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New Bible Classes

SEPTEMBER 25 THRU NOVEMBER 30

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

The Book of Acts (Part 2)

David Sproule (Auditorium)

The Life of David

Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Numbers & Deuteronomy (Part 1)

Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)

A Short Note from Jesus' Brother

David Sproule (Adult 1)

These classes begin NEXT Sunday, September 25.



By Dan Jenkins

Worse Than Sodom

There is an amazing truth which can so easily be overlooked. Jesus said, “For everyone to whom much is given, from Him much will be required” (Matt. 12:48). We understand the fairness and the logic behind these words but can so easily fail to see the application in our spiritual lives.

In Matthew chapter eleven, we read of that time when Jesus so sternly upbraids several of the towns where He and His apostles had preached. “Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent” (v. 20). Notice the importance of the word “most.” It was not that He had done many works in those cities; He had done the majority of them. Yet, they rejected him and would not repent.

Look at the verses which follow. “Woe to you, Chorazin!...Bethsaida!...And to you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day” (vs. 21-23).

Consider the eternal fire of judgment which came on Sodom and Gomorrah in the opening chapters of the history of mankind. God’s wrath was poured out on them because of their sexual immorality and their pursuit of unnatural desires.

They are...“set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7). Yet, had they seen and heard what these Galilean cities had seen and heard there would have been enough individuals to repent to have spared these cities.

First-century cities which were worse than Sodom! Is it possible that there are twenty-first century towns, cities and nations worse than Sodom? It is not that we have literally seen and heard Jesus and His apostles, but do we know about them? Who in our land does not know about Him turning water to wine, parts of the Sermon on the Mount, the “Passion of Christ,” the empty tomb early on “Easter” morning? As a nation we know these events, but how have we responded?

The heavens proclaimed to Sodom the glory of God and the firmament showed His handiwork. They still do in our land. He gave those nations evidence of His existence, “in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness” (Acts 14:16-17). He still does. What land has been blessed more than ours!

Brethren, make a personal application in our lives. We understand it when applied to others, what about ourselves? Think of where we live. Think of what we have seen and seen from Him. We know about Him, but have we fully known Him? “To whom much is given from him (us) much will be required.”

Could there possibly be any place more vile, evil and corrupt than Sodom



By David Sproule

The Immeasurable Love of Christ

Paul finished his masterful dissertation on the church of the Christ, and he began to close the “doctrinal” section of his letter to the Ephesians before beginning the “practical section.” In this transition, he penned a prayer on behalf of his brethren, in which he made at least five distinct requests.

The fourth desire in his list is that God “would grant” them to “be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge” (Eph. 3:14-19). Ponder, for a moment, the love of Christ. There is no greater subject on which to meditate! How much can you stretch your mind around it?

The WIDTH of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ embraces all people, regardless of race, culture, social status, economic status, education, etc. When Jesus died on the cross, He literally stretched His arms as wide as they would go to demonstrate the all-encompassing love He has for mankind (Rom. 5:8; Heb. 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:15). No one is excluded!

The LENGTH of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ “never fails” (1 Cor. 13:8). From eternity past (before the foundation of the world, 1 Pet. 1:19-21) into eternity future (if we can use such

terminology), His love for you always has been, currently is and always will be! How far has He gone to prove His love?

The DEPTH of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ compelled Him to leave the splendor and glory of heaven (John 17:5) to come down into the depths of the earth (Phil. 2:5-8), in order to reach down and save the vilest of sinners (1 Tim. 1:12-15; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). Even though we were “dead in trespasses and sins,” “His great love with which He loved us” (Eph. 2:1-4) drove Him to incomprehensible depths!

The HEIGHT of Christ’s love. Perhaps this is to draw our minds to the truth that the love of Christ raises one up from the waters of baptism and honors him to wear the name that is above every name—the name of Christ (1 Pet. 4:16), and makes him to “sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:6)—i.e., the church (Eph. 3:21). Even more, He has “reserved” (1 Pet. 1:3-5) an eternal home “in heaven above” (cf. Deut. 4:39).

After talking about “the width and length and depth and height” of the love of Christ, Paul then says that it “surpasses knowledge” (i.e., it extraordinarily exceeds any scale on which we could place it)! That is why I wrote with each expression, “Perhaps this is to draw our minds.” The reality is that we will never be able to measure and fully comprehend the immensity of the love of Christ! What a thought!

It extraordinarily exceeds any scale on which we could place it



By Josh Blackmer

The Tale of Two Hearts (Part 1)

It was the best response and the worst response. It was a time for picking up stones and a time for casting off sin. Those that heard the message of the gospel in Jerusalem were divided on how they responded to what they would do with Jesus.

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, preaches to the multitudes. The apostles had been filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began speaking in tongues (Acts 2:3-4). There were devout Jews from “every nation under heaven,” who heard these men speak in their own tongue “the mighty works of God” (Acts 2:5-11). The people were amazed and wondered, as some assumed they were drunk, but this was proven otherwise (Acts 2:12-13). When Peter begins to preach, he explains that this work of the Holy Spirit was prophesied (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:14-21). He speaks of the death and resurrection of Jesus as something that had to happen (Psa. 16:8-11; Acts 2:22-28). Peter continues speaking about the connection of Jesus to David's throne and prophecy of the resurrection and exaltation of Christ and finally laying the fault of His death at their feet (Acts 2:29-36).

Then the crowd responds. Open and honest hearts were pricked, and they cried out, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). This is one of the most important

We need to maintain this kind of heart.

questions in the Bible, in light of God's great love (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8). In light of God's great grace, “By the grace of God He tasted death for all mankind” (Heb. 2:9). In light of our great debt of sin, “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,” and “There none righteous, no, not one” (Rom. 3:10, 23).

Peter answers by inspiration, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself” (Acts 2:38-39). Paul later teaches what happens here with Peter, and he states that God “called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 2:14). Of the possible thousands that were there, we are told that “those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

Why is it important to note this reaction? Here the full gospel is preached for the first time. It is the culmination of the power, providence and pardon of God to remove the sins of mankind. There were three thousand hearts that were ready to receive the message. It is imperative that we maintain that kind of heart to continue to grow and be molded by God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Use the brain God gave you!

In order to prove a point, win an argument, silence opposition or appear intellectually superior, many today are claiming that, in our post-truth era, it is incomprehensible and intolerable to speak of a definite “right or wrong,” “truth or error,” “black or white.” Everything today is relative, and seemingly growing more and more relative.

The biggest problem with that is that the Bible does not support such a mindset. The Bible makes abundantly clear that there is a plain difference between “good and evil,” and it is not only possible to “know” the difference (Deut. 1:39), but it is possible to “discern” and “reason” about the difference (Heb. 5:14). God identifies that which is right and good (according to His divine standard), He has communicated such to us, and He has given us a mind to understand it.

It is possible to “know” truth (John 8:32). It is possible to “understand” truth (Acts 8:30; Eph. 3:4). It is possible to “reason” about truth (1 Sam. 12:7; Acts 17:2). It is possible to “err” from truth (Matt. 22:29; Jas. 5:19). God calls us to “reason” (Isa. 1:18). Use your brain! – DS



God predestined His church to be immensely blessed

Sometimes a passage of Scripture is misused so much that, when we do study it, we see only how to answer the false teaching and we miss the beauty of the passage. Ephesians 1:4-5 is one example. The text does NOT teach unconditional election or a predestination of select ones to be saved and select ones to be damned. That would contradict the rest of the Bible!

But look at the beauty of what it does teach. For those who are “in Christ” (that's New Testament Christians in His church), God “has blessed us with every spiritual blessing” (1:3). What a thought! He looked down through time and saw those who would be “in Christ” (in His church) and chose them to be His holy people and objects of His love (1:4). Thank God for that! He marked out the boundaries beforehand of those who would be “in Christ” (i.e., those who obeyed Him through the new birth process, John 3:3-5; Gal. 3:27) and adopted those people as His “sons” (1:5). What a thought! Thank God for that!

No wonder this section starts, “Blessed be the God,” and ends with, “to the praise of the glory of His grace” (1:3, 6)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Coombs	dealing with health issues
Glen Dawson	at home and under Hospice Care
Dan Johnson	in Promedica (room 609), second surgery postponed
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering at home from her fall
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
Richard Lerro	undergoing medical tests
Blake Leslie	received a stem cell infusion from Abigail
David Lord	recovering at home and improving
Gwen Lyons	surgery on Sept. 16 to remove bracing around her ankle
Cheryl Milton	undergoing radiation treatments
Maurine Reed	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
Jettie Sweetenburg	spot on her lung, awaiting tests
Betty White	recovering from neck surgery and eye procedure

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Inell Ingram
Glen & Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Dianne Frye	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, diagnosed with prostate cancer
Lamatron Gadson	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
Corinne Gardner	Dave Holaday's daughter, diagnosed with melanoma
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, undergoing medical tests
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, rehab on her broken femur
Bobby Tucker	Eva Fulton's brother, bleeding on his brain
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, undergoing tests, very weak

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, September 18

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Caila Buonadonna & Todd Juckett** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, September 19

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

Tuesday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 24

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.
- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Saturday, September 24 (cont.)

- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Sunday, September 25

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, October 1

- ♦ **Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's-Door Day.** Use materials in the lobby and invite your nearest neighbors to worship on Sunday.

Sunday, October 2

- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Monday, October 3

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, September 18

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Caila Buonadonna & Todd Juckett** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.

Saturday, October 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, October 3

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, October 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. 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.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 18

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Sunday, September 25

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

Friday, September 30

- ♦ **Area-Wide Youth Kickball** at 7:00 p.m. at the Jupiter-Tequesta church building. Come and play kickball with the Jupiter-Tequesta and Stuart youth! Chick-Fil-A will be catered for dinner. Bring drinks. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Monday, October 3

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's-Door Day ☆ Young Adult Devo b Louise Phillips b Robin Stone
2 ☆ House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling ☆ His Kids Class b Joel Ramirez	3 ☆ Men's Meet b Francis Morales b Kathy Nelson	4	5 b Rosa Nash	6	7 a Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton	8 b Donna Erickson b Norma Mariano b Bessie Walker b Betty White
				RUSH Weekend at FHU (October 6-9)		
9 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Lawrence Williams	10 a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot	11 b Scott Studer	12	13 b Fran Campbell	14 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Amy Rosado b Patricia Harrington	15 ☆ Mount Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner b Stahia Banks
16 ☆ "Coming Home" Sunday ☆ His Kids Class a Michael & Turkessa Staley b Adelene Honore	17	18 b Josue Charles	19 b Samantha Jewell b Todd Juckett	20	21 ☆ Ladies' & Lattes b Janice Maloney b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule b Leslie Williams	22 ☆ Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under a Richard & Judy Lerro b Tim Mahlbacher
23 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Millie Ames	24 b Lydia Quinn	25 b Ekaette Ikon	26 a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey	27 b Traci Sproule	28 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Fall Fest b Dianne Frye	29 ☆ Congregational Work Day
30 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Fifth Sunday Finger Foods b Marie Yolette Achille	31					

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 11

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Chase Bernardi; Mrs. Juna Dorcelly; Ms. Rebecca Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. Lambert Harris; Ms. Rosalette Harris; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Lonna Pate; Mrs. Susan Shelt; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Ms. Machele Williams.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, September 18th
Marcia Kelley

Thursday, September 22nd
Luann McLeod

Monday, September 19th
Justilien Honore

Saturday, September 24th
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)
Sabrina Swayne

News & Notes

There will be a **Wedding Shower** for **Caila Buonadonna & Todd Juckett** on Sunday, September 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.

His Kids Class

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.



For Age 3 & up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

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, September 18

Opening Prayer Tim Cox
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Victor Colage	Richard Kelley
Tim Fry	Tim Mahlbacher
Trey Higbee	Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon	Willie Smith
Todd Juckett	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, September 18

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Richard Lerro
Scripture Reading Tom Garrison
Singing
Lord's Supper Philip Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Novel Brown

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour	Rick Price
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Wednesday Evening, September 21

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Jimmie Banks
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 11	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	200	176
Sun. AM Worship	270	243
Sun. PM Worship	124	116
Wed. Bible Study	138	138
Contribution	\$15,435	\$16,231
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$43,663		

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

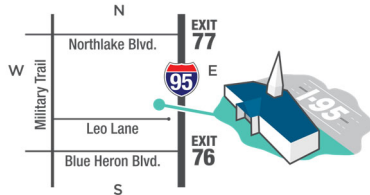
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Vincent Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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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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Upcoming Events

September 25

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

October 18

"Coming Home" Sunday

October 29

Congregational Work Day

October 30

Fifth Sunday Finger Foods

November 3-6

26th Annual South Florida Lectureship

Theme: "Questions Surrounding the Second Coming"

November 23

Congregational Singing

December 1

Ladies' Soup Supper