproule

Where Partiality Does Not Exist

One of the most amazing affirmations in the Bible is this statement—“**God shows no partiality**” (Acts 10:34). What a thought! What a wonderful and yet perplexing thought! This truth was not isolated to one time or one event in Scripture, but it is found throughout the Old and New Testaments (Deut. 10:17; 2 Chron. 19:7; Eph. 6:9; 1 Pet. 1:17). Paul not only affirms that “God shows personal favoritism to no man” (Gal. 2:6), but he reveals that it is against God’s very nature—“There is no partiality with God” (Rom. 2:11).

God accepts all genders and all races equally. Are there any “other religions” or “other gods” who do that? Galatians 3:28 declares, “There is neither Jew nor Greek...there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” “*Whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him*” (Acts 10:35)!

God accepts the “haves” and the “have-nots.” Who does that? Who accepts both? In Christ, “there is neither... barbarian, Scythia, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all” without partiality (Col. 3:11). “*Whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him*” (Acts 10:35)!

God accepts all sinners (Luke 5:32). This includes ones who we might even label “the chief of sinners” (1 Tim.

1:15), “ungodly sinners” (Jude 15) and “worse sinners” (Luke 13:2). He wants all sinners “to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). “*Whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him*” (Acts 10:35)!

God even accepts you! Even with all of your flaws, all of your problems, all of your sins, God still wants you! Despite the fact that you were once “ungodly,” a “sinner” and an “enemy” of God, He still sent His Son to die for you, that you might be reconciled back to Him (Rom. 5:6-10). “*Whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him*” (Acts 10:35)!

The fact that God shows no partiality, when we struggle so mightily with that weakness ourselves, is so amazing, so refreshing, so illustrative. Therefore, it should not surprise us that **God calls upon us to follow His lead!** “You shall not show partiality in judgment” (Deut. 1:17; 16:19). “To show partiality is not good” (Prov. 28:21; 24:23). “Do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality...But if you show partiality, you commit sin” (Jas. 2:1, 9).

We must not show personal favoritism to certain genders, certain races, certain “haves” (or “have-nots”), certain types of sinners, etc. Our responsibility is to take the gospel to ALL men and do good to ALL men (Mark 16:15; Gal. 6:10), following the supreme example of our Savior!

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What flavor do your words have?

We are all familiar with the concept of grace. Often defined as “unmerited favor,” when one is on the receiving end of grace, he receives favor (or a gift) which he does not deserve and has done nothing to earn. In our relationship with God, EVERYTHING that He gives to us is grace, for how could we ever deserve or earn anything with which He so richly blesses us?

What about our relationship with our fellowman? Where does grace fit in, and how should it fit in? Consider just one area, which may not immediately come to mind. Our Father instructs us, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers...Let your speech always be with grace” (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6).

The words that we speak should (by definition) gift to others a blessing or treatment better than they deserve or have earned. Does your speech impart grace to hearers? Are your words always with grace? It takes effort, but isn't that what we want from others (cf. Matt. 7:12)? – DS

The death of a celebrity brings reminders

The death of big-time celebrities always grabs the headlines and grabs our attention, especially if the person was iconic in his/her field, a gifted entertainer and well-known by all ages. When this happens, we should be reminded of some important matters.

We should be reminded that we ourselves will die one day, as that is appointed unto all (Heb. 9:27). We should be reminded that people (of “lesser notoriety”) are dying around us every day. We should be reminded that souls are leaving this earth every day and going to their eternal abode. We should be reminded that once a person dies, his/her eternal destiny cannot be changed. We should be reminded that it is our responsibility, as children of God, to teach the gospel to every person on this earth (celebrity and non-celebrity alike). We should be reminded that our true heroes need to be Christians who are living faithful lives. We should be reminded that as death is appointed for each one, so is the final judgment before the King Himself.

Are you ready? Are you working? How's your perspective on all of this? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	recovering from oral surgery, in a lot of pain
Jerry Hopkins	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Cynthia Ingraham	recovering from surgery on her feet
Tom Martens	recovering from outpatient procedure last week
Chuck Reeves	hospitalized last week for medical tests
Lovella Rogers	recovering from eye surgery
Angie Seames	complications from recent foot surgery
Linda Studer	recovering from cancer surgery, Jup Med Ctr (rm 433)
Teresa Williams	recovering from surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Our Shut-Ins:	Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Leigh Puckett
	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Betty Matter	Ricky Smedley
	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Lennie Langley	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, multiple complications
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
Richard Hamlen	Stephanie Weeks' father, hospitalized, breathing problems
Carl Hoeweler	Jennifer Jordan's uncle, chemo & radiation for cancer
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Susan Schenk	Leesa Schenk's sister-in-law, diagnosed with bone cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, chest surgery
Quintel Smith, Jr.	Willie & Giselle Smith's infant grandson, St. Mary's NICU
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, health is failing

Pray for Our Missionaries

Josh Blackmer	Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 17

- ◆ **Congregational Singing Class** (led by Gary Friedly) at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 18

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, August 19

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Friday, August 22

- ◆ **Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Quinn. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Sunday, August 24

- ◆ **Baby Shower for David & Jessica Santana** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Target & Babies 'R Us. It's a boy!

Friday-Sunday, August 29-31

- ◆ **Science vs Evolution Seminar with Jeff Miller.** See the Welcome Desk in the Lobby for more details.

Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 31

- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Can Return Deadline.** Please return all filled coin cans to the office.

Friday-Sunday, September 5-7

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for details.

Saturday, September 6

- ◆ **Teacher Work Day** for Fall Quarter teachers. The Media Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Sunday, September 7

- ◆ **Fall Quarter Bible Classes Begin.**
- ◆ **Blackmer Family Celebration Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room.



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Young Adults

Sunday, August 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.

Saturday, August 23

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, September 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kari Reeves.

Monday, September 15

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.

Saturday, October 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



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Youth

Saturday, August 23

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 24

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Thursday-Sunday, September 11-14

- ◆ **Trip to R.U.S.H. at FHU.** For juniors and seniors only. Any teen interested in going must see David Sproule before August 24.

Sunday, September 14

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, September 20

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite games and snacks to share.



STEPPING INTO THE BIBLE

Age 3
thru
Grade 5

Designed to develop and strengthen a living faith in the hearts of our children by walking them into the settings, narratives and truths of the living messages of God's Word!


Semester #5

August 17

thru

December 31



	King Saul	David: The Young Man	David: The Brave Warrior	David: The King of Israel	David: The Final Years
Session 1 <i>Aug. 17 thru Sept. 10</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Tim Fry</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Trish Clark</i>	Kindergarten <i>Lisa Metzkes</i>	Grade 1 <i>Jennifer Higbee</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Julie Trujillo</i>
Session 2 <i>Sept. 14 thru Oct. 8</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Cara Blackmer</i>	Kindergarten <i>Sue Hoelzer & Judy Lerro</i>	Grade 1 <i>Gwen Lyons</i>
Session 3 <i>Oct. 12 thru Nov. 5</i>	Grade 1 <i>Gwen Lyons</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Cara Blackmer</i>	Kindergarten <i>Sue Hoelzer & Judy Lerro</i>
Session 4 <i>Nov. 9 thru Dec. 3</i>	Kindergarten <i>Sue Hoelzer & Judy Lerro</i>	Grade 1 <i>Gwen Lyons</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Cara Blackmer</i>
Session 5 <i>Dec. 7 thru Dec. 31</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Cara Blackmer</i>	Kindergarten <i>Sue Hoelzer & Judy Lerro</i>	Grade 1 <i>Gwen Lyons</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>

“...always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58)



The **David Payne family** has moved to Tennessee.
Nikki Revoli placed membership at Suncoast.
Monica Morando placed membership July 27.



Sunday,
 August 10

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Paulette Arrington; Arianna & Aniya Bassett; Caila Buonadonna; Mrs. Kendra Carver; Iesha Cobb; Jordan Davis; Alexandria Harmon; Michelet Jean; David, Daisy, Carolyn, & Daniel Lord; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Miller; Mrs. Cheryl Mohamed; David Santana; Janice Simpson; Kevin Schenk; Crystal Lee Williams; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Tipton; and Sandra Woodrick & Melanie Donnally.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Ann Carter & Aubrey, Oakland Park, FL; Mrs. Thelma Findley, Bladensburg, MD; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Griffin, Madison, AL; Mrs. Tresa Sherrill, Allee, Cameron, & Alesha, Stuart, FL; Gordon Sullins, Rogers, AR; Matthew, Julie, & Jonah Watson, Bartlesville, OK; and Joe Woodfall, Gallo-way, NJ.



Monday (Aug. 18th)
 Benny Rodgers
 Deboria Walker

Friday (Aug. 22nd)
 Nicole Freseman

Tuesday (Aug. 19th)
 David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)

Saturday (Aug. 23rd)
 Chuck & Mary Reeves (Ann.)
 Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
 Inell Ingram
 Skye Brown

Thursday (Aug. 21st)
 Tiffany Cheshier
 Josie Dawson
 Bettye King

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, August 17

Lead Singing Matt Ellis
 Opening Prayer Ted Friesner
 Scripture Reading..... Adam Seal
 Presiding at Table Eugene Williams
 Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Brent Leslie
 Cam Crofts Vincent Rogers
 Mike Erickson Clayton Trujillo
 Namddie Ikon Ken Worsham
 Alternates:
 Johnny Davis L.H. Richardson
 Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, August 17

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
 Opening Prayer Harrison Carter
 Scripture Reading..... Mike Ellis
 Presiding at Table..... Tim Fry
 Serve at Table:
 Lance Collier
 John Kemp
 Nick Pietro
 Closing Prayer Dave McLeod

Wednesday Evening, August 20

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
 Extend Invitation..... Novel Brown
 Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Aug. 10</u>	<u>July Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	230	229
Sun. A.M. Worship	360	376
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	184
Wed. Bible study	230	204
Contribution	\$13,627	\$13,263
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +15,219		

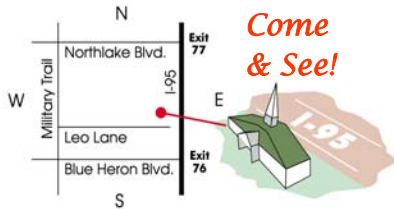
Ushers for the week of **Aug. 17:** Head Usher: Tim Cox, Jim Rogers & Kevin Weeks



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Come & See!

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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Ruth Milton, Ruth Lipford & Judy Carmack

Don't Look Too Closely!
Evolution is Unscientific
Dr. Jeff Miller

FREE Seminar

August 29-31

A qualified, credentialed scientist discredits Evolution and the Big Bang Theory.

Friday, August 29
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 1)
Do the following laws of science support the atheistic evolutionary model or the creation model:
1st Law of Thermodynamics, 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, Law of Causality?

Saturday, August 30
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 2)
Do the following laws of science support the atheistic evolutionary model or the creation model:
Laws of Probability, Law of Biogenesis, Genetic Mutation?

Evolution's Evidence (Part 1)
Do the commonly cited alleged evidences of Darwinian evolution prove it to be true:
Embryonic Recapitulation, Homologous Structures, Genetic Similarities, Horse Evolution, Whale Evolution, Vestigial Organs and Genes, Fossil Evidence I?

Sunday, August 31
9:00-11:30 a.m.
Evolution's Evidence (Part 2)
Do the commonly cited alleged evidences of Darwinian evolution prove it to be true:
Fossil Evidence II, Uniformitarianism, Dating Methods?

Why Be an Atheist?
If the evidence is so decisive, why do so many reject it?