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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

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**"Go into ALL THE WORLD
and preach the gospel to every creature."**

AROUND THE GLOBE

American Samoa, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, China, Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Easter Island, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Guinea, New Zealand, N. Mariana Islands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Tokelau, Tonga, Trinidad, Turk Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Western Samoa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Palm Beach Lakes World Missions

IN THE U.S. & AT HOME

Apologetics Press, House to House/Heart to Heart, Douglas Alvarenga, Spanish Work, Mauricio Yegros, School of Preaching Students, Assisting Local Congregations, I-95 Banners, Print Pieces, Radio Program, Robert Lupo, Tracts, TV Program, TV Spot Ads, HD Video Equipment, "Silencing of God," "In Search of the Lord's Way," Salvation Mailout, Teen Mission Trips, Car Magnets, I-95 Sign

19 years of Mission Sundays

How will the Lord continue to use us in 2023?



By Dan Jenkins

No Salvation Without Circumcision

Judging by the topics discussed in the epistles, almost every congregation had to deal with the problem brought into the church by those whose past religion demanded that for one to be saved he had to be circumcised. The problem really surfaced when uncircumcised Gentiles became members.

At first the church was entirely Jewish, but when Saul/Paul led the persecution of the saints, they were scattered to Gentile cities (Acts 8:4). Many of them fled north and came to Antioch in Syria. At first, they taught only the Jews in this Gentile city, but there were Christians from Cyprus and Cyrene (in north Africa) who began teaching Gentiles, and soon many were led to the Lord (Acts 11:19-21). It did not happen immediately, but by the time when Paul returned after his first missionary journey (where he led hundreds, perhaps thousands of Gentiles into the church without demanding circumcision), the problem was magnified.

Certain Jews from Judea came to Antioch and stirred up the situation teaching, "Unless you are circumcised...you cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). Read the rest of this chapter to see how the matter was handled, but those who believed this false teaching spread it into almost every congregation as they began. The Bible clearly affirms circumcision is meaningless.

"Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters" (1 Cor. 7:19). "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation" (Gal. 6:15). "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love" (Gal. 5:6). The doctrine was completely false. It is nothing. It does not avail anything.

Christ brought a new circumcision and unless you have it you cannot be saved

However, there is another circumcision which does matter and **unless you are circumcised you cannot be saved**. It is not a physical removal of part of the human anatomy from the body, but a circumcision, a cutting away, of sin from the heart.

God clearly affirms that one is not one of God's chosen people because of physical circumcision, but an inward one. "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart" (Rom. 2:28-29).

Moses prophetically described the church, saying, "And the Lord, your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live" (Deut. 30:6). Have you had this circumcision? You must have it!



By David Sproule

Mark? Really?

It is interesting to consider who God used to write the books in His Bible. It is intriguing that He would use a converted tax collector (a highly despised class of people) to write the first book of the New Testament. But such is the nature of God. To see that nature even deeper, consider who God used to write the second book of the New Testament.

What do you know about Mark? Matthew is easily identified, as he was an apostle. The same is true for John. Luke is the only Greek author in the New Testament (of Luke and Acts), mentioned by name only three times (Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11; Phile. 24), but known to be a regular travel companion of Paul in the book of Acts. But who is Mark?

Mark is first mentioned in Acts 12:12 and almost just in passing. It's as if the author of the book of Acts (i.e., Luke, the physician) assumed that everyone knew who Mark was. In Acts 12, Peter was imprisoned by Herod Agrippa I, who no doubt had plans to kill him, like he did James (12:1-4). The church was gathered together to pray for Peter, and they were gathered in "the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark" (12:12). So we find that his mother was a prominent member of the Jerusalem congregation, and he was also "the cousin of Barnabas" (Col. 4:10).

God can use us, too, even if we have failed!

Perhaps what Mark (a.k.a. John Mark) is most remembered for is traveling with Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey, but then he "departed from them in Pamphylia," "returned to Jerusalem," "and had not gone with them to the work" (Acts 15:38; 13:13). John Mark turned back! This was not an insignificant matter, as it caused a "sharp contention" between Paul and Barnabas, when they prepared for the second journey, as Paul "insisted that they should not take" Mark with them (15:38).

Mark is known as "the guy who turned back"—not a great reputation to have. But, God still had use for him. He did go on another missionary journey (Acts 15:39). He visited with Paul, while he was in prison in Rome (Col. 4:10; Phile. 24). Paul wanted to see him before his death, stating that Mark "is useful to me for ministry" (2 Tim. 4:11). Peter described Mark as "my son" (1 Pet. 5:13), indicating a close, spiritual relationship between those two men.

What's the point? Mark made a poor decision when he turned back from "the work," and while that poor decision defined him for a period of time, there is more to his story. He was not a total failure! He learned, he grew, he matured, and he returned "to the work" of the Lord! And God took that man to write a book in His Bible! God can use us, too, even if we have failed! No matter what we have done, let's return "to the work"! Let's help others to learn of Jesus, as Mark did!



By Josh Blackmer

Salvation in the Gospels

The gospel, meaning the good news, is a word that is used throughout the New Testament. It was used in talking about the good news of the kingdom (Matt. 4:23). Mark starts his account of the life of the Christ this way: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark. 1:1). The Bible also mentions “the gospel of God” (Mark 1:14), “the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24), “the gospel of your salvation” (Eph. 1:13), and “the gospel of peace” (Eph. 6:15). God is the origin of that good news, Christ is the central figure, and because of God’s grace, we can have salvation and peace with Him. Since Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John write about the good news or salvation in Christ, what can we learn about salvation in just their accounts?

One must first hear about salvation. Jesus taught very plainly about the importance of hearing His words and acting on them (Matt. 7:24-27). A blessing is given to the obedient listener: “blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it” (Luke 11:28).

In hearing, we may come to believe. John specifically states in his account that the things that were written, “have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His

name” (John 20:31). Mark tells us that Jesus was teaching that belief and repentance go hand in hand. “The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15).

Repentance is a key element in salvation. Jesus highlighted this in the book of Luke. “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). When Jesus sent out his twelve apostles to preach, “They went out and preached that men should repent” (Mark 6:12).

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Jesus also taught that confessing His name before men was important. This is the act of publicly acknowledging that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ the Son of God. “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32-33).

Baptism was also taught in the gospels. John taught “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mark 1:4). Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15). Jesus teaches the importance of baptism for us. “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). It was something that His disciples were to keep teaching (Matt. 28:19-20). We can know what we need to do to be saved in just the gospel accounts. Hearing and knowing is only the beginning.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Tell no one?

It may seem strange (and even counterproductive) to us that after certain miracles Jesus told the individuals to keep the news to themselves and to “tell no one” (Matt. 8:4; 9:30; 12:15-16). Why would Jesus command such? Didn’t He want everyone to know about Him?

Think about what did happen when “everyone” found out about Him. On the one hand, those who legitimately were trying to get to Jesus “could not” (Luke 8:19; 19:3). Still others, who were threatened by large multitudes following Jesus, tried to “throw Him down over the cliff” (Luke 4:29) and later to “stone Him” (John 10:31). Eventually, they succeeded in crucifying Him.

Jesus’ purpose in this may have been two-fold: (1) looking out for the safety of those He healed; (2) trying to prevent His efforts, purpose and timing from being completely thwarted by large crowds. Of course, some of those whom He told, “Do not tell,” still did (Matt. 9:31). That makes me wonder—He explicitly told us to tell everyone about Him! Do we? –DS



that!

No more patience

Have you ever reached the “end of your patience” with someone—maybe with your children or a sibling or a coworker? You had been extending patience for a long time, but you reach your end and just cannot extend any more? What happens when you reach the “end of your patience”?

Do you know how much patience God is extending to us? SO MUCH! The Bible plainly says that He “is longsuffering toward us” (2 Pet. 3:9)—the present tense verb emphasizes His ongoing patience! Just as with Israel of old, no doubt there has been “many a time [that] He turned His anger away” from us (Psa. 78:38). Thank God for

But, the time is coming when God’s patience will reach an end...when His longsuffering will not suffer long with us any more. At that time, He will return “in flaming fire taking vengeance” on those who are not prepared (2 Thess. 1:8). I don’t want any part of that! I am SO very thankful for His patience with me, but may I live my life in such a way that my Master, “when [H]e comes, will find [me] so doing” as He pleases (Matt. 24:46)! –DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Novel Brown	recovering at home, slowly improving
Willie Cox	fell and had to get nine staples in his head
Cheryl Floyd	dealing with severe back pain
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from major surgery
Gwen Lyons	had her ankle surgery postponed again
Cheryl Milton	recovering at home
Maurine Reed	back at Hamlin Place
Betty Sanders	recovering from medical procedures
Don Seay	at Luxe Rehab in Jupiter (room 127)
Sam Simpkins	surgery for 3 cancerous tumors on his bladder on Feb. 8
Jettie Sweetenburg	lung cancer, chemo & radiation treatments

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Robin Landen	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	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, had 2 more seizures, now in rehab
Gerod Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, recovering from eye surgery
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, dealing with low blood pressure
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Joe Deem	Allison Roman's father, recovering from mini-strokes
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, skin cancer, awaiting test results
Richard Freseman	Nicole Freseman's father, PBG Hospital, heart attack
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, still dealing with heart issues
Chelsea McLean	Brad Dubuisson's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
Gineas Mauvais	Juliette Mauvais' father, in the hospital in Haiti
Mary Pietro	Nicholas Pietro's mother, under Hospice Care
Lillie Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Friday, January 27

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Allison Roman. 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, January 28

- ♦ **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. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

Saturday, January 28 (cont.)

- ♦ **Men's Day hosted by Savona Blvd.** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Act Like Men." Cost is \$30 per person. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Port St. Lucie. See the bulletin board for details.
- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. This will be a potluck event. Please bring a main dish, dessert or drinks. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Sunday, January 29

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, January 27

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Allison Roman. 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, February 4

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

Monday, February 6

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

Friday, February 17

- ♦ **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.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, January 22

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

Friday, January 27

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Allison Roman. 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, February 6

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

Saturday, February 11

- ♦ **Young Families Valentine's Party** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 b Gai Ingram	3 b Jennifer Goodale	4 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Novel & Mary Brown b Lilly Lolo
5 ☆ His Kids Class a Mike & Tasha Ellis a Joel & Jessica Ramirez b Cris Cuevas b Maurine Reed	6 ☆ Men's Meet b Kenneth Long b Sherrie Tibbetts	7	8	9 a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Pete & Pat Brown	11 ☆ Young Families Valentine's Party ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting ☆ Sweetheart Banquet b David Brown
					CFBC Mother-Daughter Retreat (10-12)	
12 ☆ His Kids Class b Dave Holaday b Suzanne Weber	13 a Eugene & Penny Williams	14 a Jaime & Natasha Campbell-Flores a Marty & Leslie Williams	15	16 b Pat Parnell b Laura Schue-mann	17 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Julie Williams	18
19 ☆ His Kids Class	20 b Robin Landen	21 b Lillian Bankston	22 b Lester Galloway	23 b Ricky Smedley	24	25 b Lisa Eutsey
26 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo	27 b Caila Juckett b Chuck Milton	28				

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

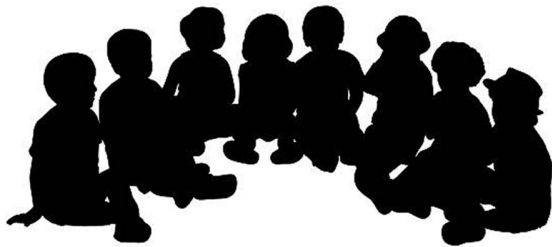
Sunday,
January 15

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Lynn Carrusso; Mr. Robert Coleman; Mr. Miles Davis; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Debra Juckett; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sharon Mann; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mr. David Portelles; Ms. Malita Robinson; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; and Ms. Hero Santiago.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; St. Albans, MO; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Kay Richardson, Round Rock, TX.

His Kids Class

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.



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

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, January 22nd

Andrea Leslie

Monday, January 23rd

Luther Robinson

Tuesday, January 24th

Keila McLeod

Marisa Reeves

Thursday, January 26th

Jimmie Banks

Winifred Patterson

Friday, January 27th

Christene Bean

Ed Buonadonna

Saturday, January 28th

Joyce Parker

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, January 22

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Ricky Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Novel Brown

Serve at Table:

Namddie Ikon	Tim Mahlbacher
Todd Juckett	Taylor Reeves
Richard Kelley	Vincent Rogers
Orlando Lolo	Nahum Villard
Steward Lynch	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, January 22

Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Willie Smith
Scripture Reading Rick Hall
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Phil Porter

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour	Trey Higbee
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Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, January 25

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Tim Fry
Family Prayer Dion Hayes

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 15	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	135	160
Sun. AM Worship	240	251
Sun. PM Worship	133	110
Wed. Bible Study	114	125
Contribution	\$17,365	\$16,261

2023 Weekly Budget: \$TBA

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

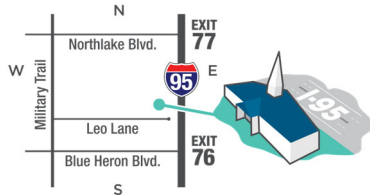
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Tom Garrison
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

Front Cover: **Cara & Vivian Blackmer**

