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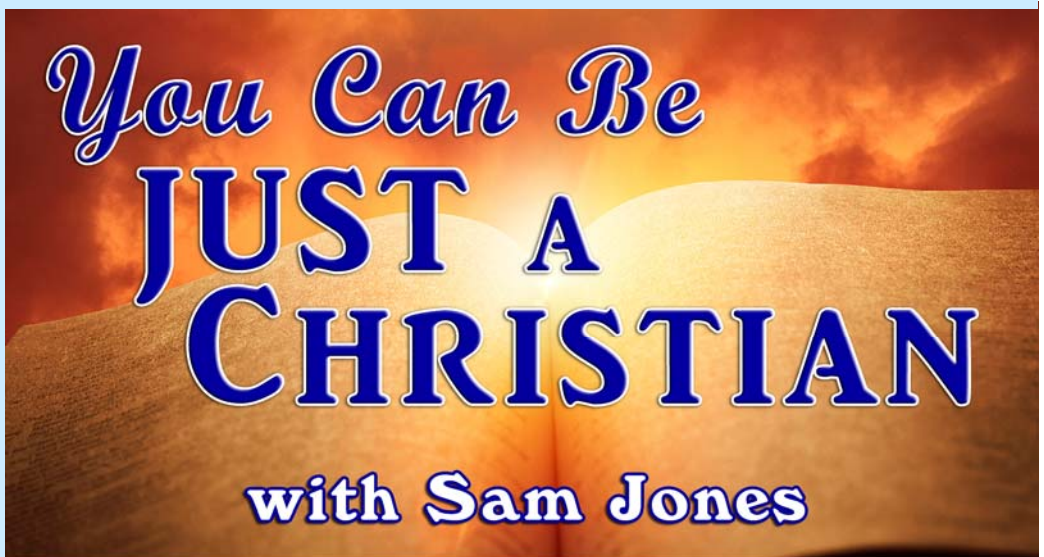


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By Dan Jenkins

Transgression or Progression

There are several Greek words used to describe sin. Probably the most common one indicates the “missing of the mark.” There is that path which the “arrow” of our lives must follow to arrive at our ultimate destination. When our life fails to follow the divine path to the target, the result is sin.

There is another word used to describe what sin is, and this word is usually translated “transgress” or “transgression.” The word literally indicates that one has stepped across the line. Visualize the “line” of righteousness—one that runs north and south. We transgress every time we step across that line. We have no right to walk either by going “east or west” of that line. God’s eternal truth is clearly stated and cannot be violated. It is never right to do wrong. An illustration of this is to look at the “north/south” affirmation from God about lying. “All liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone” (Rev. 21:8). Transgression of that law is done by stepping across the line.

However, there is another interesting Greek word which should be considered. The King James Version says, “Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God” (2 John 9). Later translations reflect the text far more graphically saying, “Whosoever goes onward and

abides not in the teaching of Christ, has not God.” These words reflect the import of the original language. The literal rendering of the Greek (the Greek word is *pro-ago*) is to “go ahead” of the doctrine of Christ. It is obviously sinful to transgress, to go *against* what God says. What is not so obvious is that it is equally wrong to go *ahead* of the teaching of Christ. The word used by John is different from the sin of transgression. He used a word that describes sin as *pro-gression*. God simply does not give us the right to go *before* His teachings. Sometimes, in our desire to force the Bible to justify our prejudiced study, we have gone on *ahead* of what God wants. Such progressiveness is sin. We cannot have God if we go ahead of what He says.

Understanding this concept helps us deal with the attitude which says, “Where does the Bible say I cannot do this?” Such an attitude will never lead one to finding truth. God’s will is not stated with thousands of “thou shall nots” but is revealed in simple affirmations of what we should do. We are not at liberty to do everything for which there is not a specific prohibition. Our liberty is reflected in doing only those things for which there is permission.

The maze of denominationalism is the result of individuals going ahead of what God says. This may seem like it is progressive, but it is sinful. We can sin by transgressing His teachings or by going ahead of His teaching. Both are sinful!

One is guilty of progressive sin when he goes ahead of what the Bible says



By David Sproule

How Do You Take Your Coffee?

Coffee used to be much simpler. Then came the big, commercial coffee houses and things sure got more complex (and complicated). So, how do you take your coffee?

Decaf. Straight black. Cream and two sugars. Shot of espresso. Iced. Frappuccino. Cappuccino. Americano. Macchiato. Latte. Mocha. Dark Chocolate Peppermint Mocha. Tall Two Pump Mocha Blended Cream Frappuccino. Venti Black No Room. Sure is different than it used to be!

This got me to thinking—how do we “take” a lot of things today, especially the important things?

How do you “take God”? Do you take His “loving” side or His “exacting” side? Do you take His “goodness” or His “severity”? Do you take Him when it’s convenient, when you’re in trouble, when you have no other choice, or all the time?

How do you “take God’s Word”? Do you take it as inspired or merely inspiring? Do you take it as infallible or as questionable? Do you take it as authoritative or as suggestion? Do you take it as understandable or as confusing? Do you take it as essential or as discretionary? Do you take it when you have no where else to go or because there is no where else to go?

How do you “take God’s church”? Do you take it as Divine or as manmade? Do you take it as identifiable or as indistinguishable? Do you take it as singular or as multiple choice? Do you take it as Christ-regulated or as human-regulated? Do you take it as imperative or as optional? Do you take it when its suitable for you, when its needful for you or as your top priority?

How do you “take God’s worship”? Do you take it seriously or dismissively? Do you take it as a priority or as a possibility? Do you take it yearningly or grudgingly? Do you take it as Scripturally authorized or as culturally attractive? Do you take it weekly, monthly, annually, when things are good, when things are bad or “every time the doors are open”?

How do you “take God’s narrow path to heaven”? Do you take it as an absolute or as an anecdote? Do you take it with solemnity or with speculation? Do you take it as an admonition or as an exaggeration? Do you take it as a requirement or an option?

We live in a world where things are not as simple as they used to be—from coffee to religion. There are so many different ideas about God, His Word, the church, worship and the narrow path to heaven that it may seem that any idea will do. However, there is only one way to “take” all of these matters—God’s way! Let’s go back to the original, simple plan!

How do we “take” a lot of things today, especially the important things?



By Josh Blackmer

Fathers Be Good to Your Daughters

“Oh, you see that skin? It’s the same she’s been standing in since the day she saw him walking away. Now she’s left cleaning up the mess he made. So fathers, be good to your daughters, daughters will love like you do...” These few lines are from the song “Daughters” by John Mayer. In 2005, it won Song of the Year at the Grammy Awards. When appearing on the VH1 show *Storytellers* in 2011, Mayer had this to say about the song, “I loved a girl a lot, but she couldn’t trust men. And if you trace it back, it was the first man in her life she couldn’t trust...it really is the result of tracing it backwards to find out how I could possibly love this person. And the answer is: you can’t. Because someone else didn’t before you.”

You may have seen or heard of the tragedies that have unfolded in a woman’s life because of the damage done by an absent father figure. These women have the power to overcome the physical or emotional unavailability of the father, but it is usually not until after some damage has been done to skew the girl’s view of self, love, men and emotional relationships.

Our self-image can begin to define thinking patterns about how we are perceived and how we relate or “should” relate to others. With this image, we begin to create the

boundaries of what we think we are capable. We need to convey to our daughters that they are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psa. 139:14) and that, “God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline” (2 Tim. 1:7). We must admire her for who she is and praise her for what she has done. We must not focus on the things that she is powerless to change such as appearance and physical attributes.

Daughters will love like you do.

Real love is not achieved by looking good enough to gain the attention of others. Real love is modeled in how we treat one another. A girl’s concept of love and how to be loved will start with the father figure. If he is modeling the love shown by God (1 John 3:16-18; 1 Cor. 13:4-8a), then a healthy concept can be formed. God has exemplified unconditional love toward us. The apostle John says in this passage that talk is cheap. Model the kind of love she should expect in a healthy relationship, and she will gravitate toward those who are doing the same.

The most important relationship anyone can have is with God the Father. This too can be helped or hindered by the father figure. It is a tragic thing to cause a child to stumble in their concept of God (Matt. 18:6). Take heed, fathers, that the actions you take towards your daughter are those that would build her up and set her on a path to love God and to be loved by her future husband, because daughters will love like you do.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“It is impossible for God to lie!”

How many things can you absolutely count on in life today? Can you absolutely count on having hot water in your morning shower? Can you absolutely count on your refrigerator not dying during the night? Can you absolutely count on your car starting every morning? Can you absolutely count on the red lights and green lights to be red and green at the right (safe) time?

Our world is filled with uncertainty! How gloriously reassuring to know this absolute, unwavering truth: “It is impossible for God to lie” (Heb. 6:18). When God says something, it is absolutely impossible for God to be untruthful. When God promises something, it is absolutely impossible for God to deceive, falsify, misstate or even to break a promise.

“I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you” (Isa. 41:10). It is impossible for Him to lie! “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5). It is impossible for Him to lie! “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). It is impossible for Him to lie! – DS



“God said...and it was so!”

There is no chapter in the Bible more fascinating, thrilling and profound than the first chapter of the Bible. There are 31 verses and the name “God” is found 32 times and the masculine, personal pronoun “He” is found 6 times (for a total of 38 times). What is that first chapter about? GOD! Five times, “God created.” Five times, “God made.” One time, “God set.” Two times, “God divided.” Five times, “God called.” Two times, “God blessed.” Seven times, “God saw.”

Ten times in this chapter we read, “God said.” Think about that for a minute. In order to create, make, set and divide everything in six days, “God said.” In other words, “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth...For He spoke, and it was done” (Psa. 33:6, 9). Everything in God’s creation responded to Him. Six times in the chapter we read this expression, “and it was so.” “God said... and it was so.”

How do you respond to God’s words? Could it be said of you— “and it was so”? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jeff Feeney	recovering from kidney stone procedure
Maria Hackshaw	recovering from car accident, in a lot of pain
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from surgery, in a lot of pain
Carol Hardman	recovering from biopsy surgery
Juanita Huser	Brookdale Senior Living (room 214), broken upper arm
Ruth Milton	dealing with severe pain in hip and leg
Janice Osborne	awaiting test results from biopsy
Cathy Seay	fell and broke her shoulder

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	chronic health problems
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with back issues
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Gary Fox, Jr.	Michael Fox's brother, dealing with multiple health issues
Corinne Gardner	Dave Holaday's daughter, dealing with health issues
Oliver Hardin	Margie Hardin's husband, under Hospice Care
Bob Heeter	Karen Friesner's brother, diagnosed with leukemia
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, open heart surgery, improving
Doug Ludolph	Cathy Seay's fiancé, recovering at home from heart surg.
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from hip surgery
Horace Miller, Jr.	Cheryl Floyd's brother, St. Mary's, ventilator & dialysis

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Kay Fish	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Joe Quigley
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Shelton Howell	Margaret Wade

Pray for Our Missionaries

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, March 13

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.
- ◆ **Single Ladies Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

Thursday, March 17

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks.

Friday, March 18

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please carpool; parking is limited.

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20

- ◆ **Singles' Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, March 20

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 31

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Sunday, April 3

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 10

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Monday, March 14

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. Bring toppings for taco salad, desserts and drinks.

Saturday March 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Cookout for Kids** at Ty Park in Miami from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, March 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Tuesday, March 29

- ◆ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule.

Saturday, April 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Chuck & Trish Clark.

Monday, April 4

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, March 13

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

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20

- ◆ **Stand Out, Speak Up at CFBC** for girls in Grades 6-12. Cost is \$45 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, March 26

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High. Jr. High Youth arrive at the building at 9:45 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs. (No chocolate in eggs, it will melt.) Grades 5 & under children should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a food item.

Sunday, March 27

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

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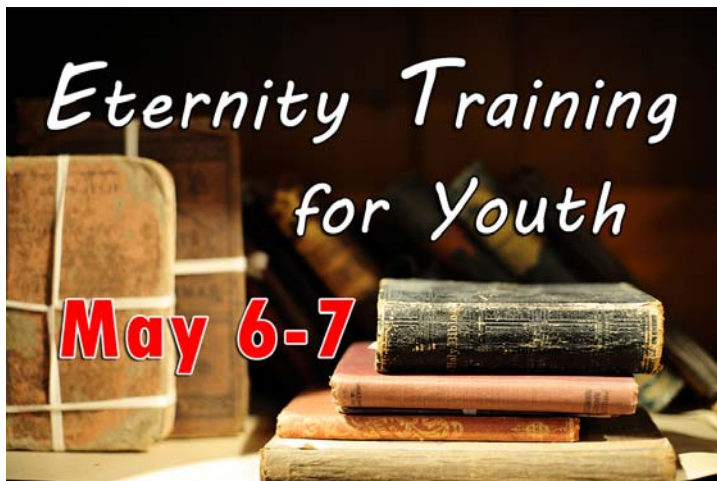
To Be Called a Christian

*"For **I am not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone" (Rom. 1:16).*

*"In **nothing I shall be ashamed...** so now also Christ will be magnified in my body" (Phil. 1:20).*

*"**I am not ashamed,** for I know whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1:12).*

*"Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, **let him not be ashamed,** but let him glorify God in that name" (1 Pet. 4:16).*



Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (March 13th)

Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)
Leesa Schenk

Wednesday March 16th (cont.)

Lynn Jorgensen
Cassie Lavender
Sue Shelt

Monday (March 14th)

Mike Erickson

Thursday (March 17th)

Paul & Nellie Batitsky (Ann.)

Tuesday (March 15th)

Henry & Josephine Bass (Ann.)

Friday (March 18th)

Jackie Price

Wednesday (March 16th)

Tim Cox

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



Sunday,
March 6

Cecilia Tipton was restored on Monday, March 7.

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Davia Allen; Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Mr. Rico Aristy; Miss Dazzy Capre; Ms. Dionne Carter; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Crews; Miss Squadeina Davis; Mr. Justin DeMond; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Dozier; Mrs. Mae Dukes; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Paul & Angela Flowers; Ms. Audra Fulton; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Jamie Granino; Miss Courtney Green; Ms. Rashana Green; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Miss Courtney Green; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. John Judd; Mrs. Kathy Kelley & Melanie; Ms. Ashley King; Miss Danielle King; Robert Lerro; Timothy Lockhart; Randy McKinley; Miss Anna Kay Miller; Mrs. Rebecca Huffman; Fred Mosley; Miss Aliah Pendley; Mr. & Mrs. Joel Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rayfield, Tanner & Gibson; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reitano; Mrs. Sharon Reitz; Aaron Ross; Willie Sanon; Miss Camele Sinclair; John Steen; Ms. Natasha Wagner; Ms. Carmen Wellington; Terry West; Mr. & Mrs. Breather Williams; Morris Williams; and Mrs. Twyla Wright.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Berry, Akron, OH; Mrs. Anna Carter & Mrs. Joan Palmer, Searcy, AR; Ms. Jesula Charles, Miramar, FL; Ms. Bonnye Cox, Melrose, FL; Miss Claudia DeSilva, Miami, FL; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Ms. Linda Edwards, Chattanooga, TN; Brayden Gillis & Ashley Smith, Murfreesboro, TN; Ms. Joan Humphrey, Sebastian, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Scott Jadwin, Salem, MO; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Brad Lewis, Columbia, TN; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Ms. Rose Miller, Fair Lawn, NJ; Marcus Moeller, Kissimmee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Owens, Dyersburg, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons, Ashville, AL; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Averill Thomas, Shelby Township, MI; Ms. Jan Todd, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Robin Vitarelli, Matthew & Ashlyn, Plantation, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Yancy, Kevil, KY.

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, March 13

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
 Opening Prayer Richard Lerro
 Scripture Reading Jerry Hopkins
 Presiding at Table Morris McDaniel
 Serve at Table:
 Josue Charles Jeremy Maloney
 Victor Colage Scott Studer
 Freddie Gadson Darin Summerlot
 Brett Lau Richard Watson
 Alternates:
 Johnny Davis Bill Ingram, Jr.
 Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, March 13

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
 Opening Prayer David Brown
 Scripture Reading Glen Dawson
 Presiding at Table Dick Kelley
 Serve at Table:
 Jacade Reynolds
 Clayton Trujillo
 Marty Williams
 Closing Prayer Joe Maloney
Wednesday Evening, March 16
 Lead Singing Ivan Villard
 Invitation Ken Tipton
 Family Prayer Brad Shelt

Ushers for the week of **Mar. 13**: Head Usher: Lance Collier; Kane Campbell & Paul Hensel

Our Record

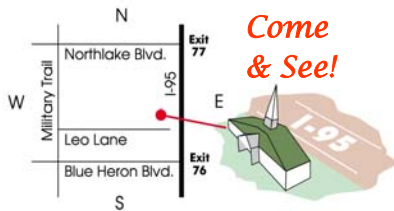
Attendance	<u>Mar. 6</u>	<u>Feb. Av.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	246	220
Sun. A.M. Worship	435	386
Sun. P.M. Worship	212	193
Wed. Bible Study	273	217
Contribution	\$16,319	\$15,052
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
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Come & See!

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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: **John & Carolyn Kemp**



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

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Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).