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Revive Us Again

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By Dan Jenkins

The “Perfect” Church Had Everything

Those who look at the world through the eyes of faith see the world so differently from those who look at it through the eyes of unbelief. Believers look at the heavens and the firmament and see a universe which declares the existence and the glory of God in every language spoken on the earth (Psa. 19:1-3). Unbelievers look at this evidence and never even think about God. The eyes of those who walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) and those who walk by the flesh definitely see two different worlds.

Look at first-century churches using eyes of faith. Most churches were despised and persecuted so much that they often had to meet in secret. James described these churches so graphically when he asked, “Has God not chosen the poor of this word to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him” (Jas. 2:5)? However, there was one church in the first century which was so blessed financially that they did not suffer this way.

Most churches in the first century were the focus of hate from the enemies around them. There was persecution from the pagans. There was even more persecution which came from the synagogues which saw the church as being a great threat to Judaism. However, there was one church who,

judging by what is described in the epistle written to them, was not the object of such hate and its attendant opposition.

The suffering of Jewish Christians was especially intense. The book of Hebrews described the reaction of the church to this suffering. “For you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven” (Heb. 10:34). However, there was one church who did not lose its possessions and remained prosperous.

Think about it. That “perfect” church had every thing it needed, except ...

Had you lived in the first century, which of these churches would you like to be the place where you worshiped and served God? A church which endured persecution and were poverty stricken or one which did not have to meet in secret? A church where there was persecution and poverty or one which had none?

Before you answer, let me tell you that the church which did not meet secretly, was not persecuted and retained its possession was the church at Laodicea. The same one which Jesus was about to vomit out of his body! The church in Laodicea saw themselves as “rich. . .wealthy and have need of nothing” (Rev. 3:18). Think about it. How did Jesus see that church? He saw Himself standing outside of it, knocking at the door, wanting? That “perfect” church had everything, except Jesus!



By David Sproule

Was Abraham Justified By Faith Only?

A favorite passage of many faith-only advocates is found three times in the New Testament, but their go-to is in Romans 4:3, where it states, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness” (cf. Gal. 3:6; Jas. 2:23). Now that is what the verse says, but here is what they claim it says, “Abraham believed God, and his belief only was accounted to him for righteousness.” They read the word “believed” and automatically insert the word “only” with it. But is that what Scripture teaches? Let’s look at the passage and then look at Abraham.

Put the passage in the context of the book. Romans begins and ends with God’s definition of faith for the book, where He emphasizes “obedience of faith” (1:5 + 16:26). Do you suppose God emphasized an obedient faith at the start and finish, but in the middle of the book “faith” was “faith only”? To ensure the reader doesn’t lose sight of obedience throughout the book, the Lord limits freedom from sin to those who “obeyed” (6:17-18), and He uses the terms “obeyed” and “believed” interchangeably in 10:16-17. The “works” in the context of 4:1-5 are those of which one may “boast” (3:27; 4:2), which will never save (cf. Eph. 2:8-9), but “works” of obedience are absolutely essential to being justified by God (Jas. 2:14-26). Note James 2:23 is the same verse quoted in the context of faith-filled works.

Abraham had been obedient for many years.

Now, consider the key figure under discussion—Abraham. Was Abraham justified by God for “faith only”? Some so claim. But consider the context of the verse that is quoted. Romans 4:3 (regarding Abraham being justified by his belief) is a quotation from Genesis 15:6. A good Bible student would recognize that, in Genesis 15, Abraham was not an alien sinner just then coming to God and being saved by “faith only.” Rather, the Bible is actually teaching that Abraham was being justified by God for his obedient faith!

In Genesis 12:1-3, Abraham was called by God and he “obeyed” (Heb. 11:8). Abraham was 75 years old (Gen. 12:4). In Genesis 12:6-7, Abraham built an altar to worship God. In Genesis 12:8, he moved to the mountain and built another altar to call on the Lord. After spending time in Egypt, in Genesis 13:4, Abraham came back to the altar and called on the name of the Lord. After the slaughter of the kings in chapter 14, he gave a tithe to Melchizedek and was blessed (14:18-20). Chapter 15 begins with God telling Abraham, “I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward” (15:1), and then promising him a son and descendants (15:2-5). Abraham’s faith had been obedient for many years. (He’s 86 years old in 16:16.)

The verse often quoted to prove “faith only” actually is in the context of a book (Romans) of faith-filled obedience and a man (Abraham) of many years of faith-filled obedience.



By Josh Blackmer

How Do We Respond to Hate?

There is no question that crimes of hate are on the rise. The FBI began keeping statistics of hate crimes in the early 1990's. Since then there has been an increase every year with spikes on election years. We know it is happening and it will continue. Hate has been around a long time and has taken on many forms. It will never go away. So, how do we respond to hate? What do we do if we are the targets of hate? How do we deal with the hate that we might feel? God is good, He has given us His wisdom.

“Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head” (Psa. 69:4). You may have felt as he did, but what do you do? Just as the psalmist did, “But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD” (Psa. 69:13). When hate came to his door, he clung closer to God. It was in Him that he sought refuge. “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...” (Matt. 5:43-44). We must pray for those that hate us. It elevates us and keeps us out of the mire of retribution. “You who seek God, let your heart revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise His who are prisoners” (Psa. 69:33-34).

“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do

good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (Luke 6:27-28). This is a hard saying and it is even harder to respond to hate in this way. “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35-36). God has called us to be everything He is. His most wonderful attributes (mercy, love, compassion, forgiveness) we are to mimic. We are to display them to all, just as He has.

We are called to respond to hate with prayer, love and compassion.

What do we do with our hate when vengeance is all we can think about? When we are consumed by what others have done to us? We are to channel our hate into a productive demonstration of the love of God. “Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. ‘But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom. 12:19-21). God can do what would consume us.

We are called to respond to hate with prayer, love and compassion, being mindful of our own desires of vengeance. That belongs to God. Ours is to do good, just like Him.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Something is missing in my life”

Have you ever thought, “I just feel like there’s something missing in my life”? What could it be? There’s a lot of things it could be, but how about a series of questions to explore this together?

Do you come to church more than just Sunday morning? Are you in Bible class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights? Do you read a passage in your Bible every day? Do you stop and talk to God every day? Do you read your church bulletin looking for opportunities to serve others? Do you look through your church directory looking for opportunities to just call (or text or write) and encourage a fellow Christian? Do you periodically reach out to the youth in the congregation and let them know that you’re praying for them? Do you treat others with kindness and try to positively influence people you meet with your love for Jesus? Do you talk to people about the Lord, about His Word, about His salvation and about His church?

Read these again. If any were answered “no,” that could be what’s “missing in your life”! – DS

Under the shadow of His wings

Children grow up. Those, who once were under the shadow of the wings of their parents, grow their own wings and step out from the protection of their parents. Employees start their own business. Those, who once were under the shadow of the wings of their bosses, grow their own wings and step out from the protection of their employers.



These things are natural occurrences. It causes a person to really do some introspection and determine how strong they can be on their own. But what about when a Christian, who once was under the shadow of the wings of his Father in heaven, grows his own wings and steps out from the protection of his God? Too many have tried this! Too many have wrongly thought that they were strong enough to live on their own! Too many have allowed the allure of “doing it their own way” to entice them. Do you know such a one? Let us draw them back into the flock. The flock of God is where (and only where) true strength is found! We have some brethren who need to be encouraged to come back under the shadow of His wings! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	at home and slowly regaining strength
Tom Martens	undergoing therapy at home
Harriet Morris	discharged from the hospital
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
Charles Norton	at home and slowly improving
Godfrey Pratt	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 414B)
Cathy Seay	home from the hospital, in a lot of pain
Norman Smedley	Jupiter Medical Center, dealing with an infection

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

Donna Preston	Carolyn Preston's sister, internal bleeding
Andrea Tyson	Shaun Tyson's mother, recovering from surgery
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, now at home, still very weak

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 29

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring your best homemade chicken pot pie, or bring some other finger foods, drinks and desserts.

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 5

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ **Single Ladies’ Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy’s on Northlake. See Joan Holloway for more details. *“When time changes, the single ladies meet!”*
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **No “Fortifying Your Faith” Class.**

Sunday, November 5 (cont.)

- ◆ **Baby Shower for David & Casey Bound** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon & Target. *It’s a boy!*

Wednesday, November 8

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 9-12

- ◆ **22nd Annual South Florida Lectureship. “Revive Us Again.”** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

Thursday, Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 12	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 12

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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.

Monday, November 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

Saturday, November 18

- ◆ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by the Young Adults** on the church property. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday-Saturday, December 1-2

- ◆ **Blast Weekend for Men** (18 years & older). See Josh Blackmer for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Sunday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 19

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after morning worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 26

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

Saturday, December 2

- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November, 2017

November 5

November 12

November 19

November 26

Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	David Sproule	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Jerry Hopkins		
Opening Prayer	Eugene Williams	Stephen Beliech	Daniel Swayne	David Thorpe		
Scripture Reading	Harrison Crotts	Lawrence Williams	Jeff Leslie	Austin Williams		
Presiding at Table	Brent Leslie	Darin Summerlot	Morris McDaniel	Dan Fuller		
Serving at Table:	Mike Erickson	Henry Bass	Jordan Beasley	Kane Campbell		
	Charles Hayes	Chuck Clark	Doug Carrick	Josue Charles		
	Wallace Jones	Glen Dawson	Jim Davis	Mike Damron		
	Jim Rogers	Gary Jenkins	Andres Fernandez	Jeff Goodale		
	Carmen Ruckman	Ken Long	Orlando Lolo	Bobby Ingraham		
	Ken Tipton	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Jerry Pittman	Rick Price		
	Nahum Villard	Micah Trujillo	Tyrone Toson	Vincent Rogers		
	Marty Williams	Kevin Weeks	Simon Tyson	Chris Thompson		
	Closing Prayer	Richard Watson	L.H. Richardson	Deltom Lequernaque	David Lord	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	John Loftis	Dan McLeod	Ken Tipton	
Opening Prayer	David Brown	Jerry Hopkins	Taylor Reeves	Mike Ellis	
Scripture Reading	Josiah Blackmer	Novel Brown	Johnny Davis	Clayton Trujillo	
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot	Dick Kelley	Heath Johnson	Joe Maloney	
Serving at Table:	Eddie Gooden	Cam Crotts	Gorman Ericksen	Victor Colage	
	Bob Higbee	Freddie Gadson	Richard Lerro	Paul Metzkes	
	Nick Pietro	Shaun Tyson	Leonard Williams	Mike Trujillo	
Closing Prayer	Henry Williams	Josh Blackmer	Ted Friesner	David Holaday	

Alternates:					
	Tim Cox	Phil Porter	Kirk Crews	Rick Hall	
	Namdidie Ikon	Scott Studer	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Gary Seames	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	TBD	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Nov. 5 & 8	Nov. 12 & 15	Nov. 19 & 22	Nov. 26 & 29	
Head Usher	Jimmie Banks →				
	Kane Campbell	Lance Collier	Ed Gager	Brett Lau	
	Errol Gower-Winter	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Tim Mahlbacher	Dan McLeod	

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday
October 22

Thank you again to all my church family for your love and for praying for me. I am feeling better slowly. Thank God.

Love to all,
Hattie Daniels



Directory Changes

Les McQuinn has moved to Longwood, Florida.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Mr. Rich Beatty; Ms. Donna Bleau; Mr. Jean Charles; Rysmitho Eugene; Ms. Tresha Fletcher & Miles; Miss Julie Fontaine; Fran Glasser; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Evangela Harper; Jimmy & Beau McDowell; Mrs. Janet MacDonalld; Miss Patricia Patterson; Jean Pieros; and Anthony Spinoga.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Jay Campbell, Inverness, FL; the Ca-zaubon family, Sarasota, FL; Mrs. Patricia Lupo Carignan, Powder Springs, TN; Mrs. Tori Lupo Flanagan, Sneedville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Kitty Kulp, Murfreesboro, TN; Robert & Dolores Lupo, Sneedville, TN; Mrs. Cecilia Morse, Sneedville, TN; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mrs. Amanda Olds & Wesley, Newalla, OK.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (October 29th)
Lawrence Richardson

Thursday (November 2nd)
Trish Clark
Isolyn Sinclair

Monday (October 30th)
Marie Yvette Achille
Kailee Stone

Saturday (November 4th)
Chad Brown
Richard Lerro
Phil Porter

Tuesday (October 31st)
Les McQuinn

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 29

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Chuck Clark
Scripture Reading..... Deltom Lequernaque
Presiding at Table Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table:
Gorman Ericksen Paul Metzkes
Jeff Goodale L.H. Richardson
Brett Lau Shaun Tyson
Joe Maloney Austin Williams
Alternates:
Richard Lerro Dan McLeod
Closing Prayer Chris Thompson

Sunday Evening, October 29

Lead Singing Max Fonrose
Opening Prayer Josh Blackmer
Scripture Reading.....Clayton Trujillo
Presiding at Table.....Harrison Crotts
Daniel Lord, Simon Tyson &
Tyler Williams
Sermon.....Josiah Blackmer &
Micah Trujillo
Closing Prayer Austin Williams
Wednesday Evening, November 1
Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Invitation.....Harrison Crotts
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

	<u>Oct. 22</u>	<u>Sept Avg.</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	217	237
Sun. A.M. Worship	326	332
Sun. P.M. Worship	233	146
Wed. Bible Study	167	161
Contribution	\$12,717	\$14,838
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -30,220		

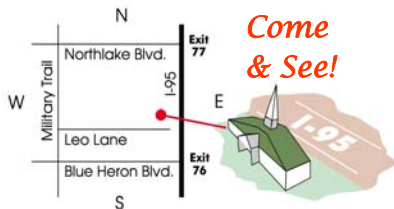
Ushers for week of **Oct. 29:** Head Usher: David Thorpe; Henry Bass & Orlando Lolo



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silent where the Bible is silent.*



*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: **Elizabeth Carter** (teaching Bible Class)

The Lord is my *shepherd*, I lack nothing.
He *makes* me lie down in green pastures,
He *leads* me beside quiet waters,
He *refreshes* my soul.
He *guides* me along the right paths
for His name's sake.

— Even though I walk —
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
— for You are with me; —

Your *rod* and Your *staff*,
they *comfort* me.
You *prepare* a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You *anoint* my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely Your **goodness** and **love** will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I *will dwell* in the house of the Lord

FOREVER.