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Welcome New Members



Collins, Addison

Group 3

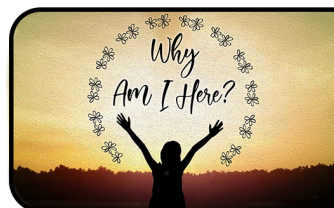
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Myrie, Sadie

Group 2

Restored March 27



Thursday, April 21
Ladies' Day



Saturday, April 30
Power Up! for Men



Sunday, May 1
Friends & Family Day



By Dan Jenkins

“Cutting” the Bible Straight

Even though I minored in Greek years ago and deeply appreciate this amazing language, I remember what my dad told me so often. “Dan, when you preach rarely use the Greek, for if you overdo it you will silently convince people that the Bible cannot be understood without being able to read the Greek.” Even though the Greek sometimes allows us to see how profoundly God has stated His truth, every man on this earth can know the vital truths of God simply by reading the Bible translated into the language he speaks. The Bible means what it says in any language.

However, in this article allow me to show you how the knowledge of how a Greek word was used in the first century can enhance the truth that is stated. Let us never forget that one does not need to know Greek at all in order to understand the Bible.

Paul told Timothy, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). What does it mean to “rightly divide the word of truth?” Obviously, it means that to be approved of God we must handle the Bible in the right way. You do not need to know Greek to understand this.

You can go deeper by seeing how the words “rightly dividing” are translated in the common language of the

Greeks. The words come from one Greek word and literally mean to “cut it straight.” They used this word in their daily life in three ways. The first was when they talked about building a road from one point to another. It stressed the idea of cutting the path from one place to another in a straight line. We all need to use His words as we teach others, and we must make it simple and straight to the point. Far too many have too many “curves” as they study and teach the Bible. Read His words. Listen to what you read. It means what it says.

Every man on earth can know truth by reading a Bible in his own language

The second way the word was used in a secular way was to describe how one plowed a field in a straight line. Cut the furrow straight. Christians need to find His way and never lose focus that the place we keep our eyes on is His path to heaven.

The third way was to describe how masons cut stones so that they perfectly aligned with all the other stones. This is the nature of the word of God. It perfectly fits in its place when we understand that what it teaches in one place will perfectly fit with the truths of God taught in every other place. When we have to twist a verse to make it fit what we want it to say, we have not been honest in our study. Every Bible verse and every Bible word fits perfectly with every other verse or word.

You do not have to know Greek to learn these three truths. I found out all of this by reading words in English!



By David Sproule

“It’s a Miracle!”

When something extraordinary happens today, it is sometimes exclaimed by someone, “It’s a miracle!” However, is that a justifiable statement or explanation?

It is vital that we always use Bible words in the way that the Bible uses those terms. The word “miracle” is certainly a Bible term, and it is defined as “works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.” The word is sometimes used in connection with or interchangeably with the words “wonders” (to emphasize the effect that Bible miracles had upon witnesses) and “signs” (to emphasize that the miracles had a purpose to fulfill).

It is of interest to note that the Bible is not full of miracles from beginning to end. Some people who have never read the Bible expect that it tells of miracles on every page and throughout human history. However, such is not the case. In fact, there are only five main periods of Bible history in which one reads about miracles: (1) Creation, (2) the time of Moses and Joshua, (3) the time of Elijah and Elisha, (4) the time of Daniel and certain prophets, (5) the time of Jesus and the early days of the church. In each of these periods, the miracles demonstrated the power of God, in order to prompt the people to turn to God and follow Him.

The Bible teaches us that the time of miracles has ceased.

However, the Bible teaches us that the time of miracles has ceased. This can be understood from three main points. First, there are two key passages that indicate that miracles would “fail...cease...vanish away...be done away” (1 Cor. 13:8-13), and that they would only last “till we all come to the unity of the faith” (Eph. 4:7-14), when “that which is perfect” (or complete) “has come.” When all the books of the New Testament (i.e., the faith) had been “once for all delivered” (Jude 3) and the New Testament “complete,” the miraculous abilities would cease.

Second, miracles would cease when they had fulfilled their purpose. The purpose of miracles was to “confirm the word” that was being preached (Mark 16:17-20; Heb. 2:1-4). When “the word” was completed in written form, miracles were no longer needed to confirm the spoken word, and therefore, having fulfilled their God-given purpose, they ceased.

Third, miraculous abilities could only be transmitted from one person to another “though the laying on of the apostles’ hands” (Acts 8:14-18). Without an apostle, no one could be given the ability to do miracles, therefore, once the apostles died, the ability to do miracles ceased.

Today, miracles do not happen. Wonderful things can happen, but nothing beyond “natural agents and means.” That’s what the Bible says, and we must not go beyond that!



By Josh Blackmer

The Most Important Message

In 1977, two space probes were launched, Voyager 1 & 2. Their primary missions were to photograph many of the planets in our solar system. The secondary mission was to go into deep space outside the influence of our sun and send information back about the conditions of outer space.

Both Voyager space probes carried a gold-plated audio-visual disc. The discs carried photos of the Earth and its lifeforms, a range of scientific information, spoken greetings from the people and a medley, "Sounds of Earth," that includes the sounds of whales, a baby crying, waves breaking on a shore, and a collection of music. This was done in the event that these probes were found by other intelligent life forms during their travels. This will not happen, but it makes for great information to base a science movie in which the aliens have all the information to destroy planet earth. In thinking about information that would be important enough to send into space, have you thought about the information that you are transmitting?

When we think about the important messages given to mankind none could be more important than the gospel. God, who communicated with mankind has now given us a message through His Son (Heb. 1:1-2). That message was given to the apostles and early Christians to carry around the known

world of the time (Matt. 28:18-20; John 17:8,14). It was accomplished by the help of the Holy Spirit that guided them into all truth (John 14:25-26). Then, the inspired writings were circulated and copied and codified into the Bible we have now (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 14:37). This message that was a mystery for thousands of years has been made known to us (Col. 1:26-27). It is that message that we have been given charge of to share with the rest of the world and those closest to us (Eph. 6:19).

It should be on our hearts.

That is the message that should be most important to us. However, there are things we could do that would prevent us from being good carriers of the message. Paul said this, "Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:26-27). And later, "For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves" (2 Cor. 4:5-7). The most important message for the universe should be on our hearts not on golden discs flying through empty space.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Did Jesus worry?

At the end of a Bible class on "Your Faith Can Overcome Worry," a comment was made and question asked about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. As He anticipated the horrendous suffering that He was about to endure, was He worried about it? Did He violate His own instructions about "do not worry" (cf. Matt. 6:25, 31, 34; Phil. 4:6)?

There is no doubt that Jesus was "troubled," "deeply distressed," "exceedingly sorrowful," "in agony" and shouting out with "vehement cries and tears" (Mark 14:33; Matt. 26:38-44; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7). But, was He worrying about the hours ahead? There is a difference between concerned anguish and fretful worry. Two things indicate that Jesus was not worrying: First, Jesus was trusting in His Father ("not My will, but Yours, be done," Luke 22:42), and second, Jesus got up and did what needed to be done ("Rise, let us be going," Matt. 26:46).

To avoid worry, follow Jesus' example: Build your trust in your Father and get up and do what needs to be done. – DS



"He is deserving of death"

The trial of Jesus before the Jews was a complete charade, a mockery of anything called justice and an obvious effort to manipulate the outcome in favor of their twisted plot! As "many false witnesses came forward" to lie about Jesus, He "kept silent" (Matt. 26:60-63). Then, when Jesus affirmed His deity, the "court" came unglued and accused Him of "blasphemy" (26:63-65). They pronounced their sentence: "He is deserving of death" (26:66).

Deserving of death? For what? Here was a man who never committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And He's deserving of death? Here was a man who "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil" (Acts 10:38). And He's deserving of death?

No! HE is NOT deserving of death! I am! My sin is MY sin, and I am deserving of its consequences (Rom. 6:23)! But, He took it! He took MY sin (1 Pet. 2:24)! He took MY death (2 Cor. 5:14-21)! Thanks be to God! May I give MY ALL to Him and never bring reproach on His name! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	cataract surgery on April 12
Bonnie Arthur	in rehab, no visitors or phone calls
Casey Bound	has a torn ACL
Gloria Boyd	has been in rehab after a couple falls
Novel Brown	dealing with severe pain in his knee
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Robin Davis	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatment for stage 4 lymphoma
Nick Pietro	recovering from a skin cancer procedure
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Sam Simpkins	diagnosed with kidney and bladder cancer
Giselle Smith	dealing with a number of health issues
Jennifer Walker	still recovering from surgeries and hospitalizations

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Marian Holland
Bonnie Arthur	Joan Holloway
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Herbert Gager	Ed Gager's father, in ICU in Bethesda East Hospital
Cuen Gower-Winter	Errol & Jessie's son, undergoing testing for chest pain
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, has 4 masses in mastectomy site

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

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 10

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, April 11

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, April 12

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

Friday, April 15

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Monday, April 18

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

Tuesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 21

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at PBL** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Why Am I Here?" Please RSVP by Monday, April 11.

Friday-Sunday, April 22-24

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Becoming His Knight." Cost is \$40 per person. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. Sign up at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, April 23

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Sunday, April 24

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men.**

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Young Adults

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Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Fellows in His Fellowship." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Monday, May 2

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Saturday, May 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Friday, April 15

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, April 16

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. & Sr. High Youth at 10:00 a.m. There will be outdoor games and activities following the hunt. Jr. & Sr. High should arrive at 9:15 a.m. and bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt). See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

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Was Jesus Created By God?

by Wayne Jackson



QUESTION: Is there a possibility that before the Universe was created that God, the “Ancient of days,” was all alone and that out of his own being he brought into existence the Word, who eventually became Jesus Christ?

No, that is not a concept that can be harmonized with Bible truth. Consider the following:

No other God before or after

Jehovah God explicitly declares that no other God existed — either before or after him. Note the testimony of Isaiah: “[B]efore me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am Jehovah; and besides me there is no God” (Isa. 43:10-11).

Christ is eternal

Eternality is a prime characteristic of one who possesses the nature of deity. God is “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psa. 90:2). He is the “high and lofty One who inhabits eternity” (Isa. 57:15). Now, inasmuch as it is clear that the divine Word (Christ — Jn. 1:1, 14) possesses the nature of deity, one must conclude that he is intrinsically eternal.

Declared eternal in prophecy

The Old Testament explicitly declared the eternal nature of the preincarnate Christ. Isaiah refers to the “Prince of Peace” as “everlasting” (Isa. 9:6). The prophet Micah says that, in reality, the “goings forth” of the Bethlehem baby have been from “of old, from everlasting” (Mic. 5:2).

New Testament testimony

The New Testament is equally clear in this matter. Three times in John 1:1 the apostle employs the imperfect tense verb *en* (rendered “was”) to denote the “timeless existence” of the sacred person known as the Word. The eternal existence of the pre-incarnate antedates “the beginning,” to which John alludes, in this passage.

Jesus claimed eternity

Jesus himself affirmed his eternal existence when he said to the Jews: “Before Abraham was born, I am” (Jn. 8:58). The present tense form, *ego eimi* (“I am”) stands in contrast to the aorist form “was born” (*genesthai* — to begin to be, to come into existence). The two expressions contrast the eternal and the temporal.

The Jews certainly understood what Christ said, i.e., that he claimed eternity, therefore, the status of being God. That is why they sought to stone him. The expression “I am” points one back to Exodus 3:14, where Jehovah identifies himself as the “I AM,” i.e., the **self-existent** One.

The first and the last, the “always living one”

In the book of Revelation, Jesus claims that he is “the first and the last, and the Living [present participle — **always** living] one” (Rev. 1:17-18). He is also the “Alpha and the Omega” — first and last letters in the Greek alphabet (22:13; cf. 1:8; 21:6). These phrases assert the eternal nature of the One so described, and are applied in these texts to either God, the Father, or to Christ.

It is not biblical, therefore, to assert that the second Person of the Godhead had a “beginning” in any way. Unfortunately, those of the Watchtower persuasion teach the heresy that Jesus was created by God originally.

<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/396-was-jesus-created-by-god>

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 3

Thank You notes

Thank you for the calls, cards and especially the prayers during my recent hospitalization. The prayers truly made a difference in the outcome of the situation. I am so thankful for the love and support of my brothers and sisters at PBL.

Mike Erickson

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Elsa Lester; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne & Kathy Owens; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinttel & Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Ms. Kimberly Tulgestka; Mrs. Jean Tulgestka; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mr. & Mrs. David & Peggy Watson; Mr. David Whipple; and Mr. Samuel Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. Fritz Exantus, West Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Julie Jenkins, Melbourne Beach, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Kendell & Sandra Stevenson, Okeechobee, FL; and Ms. Cecilia Tipton, Tallahassee, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, April 10th

Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
Anthioda Charles
Jennifer Higbee
Rose Martens

Wednesday, April 13th

Alex & Stephanie Contreras (Ann.)
Henry & Bereather Williams (Ann.)
Marcia Clough-Moss

Tuesday, April 12th

Bill & Inell Ingram (Ann.)
Kaylani Carmona
Mendy Crews

Friday, April 15th

Aaron & Squadeina Ross (Ann.)



Directory Changes

Lance & Brenda Collier no longer have a home phone number. They are only using their cell phones.

Sam & Peggy Simpkins no longer have a P.O. Box in Virginia.

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
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, April 10

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Scott Studer
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Freddie Gadson

Serve at Table:
Troy Alberga Gary Jenkins
Andy Anderson David Lord
Ed Buonadonna Chuck Reeves, Jr.
E. Gower-Winter Gary Seames
Bill Ingram, Jr. Brandon Widner

Sunday Evening, April 10

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading Daniel Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Bob Higbee

Serve at Table:
Devin Eutsey Daniel Wagner

Wednesday Evening, April 13

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Tim Cox
Family Prayer Willie Smith

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 3	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	184	170
Sun. AM Worship	272	261
Sun. PM Worship	118	123
Wed. Bible Study	102	133
Contribution	\$21,426	\$15,882

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$13,264

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

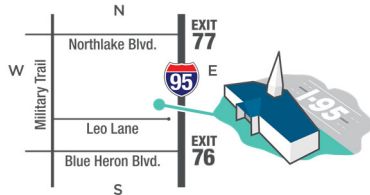
Ushers for this week: Ed Gager & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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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.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you

(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you

(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you

(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you

(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you

(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you

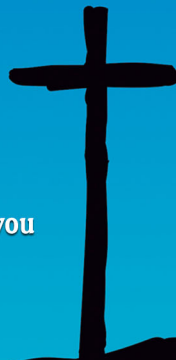
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you

(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)