Elders

Johnny Davis	307-4232
Dan Fuller	478-3755
Jerry Hopkins	434-4188
Phil Porter	575-4782
*Richard Watson	307-2608

^{*}Chairman for the Month of May

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins	744-4559
David Sproule	301-2230
Josh Blackmer	319-1418

Deacons

Deacon	
Mike Archer	422-2995
David Brown	972-7608
Novel Brown	848-6988
Chuck Clark	627-4132
Victor Colage	719-1490
Lance Collier	793-2718
Kirk Crews	339-9283
Cam Crotts	214-3114
Jim Davis	248-3310
Mike Erickson	310-9916
Tim Fry	373-9121
Jeff Goodale	261-1188
Rick Hall	622-5131
Bob Higbee	.303-386-6405
Bill Ingram, Jr	.772-341-5463
Gary Jenkins	889-3585
Dick Kelley	968-1799
Jeff Leslie	744-3444
Paul Metzkes	736-9086
Buzz Nelson	627-4890
Nate Nelson	801-9456
Jerry Pittman	793-2725
Lawrence Richardson	.772-336-4989
Shaun Tyson	.615-513-2045
Ivan Villard	422-5041
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Thank You, David & Tracil

25 YEARS

May 1994-May 2019





PBL members had the great joy of honoring

David & Traci Sproule

for 25 years of faithful service at this congregation. They have been a constant light among us (Matthew 5:16), and we look forward to many more years of laboring together in His Kingdom!

We love you, David & Traci!

On Sunday, May 19th,



By Dan Jenkins

God Wrote the Lyrics

Have you seen the commercial where a father and his son are together working in the garage and the son spontaneously says, "I love you, Dad"? Before the aging father got his hearing aids, he had to ask the son to repeat what was said. That all changed after he bought the new hearing aid

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being advertised. Now when they are working and the son says, "I love you, Dad," his father asked him to repeat what he said simply because he wanted to hear it again. What about our Father? Does He ever tire of hearing us, or does He want to hear us say it again?

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Think about singing and praising God. Twice the Bible gives us a view of what is happening around the throne of God. Over seven hundred years before Christ came, Isiah saw the Lord sitting on His

throne with heavenly beings flying around that throne. What were they saying? "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory" (Isa. 6:3). Eight hundred years later, the apostle John saw God on His throne. What did he see? Four heavenly beings flying around the throne. "And they do not rest, day or night, saying: 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come'" (Rev. 4:8). It was the same. God's will was still being done perfectly in heaven, and the same praise was being given to our God. Have you considered that, when singing songs with this same phrase, we

join in the praise with the heavenly chorus praising our God!

I immediately think of two songs we sing where the phrase is found. The chorus of "On Zion's Glorious Summit" has the refrain, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, on high adored!" This song was written over 150 years ago, and Christians have used it since then.

The other song we sing even more often is "Holy, Holy, Holy" and has been sung since the Civil War. Every time it is sung, it duplicates on earth what has eternally happened in heaven. Our God wrote part of the lyrics of this song, and He never tires hearing it.

Add to this the song, "Worthy Art Thou," which we sing. It was written by a brother in Christ, Tillit S. Teddlie, in 1930. I urge you to take the time to look at the lyrics and compare them to what John saw in Revelation chapter four. The lyrics of this song

are almost identical to the lyrics of the praise John saw being given to Jesus. The entire creation, even earthly animals, are praising Jesus using these words.

Our point is this. These are not the only songs which use this heavenly language in praising God, but let us sing all of them joyfully. There are newer songs which use them, but the fact that these three songs have fed the souls of those who sang them for centuries speaks highly of them. May we never tire of praising the Holy One who is eternal and worthy.



By David Sproul

Be a Careful Reader

"You should have a look at this website over here. It has a lot of good in-depth Bible studies on it." Sometimes recommendations like this are made to me and other Christians. So, when we venture over to a highly-endorsed site, for what should we be on the lookout? My general practice is to do

the same as I've done for years with written Bible commentaries. I look first to see what the writer has to say about baptism. If a commentator on the Bible does not teach exactly what the Bible does about baptism, then a reader needs to be aware of that and to be cautious with other things that writer teaches.

[Two disclaimers: (1) Just because a writer teaches what the Bible does on baptism does not mean he should be trusted on every other thing he says. All he says must compared with the Scriptures to see if it is "so" (Acts 17:11). (2) Just because a writer does not teach what the Bible does on baptism does not mean that he does not have any helpful information on the Bible. Again, everything he says must be weighed against God's inspired truth.]

One such site was recommended to me recently of "a great Bible scholar," who has a "gift of explaining the Bible and its teaching in a clear and simple way." So, I checked it out. Like many other modern writers, I found what he had to say on

baptism to not match what the Scripture teaches. In fact, on a site with hundreds of Bible-based articles, there were only two articles that even touched on the subject of water baptism.

One short article on baptism made the claim that "water baptism" is "the outward act that indicates submission to discipleship." This is an oft repeated phrase (that baptism is an "outward act" or "sign") that lacks Scriptural foundation. There is not a single New Testament verse that calls baptism

an "outward act/sign." Therefore, it cheapens and misrepresents God's plan to call it such.

The most notable error that this author made was to repeatedly and intentionally place baptism after one's salvation. Note what he said: "Paul was baptized immediately after he was converted...Immediately after being saved, [the jailer] and his household were baptized...The early church knew

nothing of a salvation that was not followed by baptism." Every single statement quoted above contradicts clear and simple Bible teaching. New Testament water baptism always (without one single exception) preceded and lead to one's salvation from sin. It never "followed" one's salvation. Note the order of words in Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21 and other clear passages. Let's speak where the Bible speaks.

Friend, be a careful reader and a careful listener! Make sure that a gifted scholar says what God says!



By Josh Blackmer

Burn the Boats!

In 1519, Spanish explorer and conquistador Hernan Cortes landed on the shores of Mexico having sailed from Cuba. He then had his ships destroyed. There is a lot of myth and debate about how and why. Some say it was to stop any future revolts. Some said he did it under the guise that they

were not seaworthy. Still others suggest that he had the ships burned to encourage the men for the task at hand. He was under a lot of pressure from Spain to succeed in his mission of conquest. His message to the men was, "We will either succeed or die trying. Only cowards would go back to the ship." The world may never know the exact reason. However, this idea of a push toward motivation would've been quite effective. There have been many in the Biblical record that have burned the boats.

When the Israelites crossed over the Jordan under the leadership of Joshua, he gave them instruction to follow behind the ark of the covenant about half a mile but to keep it in sight, "that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before" (Josh. 3:4). They had traveled all over the Sinai wilderness. This was a new place they were going into. It wasn't by accident that the ark went before them. It signified God as their leader along with all the promises He had made and the law He had given them. When

we burn the boats, we might be going into new territory.

At the commandments of God, Noah built a boat to figuratively burn the boats of a wicked world (Heb 11:7). What he was doing was for the salvation of eight souls and the condemnation of the rest of the world (1 Pet. 3:20). Noah had faith in the commandments of God to do something that had never been done before. It is possible that when we burned our boats, we launched into a life that none of our family had previously. We had to say goodbye to an old world.

Do you need to burn some boats in you life?

Abraham also had to leave a world behind. God called him into the land of Canaan (Gen. 12:1-3). He had left Ur with his father, Terah, with the intentions of going to Canaan. They made it as far as Haran, now Southern Turkey (Gen. 11:31-32). After the death of his father, Haran, God called him to go and promised him a great nation, great land and a

great influence on the nations of the world. He died not seeing any of that by sight, but by faith (Heb. 11:8-13). When Abraham burned the boats, he set things in motion that God had planned from the beginning of time, the salvation of mankind.

There might be some things you are holding onto, some boats that need to be burned in your life. Trust God to go into that new territory. Trust God enough to say goodbye to the world you knew. Trust God enough to see, by faith, what God has set in your life and the life of those after you.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

His natural inclination

A person's natural inclination (also known as a person's bent) is the particular manner in which a person reacts to various life situations. Some people's natural inclination/bent is to fight, while others is to draw back; some will complain, while others will stew; many will tend to worry, while others will just laugh it off. What is your natural inclination? You've got one.

May I suggest a Bible character whose natural inclination is one we ought to imitate? No matter what he faced, Nehemiah's inclination (his bent) was always to do one thing. Take a moment and read Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:4; 4:4-5, 9; 5:19; 6:9, 13:14, 22, 29, 31. Every time he turned around.

turned around...every time something came up...every time he faced some difficulty, Nehemiah's natural bent was to pray! Draw back? No. Complain? No. Worry? No. Pray? Yes!

Would you like to tell someone how bad things are going? How poorly someone treated you? How miserable you feel? Talk to God! Make that your natural inclination in all situations! – DS

Disagreeing for the sake of disagreeing

In our nation today, we are surrounded by individuals who immediately and automatically disagree with what someone says simply because of the person who is saying it. Certain people disagree with everything the President says (no matter what), or everything a Democrat says, or everything a Republican says, or everything a certain news agency says, etc. They

don't really listen to what is being said, as they've pre-decided to disagree no matter what.

May I suggest that there is a reason that God gave us two ears and then put them on opposites sides of our head? While there is obviously an anatomical reason for this, also consider the

practical reason—God wants us (1) to listen [so He *gave us ears*], (2) to listen to more than one opinion on a matter [so He gave us *two* ears], (3) to listen to opposing sides of an argument [so He put our ears on *opposite sides* of our head], (4) to intentionally research and rationally consider both sides [so He put *our brain* in between our ears]. Let us learn to disagree with others based upon knowledge and truth, rather than hatred, anger and prejudice. – *DS*



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee Pinecrest Rehab at Delray Medical Center (Rm 2046-B)

Dianne Frye has not been doing well

Patricia Hackshaw recovering from surgery

Ophelia Holmes dealing with rheumatoid arthritis and other issues

Mary A. Jackson undergoing medical testing

Samantha Jewell recovering at home from hospitalization

David Lord dealing with rheumatoid arthritis

Connye Plouffe received good results from her medical tests

Maurine Reed dealing with an infection

Ashlyn Rosado scheduled for surgery on her broken wrist

Dorothy Savage having medical issues and is in a lot of pain

Isolyn Sinclair recovering at home from a procedure, doing well

Linda Studer recovering from monthly chemo treatment

Evetta Wilson dealing with a corneal ulcer in her eye

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankstondialysis treatmentsCharles Nortondialysis treatmentsPatricia Ventressdialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames Joe Holland Hattie Daniels Daniel Johnson Sandra Daniels Don & Betty Matter Josie Dawson Deidra Miley Annie Faison Harriet Morris Margie Hardin **Godfrey Pratt** Janet Hickerson Leigh Puckett Loretta Holaday Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Tim Deem Allison Roman's brother, recovering from infection surg.

Phil Friedly Gary & Doris Friedly's son, recovering from heart surgery

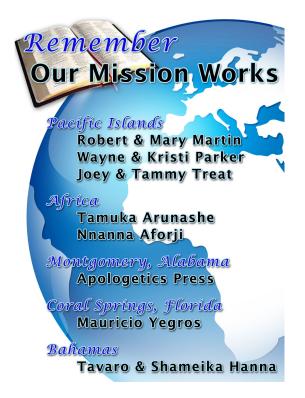
Richard Hill Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from a fall

Joan Humphrey Connye Plouffe's sister, in rehab recovering from a fall

Ben Smith Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches

Ulysses Smith Mary Brown's brother, receiving leukemia treatments

Oscar Trevino Flo Aristy's father, not doing well



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Monday, May 27

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

Tuesday, May 28

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

Thursday, May 30

• Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

Saturday, June 1

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, June 2

- Promotion Sunday at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- High School Graduates' Luncheon after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

 "Kick Start Your Summer" Series at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Aaron Johnson (West Broward) will be speaking on "Aliens in an Amazon Prime World."

Saturday, June 8

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, June 9

- Wedding Shower for Caleb Boggs & Bethany Bertram at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring gift cards. They are registered at Target.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Wednesday, June 12

 "Kick Start Your Summer" Series at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kevin Patterson (Sebring) will be speaking on "Aliens in a Victoria's Secret World."

Young Adults

Saturday, June 1

- VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Micky Affron.

Tuesday, June 4

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. Food will be provided.

Friday, June 7

 Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Michelle Franck Green. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, June 8

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.



Sunday, May 26

- Jr. High Family Devo after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- Sr. High Devo after evening worship at the home of Novel & Mary Brown. Please bring drinks and desserts.

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Sunday, June 9

Youth & Family Singing after evening worship.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - June, 2019

June 2 June 9 June 16 June 23 June 30

Morning \	Norship Serv	ice				
Song Lead	der	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	David Sproule
Opening Prayer		Richard Watson	L.H. Richardson	Robert Mariano	Gary Jenkins	Chris Thompson
Scripture I	Reading	Dirk Summerlot	Victor Colage David Lord	John Patrick	Dick Kelley	John Loftis
Presiding	at Table	Freddie Gadson		Rick Hall	Willie Smith	Jerry Pittman
Serving at Table:	Table:	Andy Anderson	Derrick Banks	Stephen Beliech	Henry Bass	Jordan Beasley
		Josiah Blackmer	David Brown	Mike Damron	Ed Buonadonna	Jim Davis
		Jeff Goodale	Mike Erickson	Eddie Gooden	Cam Crotts	Gorman Ericksen
		Namdidie Ikon	Graysen Hayes	Tim Mahlbacher	Andres Fernandez	Ed Gager
		Orlando Lolo	Morris McDaniel	Mike Morning	Rick Price	Errol Gower-Winter
		Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	David Thorpe	Bill Ingram, Jr.
		Daniel Wagner	Kevin Weeks	Vincent Rogers	Simon Tyson	Ken Long
		Tyler Williams	Eugene Williams	Lawrence Williams	Marty Williams	Jeremy Maloney
Closing Pr	raver	Henry Williams	Nate Nelson	John Hoelzer	David Holaday	Mike Archer
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	Vorship Servi					
Song Lead	der	Stephen Beliech	Ken Tipton	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	
Opening F	Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Seames	Jimmie Banks	
Scripture I	Reading	Glen Dawson	Chris Thompson	Kirk Crews	Kevin Weeks	
Presiding	at Table	Novel Brown	Mike Ellis	Daniel Swayne	Ken Tipton	Young Men
Serving at	Table:	Lance Collier	David Bound	Charles Hayes	Harrison Crotts	Conducting PM Worship Service
		John Loftis	Cody Price	Chad Morgan	Devin Eutsey	
		Daniel Lord	Jonathan Swayne	Nick Pietro	Jeff Goodale	
Closing Prayer		Tom Martens	Kane Campbell	Ivan Villard , Jr.	Bob Higbee	
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		Dion Hayes	Jim Rogers	Taylor Reeves	Joe Maloney	Bobby Ingraham
		Dioir Hayes	Jilli Rogers	Taylor Neeves	Joe Maloriey	Bobby Ingranam
Technical	Assignments	3				
Morning:	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD
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	Head Usher:	Paul Metzkes	T	1. 0	.	J 5
		Bill Ingram, Jr.	Tim Fry	James Green	Namdidie Ikon	Mike Damron
Safety Team		Ivan Villard, Jr.	Robert Maraino	Dirk Summerlot	Jim Rogers	Chuck Reeves, Sr.
		Rick Hall	Daniel Swayne	Nahum Villard	David Lord	Victor Colage
		Jerry Pittman	Shaun Tyson	Seth Watson	L.H. Richardson	Kirk Crews

Please consider this oppor.

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.

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)



Congratulations to Jeff & Diane Leslie and Richard & Debi Watson upon the birth of their twin granddaughters, Joy Ann and Jane Marie Watson, born on Friday, May 17 to Matthew & Julie Watson. They weighed 5lbs 7oz and 5lbs 15oz respectively.



Sunday, May 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Johnny Mark Davis; Mr. Jordan Davis; Ms. Carmen Dussard; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Hazel Hackshaw; Mr. B.T. Jackson; Mr. Collin Cato; Mr. LaVon Kinsey; Mr. Levy; Mr. John Nash; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. & Mrs. George & Zayorie White; and Ms. Machelle Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Darlene Wheeler, Rockport, TX.



To our brothers & sisters at Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you so much for the food, cards, calls, & prayers, for our 60th anniversary and for our various physical problems.

> We love you so much, Jerry & Shirley Hopkins

To our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thanks be to God for all of you. You prayers, texts, cards, prayers, and phone calls meant a lot to me while I was out.

> Much love, **Ophelia Holmes** * * * * * * *

To our brothers and sisters,

We thank you for your kind and generous recognition of our 25th year of serving with Palm Beach Lakes. We are blessed to labor together with you in His service!

> We love you all, David & Traci Sproule



Sunday (May 26th)

Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.)

Gloria Boyd Helen Chapman

Bob Higbee

Monday (May 27th)

Bob & Sandi Hanna (Ann.)

Tuesday (May 28th)

Margie Hardin Gorgeous Morgan **Peggy Simpkins**

Wednesday (May 29th)

Grace Judge

Thursday (May 30th) Dianna Halenda

Jené Williams

Friday (May 31st)

Gary & Angie Seames (Ann.)

Saturday (June 1st) Cynthia Ingraham Melinda Price Austin Williams

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, May 26

Lead Singing Gary Friedly Opening PrayerKevin Weeks Scripture Reading...... Devin Eutsey Presiding at TableCharles Hayes Serve at Table:

Kirk Crews Jeremy Maloney Chad Morgan Mike Damron Rick Price John Hoelzer Nahum Villard Dick Kelley

Alternates:

David Lord **David Thorpe** Closing Prayer Chris Thompson

Sunday Evening, May 26

Lead SingingDan McLeod Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech Scripture Reading..... Andres Fernandez Presiding at Table.....Mike Erickson **David Bound** Joe Maloney Ken Tipton Closing Prayer Jeff Leslie

Wednesday Evening, May 29

Lead Singing Dion Hayes Invitation..... Darin Summerlot Family Prayer Lawrence Richardson

Ushers for this week: L.H. Richardson (Head Usher); Victor Colage & Cody Price Safety Team for this week: Robert Lupo & Taylor Reeves

Our Record

Attendance May 19 Apr. Avg Sun. Bible Study 212 226 Sun. A.M. Worship 285 343 Sun. P.M. Worship 135 159 Wed. Bible Study 174 166 Contribution \$15,016 \$15,500

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$1,858



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



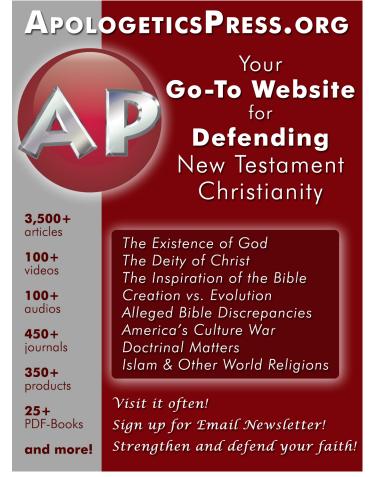
Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes...... 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Corn Roast Crew (Lectureship 2018)



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).
- "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

4. Be immersed in water

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).