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**SPIRITUAL
Enrichment Weekend**

October 13-15



Get on the S.E.W. BUS





By Dan Jenkins

His Glory is Full of Truth

This is our third look at John 1:17. “The Word became flesh and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” We looked first at the emphasis placed on God’s glory in the Bible. Last week, we emphasized that there cannot be divine glory without grace.

This week, we emphasize there can be no glory without truth.

Grace Without Truth Can Lead to Lewdness

There was a major problem in a doctrine which threatened the early church. When men heard of grace, false teachers forgot that grace cannot exist without it being tied to truth. Jude 1:4 described them as “...ungodly men who turned the grace of our Lord into lewdness.” They really thought that moral purity did not matter, believing they could teach and practice immorality and still be saved. Tragically, that same problem exists in our world by Christians who fail to exercise restraint in their dress, their actions and their entertainment.

Grace Without Truth Can Lead to Disobedience

When the Word described the final judgment, He described an attitude of religious individuals who thought that as long as they were doing notable works in the name of Jesus, God’s grace would cover them. Jesus said, “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your

name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matt. 7:22-23). What a vivid description of the attitude of many leaders of denominations today. Ignoring what Jesus teaches about worship, the Lord’s supper, salvation, baptism and Bible authority, they feel justified thinking that God’s grace will cover these “small” matters. Jesus clearly says they will be lost.

Grace Without Truth Can Lead to Infidelity

The practice of ignoring truth and teaching that God’s grace will be given to all who serve the Lord in any way is the basis of the religious division which permeates religion in America. The night of Jesus’ betrayal, He prayed fervently that all who believed on Him might be one, just like He and the Father were one. What did He see as the result of all believers being dedicated to the one truth He had given to the apostles? “That the world may believe that You have sent Me” (John 17:21). Why are there so many unbelievers in our land? Read His prayer again—religious division among believers creates infidelity!

Grace and Truth Must Be in Us

When we are the light of the world, it will see our light and glorify the Father (Matt. 5:16). Jesus’ glory was full of grace and truth. Both of these must be in us!

Jesus was full of grace and truth. Both of these same qualities must be in us.



By David Sproule

Which of the 63 Genders Are You?

Leave it up to the devil-controlled, morally-bankrupt society in which we live to take that which is so incredibly simple and to twist and corrupt it beyond rational recognition. It is almost beyond words to explain the lunacy to which our world has fallen!

For simple illustration purposes, answer this question: “How many sides does a coin have?” That’s about as simple as it gets. A coin has two sides—front and back, top and bottom, heads and tails. When a coin is tossed at the beginning of a football game, how many options can a player call out? Just two! Heads or tails! When the coin is in the air, he cannot (and has never) said, “Oh, wait! There are 63 sides to that coin!” (Now, again, this is only for illustration purposes.)

However, our society, who claims to be so intelligent and intuitive, is making a fool of itself when it comes to the matter of gender identity. Since the beginning of time, it has been abundantly clear to every rational human being that there are two and only two genders. Yet, our twisted fellow-citizens would have us to believe that there are actually 63 genders. Does that not sound as silly and absurd as saying a coin has 63 sides? But so many are accepting whatever they’re told these days, especially if it fits a certain narrative.

One’s maleness or femaleness is God’s choice and is evident at birth.

The Bible says that God made two distinct genders—male and female (Gen. 1:27; Mark 10:6). Those two genders are identifiable, distinguishable and comparable to each other (but not exchangeable).

The Bible says that one’s gender is determined by God upon conception (Jer. 1:5). Elizabeth had “conceived a son” (Luke 1:36).

The Bible says that one’s gender is developed (even identifiable) in the womb. God forms the “inward parts” of the unborn child (Psa. 139:13-16).

The Bible says that one’s gender is clearly evident upon birth (Gen. 16:11; Luke 1:57-63). Regarding Jesus Himself, Scripture states, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a **Son**, and they shall call **His** name Immanuel” (Matt. 1:23). Doctors have always been able, with one look, to declare, “*Congratulations! It’s a...*” and announce the very obvious gender (only one of two possibilities—not 63).

God assigns gender to each person. One’s maleness or femaleness is God’s choice and is evident at birth. God doesn’t make mistakes, so it is clear that no one is “born in the wrong body”! One’s gender is part is his/her crated, God-given identity, and it is not left up to the individual to determine. Science, culture and feelings are not our standard in any of this! Only our Creator and His Word can be trusted!



By Josh Blackmer

Christ-Centered Life

There is a center to our lives that gives us direction. Some place family, work, hobbies or self-awareness in that center. You could see where any one of those things could take you in various directions. What would happen if we were Christ-centered? To do that, we first have to die to ourselves (Gal. 2:20). We must die to sin (Rom. 6:1-4). We must also die to the world (Gal. 6:14).

Once these distractions are out of the way we can truly live. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). The abundant life is only achievable with Christ as our center. Paul said, "according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:20-21). Let's look at this in three different ways.

For me to live in Christ. There is a lot to be said for being in a relationship with Christ. We have, "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). Jesus said this about living in Him, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). In Him, we

have everything, and apart from Him, we can do nothing.

For me to live with Christ. When Paul wrote Timothy he mentioned that in his first defense no one stood with him, but the Lord was with him and strengthened him (2 Tim. 4:16-17). He knew what it was like to be alone, but he had the assurance that the Lord was with him. "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters" (Matt. 12:30). Christ is very clear that we must have a life with Him.

For me to live for Christ. "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men" (Col. 3:23). Living for Christ means we have changed the focus off of ourselves and to Him. He should be the center. When that is aligned right, then our actions are for Him. We should live for Christ because He lived for us (John 1:4-5), He suffered for us (Matt. 27:26-31), and He died for us (Rom. 5:8). When these things are on our minds it is easier to put our focus on Him.

When Paul says, "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain," He was in a spiritually-balanced life. We need to make sure Christ is centered in our lives so that we can truly achieve that abundant life in Him. He is not promising riches, but "What would a man give in exchange for his soul?" We have an opportunity to live, without the fear of death, a life that is laser-focused on Christ, our center.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He wants you back...every time!

God's people had been taken into captivity by their enemy as punishment for continued rebellion and unfaithfulness to their faithful and loving God. But even while under the rule of a foreign regime, the Lord never stopped pleading with His wayward Judah to return to Him. His promise and plea: "Please come back! Keep My commandments! Let's be like we were before—you be My people and I'll be your God!" (paraphrase of Ezek. 11:19-20).

Do you know that God longs for that very same thing today, and He makes that very same promise to us? No matter what is in our past, He pleads with us to turn to Him and keep His commandments. When we do, He will remember our sins "no more," and He promises, "I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (Heb. 8:10-12).

We serve an amazing God! Truly, "the Lord is good!" Truly, "His mercy is everlasting" (Psa. 100:5)! – DS



The heart cleaner

Have you ever had one of those stains? The kind where you worked on it yourself for a while. You checked the internet for additional ideas and solutions. Finally, you called the professionals. But, to your dismay, even they could not "get it out."

You will not find a stain more troublesome or impossible to expunge than that of personal sin. It is not just a surface stain—it soaks all the way through and deep down into the soul. It is the result of a personal choice and will make its impact known on one's personal life.

But there is One—our loving and merciful God—who can wash us in the blood of the Lamb and thoroughly purify our souls. Child of God, when was the last time you talked to God and pleaded with Him, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow....Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psa. 51:8-10)? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	now at home and regaining his strength
Adrienne Banks	now at home and doing well
Joe Holland	Heartland Healthcare, undergoing rehab
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Jeremy Maloney	recovering from surgery to repair broken femur
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
Charles Norton	St. Mary's Medical Center (room 3317), fluid on lungs
Godfrey Pratt	ICU at St. Mary's Medical Center (room 401)
Cathy Seay	recovering at home, continues to improve
Kyle Sink	recovering from shoulder surgery, doing well
Robert Swayne	fell and injured his hip, undergoing rehab

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Shelton Howell
Sandra Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Debra Dagostino	David Lord's sister, recovering from kidney surgery
Iris Massey	Inell Ingram's sister, congestive heart failure
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, recovering from eye surgery
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
Jane Woodruff	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, still in rehab at St. Mary's, stroke

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 8

- ◆ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Jimmie & Adrienne Banks** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Macy's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.
- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Friday-Sunday, October 13-15

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board and fill out a registration form from the Welcome Desk. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Sunday, October 15

- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**
- ◆ **H2H Congregational Labeling Night** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Thursday, October 19

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Saturday, October 21

- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. RSVP by October 18 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.

Sunday, October 22

- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

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

Friday-Sunday, October 13-15

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Friday, October 20

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, October 28

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party** at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. See Cam or Ivan for more details.

Friday, November 3

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, November 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, October 8

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

Friday, October 20

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, October 21

- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, October 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, October 28

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest.** See Josh Blackmer for more details.

20 Reasons to Attend Bible Class

By Dan Jenkins & David Sproule

1. To obey the command of God to study the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:5).
2. To grow in knowledge (1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18).
3. To grow closer to God and increase faith (Rom. 10:17).
4. To become a more effective teacher (Heb. 5:13-6:1).
5. To be with Jesus and let Jesus be your teacher (John 6:45; Eph. 4:20-21).
6. To be with and associate with the best people on earth (1 John 4:7-8; Heb. 10:24-25).
7. To become stronger (Psa. 119:165; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
8. To feed my soul (Jer. 15:16; Psa. 119:103).
9. To find answers (Psa. 119:99; John 7:17).
10. To overcome sin (1 John 5:4; Matt. 4:4).
11. To gain wisdom (2 Tim. 3:15; Psa. 119:130).
12. To follow the example of the godly (Heb. 13:7).
13. To set a good example for others (Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Tim. 4:12).
14. To satisfy my love and desire to learn the Word of God (Psa. 1:2; 19:7-10; 119:72, 97).
15. To prepare to give an answer and defend the faith (1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3).
16. To prepare for and quench the fiery darts of the devil (Eph. 6:10-18).
17. To become better equipped to serve others (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
18. To keep my priorities properly balanced (Matt. 6:33).
19. To follow my shepherds' guidance (Heb. 13:17).
20. To get ready for the final test (John 12:48; Rev. 20:12).

New Bible Classes for Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

(October 15-December 10)

Auditorium	Parables of Jesus (Part 2)	<i>Richard Watson</i>
Adult 1	A Man of God	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Adult 2	Ladies: A Woman of God	<i>Traci Sproule</i>
Sr. High	Sr. High: Old Testament: Prophets	
Jr. High	Jr. High: Letters to Christians	

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

(October 11-December 13)

Auditorium	Job	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Adult 1	That I May Know the Christ	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Adult 3	Strength for Daily Living	<i>Lawrence Richardson</i>
Sr. High	Sr. High: Growing Through Grief	
Jr. High	Jr. High: Bible Geography	

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



Directory Changes

Jaquá Lewis placed membership at Suncoast.

Sharon Morrison moved to Texas.

Lawrence D. Richardson moved to Texas.

Linda Wolfe has moved to Maryland.

Thank You Note

I am so blessed to be a part of this family! Your expression of sympathy and love during the illness and death of my father have provided so much comfort. Thank you so much!

In Christian love, Tasha Ellis



Sunday
October 1

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mr. & Mrs. Ben & Colleen Campbell; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Mr. Jeffery Davis; Ms. Brenda Flood; Miss Audrey Freeman; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Charlotte R. Hill; John K. Judd; Lynne Karilla; Mrs. Florise Chery-Magloive; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Patricia Patterson; Mr. & Mrs. Benny & Karla Santiago; and Mrs. Machel Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lilia Achille, Miami, FL; Alice Basal & Joshua, Delray Beach, FL; Ms. Dannette Greaves; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Jack & Diana Joy, Artesia, NM; Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Lawson, Lakeland, FL; Mr. Scott Kelley & Cole, West Broward, FL; Frances Rodriguez & Steve Morris, Belle Glade, FL; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Simon & Brenda Pugh & Emma Jimmerson, Okeechobee, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (October 8th)

Donna Erickson
Bessie Walker
Betty White

Wednesday (October 11th)

Harrison Carter
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Scott Studer

Monday (October 9th)

Lawrence Williams

Friday (October 13th)

Fran Campbell
Heath Johnson

Tuesday (October 10th)

Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)
Dirk Summerlot

Saturday (October 14th)

Patricia Harrington
Amy Rosado

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, October 8

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading..... Cam Crotts
Presiding at Table Freddie Gadson
Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Wallace Jones
 Victor Colage Carmen Ruckman
 Tim Cox Mike Trujillo
 Bill Ingram, Jr. Eugene Williams
Alternates
 Jimmie Banks Kane Campbell
Closing PrayerKen Tipton

Sunday Evening, October 8

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerL.H. Richardson
Scripture Reading.....Jim Rogers
Presiding at Table.....Bob Higbee
 Mike Erickson
 John Loftis
 Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Wednesday Evening, October 11

Lead Singing Ivan Villard, Jr.
Invitation..... Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 1	Sept. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	254	237
Sun. A.M. Worship	365	332
Sun. P.M. Worship	183	146
Wed. Bible Study	148	161
Contribution	\$16,215	\$14,838

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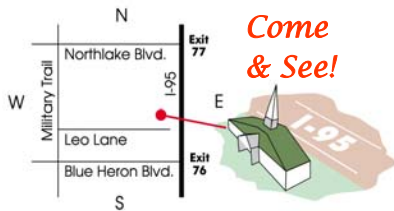
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Service Schedule

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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).