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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

Acts 27 -
Romans 3



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Vacation Bible School

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June 11-14
Each night at 7:00 p.m.





By Dan Jenkins

Cornelius—Could He Lay Hands on Others?

There is no doubt that the apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. After the apostles received the Spirit, they could lay hands on others, giving them miraculous powers when they also received the Spirit. The question is, did Cornelius and his household have this same ability to impart the Spirit after being baptized in the Spirit?

There is no doubt what the Bible says about what happened in Acts chapter ten when Peter went to Cornelius' house. In three places he described what happened. "These...have received the Holy Spirit **just as we have**...the Holy Spirit fell upon them, **as upon us at the beginning**...then I remembered how He said, 'You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit'...'giving them the Holy Spirit, **just as He did to us**" (Acts 10:47; 11:15-16; 15:8—bold emphasis by dj). The Greek is even more emphatic, but one does not have to know Greek to understand what happened. Peter was at both Pentecost and with Cornelius and he said it was the same.

Having established that it was the same does not answer the question as to whether all those in Cornelius' household could then do what the apostles did in Samaria, when the Holy Spirit was given to those in that city. To understand this, we must see the difference in the **receiving** of the Spirit and

the **manifestation** of the Spirit once He was received.

Look at Paul's first letter to Corinth. He affirms that while every member in Corinth had **received** the Spirit (v. 7), He was **manifested** in a different way. It was the same One who gave diversities of gifts, ministries (administrations—KJV) and activities (operations—KJV). He then shows that one man might have more manifestations of the Spirit than the one who had only one (14:13). The fact is that one might have more **manifestation** of the Spirit, but he did not have more of the Spirit. Paul's argument is that they all had **received** the same Spirit. All were equally important in their service to the church (v. 11).

Those in Corinth had received the same Spirit that the apostles received on Pentecost. He was simply manifested in a different way. Why is the receiving of the Spirit called a baptism of the Spirit in Acts 2 and 10? Because they were immersed (overwhelmed) by the Spirit and had no control as to whether they spoke in tongues. Those in Corinth were not overwhelmed for they could keep silent if no interpreter was present. All **received** the same Spirit, He was **manifested** in different ways. The manifestation of the Spirit gave the apostles the sign they were apostles by laying hands on others (2 Cor. 12:12). Cornelius is different—He was not an apostle. Men received the same Spirit, He manifested Himself differently!

There is a vast difference in receiving the Spirit and how He is manifested



By David Sproule

Welcome, Robert Lupo!

Robert Lupo begins working full-time with our Family/Youth Program on Sunday, June 11, 2023. We are excited to have him here and look forward to many great things in the years ahead.

Robert is no stranger to Palm Beach Lakes. When he was a teenager, Robert and his dad, Ron, and his two brothers came to PBL from the Suncoast congregation in August 2001. He jumped right in to our youth program and was actively involved during his high school years. After high school, he stayed at Palm Beach Lakes and became one of our regular song leaders and frequently taught Bible classes for the children and teenagers. While we did not know him for the first part of his life, we have seen tremendous growth in the last 22 years.

Robert was encouraged through the years, by many individuals, to go to preaching school and become a preacher. That dream started to really take shape about three or four years ago. He met Reanna Johnson and they got married on December 12, 2020. The newlyweds decided that they wanted to devote their lives to working in the kingdom, so Robert enrolled in the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville, Tennessee in August 2021. He just graduated on May 27, and he has returned to work with our Family/Youth Program.

We are excited to have him here and look forward to many great things.

Two Sundays ago, it was announced that Josh and Cara Blackmer, who have been working with our Family/Youth Program since 2014, would be going back into full-time mission work. This time they will be traveling the country to work with smaller congregations, and they will be going back annually to Paraguay and Easter Island (and other international mission points). There will be a short transition with our Family/Youth Program during this summer between Josh and Robert.

What should we expect from Robert? He is not here to entertain our kids but to assist in building them up in the truths of God's Word. He is not here to replace parents but to work alongside parents and families to help instruct and train children in their relationships with the Lord and their love for and involvement in the church. He will be seeking to do this with children of all ages and families of all sizes. Robert is here to help us, as families and a congregation, to get our children to heaven.

What can the congregation do to help Robert? Parents, it really starts with you. Get your children involved. Bring them to Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. Bring them to every youth event that is planned for their age group. Support Robert's efforts to strengthen our youth and keep him in your prayers.

Robert and Reanna, welcome home!



By Josh Blackmer

“Commending Ourselves As Servants of God”

There are so many blessings to being in the Lord’s church, one of which is the body of believers that we call brothers and sisters or just the family of God. I have been encouraged by so many across the nation. Most of them don’t even know or may not even be trying to be an encouragement. They are simply serving God and in so doing are a blessing to others by their examples. Paul spoke about this in a letter to the church in Corinth.

Paul and those that were with him in Corinth were working in such a way so that there would be “no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited” (2 Cor. 6:3). All of their actions were filtered through the process of, “Will this help or will this hurt the church?” In order to do that, they had to think differently about themselves. Paul said, “In everything commending ourselves as servants of God” (2 Cor. 6:4). They framed out their world view as servants of God. So, no matter the circumstance, they were serving God through everything that happened. These are the circumstances he mentions. “In much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of

righteousness for the right hand and the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things” (2 Cor. 6:4-10).

Paul was a blessing because he commended himself to God.

It is possible to go through similar circumstances and have a view of life that would limit our perspective and produce a very different outcome. In all of this, Paul was serving God, and the church was blessed because of it. If we were negative, we wouldn’t be able to see beyond our own situation in order to recognize what is being learned or how our circumstances could be an encouragement to others. Many people have been brought to the Lord by watching how Christians handled very hard situations in their lives. The opposite is true as well. Many more people have been turned away from the church because of how Christians have conducted themselves in particularly difficult times.

It is no doubt that Paul was a blessing to so many in the early church. He had commended himself as a servant of God. He had decided that he was going to be a blessing. He had learned the secret to being content in his circumstances (Phil. 4:11). Whenever it was most difficult, it was Christ who strengthened him for the work at hand (Phil. 4:13).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

This is the way!

In the television series “The Mandalorian,” the Mandalorians live by a code (which basically summarizes their belief system) that is captured in the simple phrase, “This is the way.” Of course, as has been the case for hundreds of years, Scripture permeates culture.

To begin with, Jesus Himself stated, “I am the way” (John 14:6). He didn’t say that He was “one of the ways” but that He is the one and only way. Jesus had been talking about heaven and Thomas had asked, “How can we know the way?” (14:5). So, in response, Jesus said, “I am the way.” Thus, there is no other way “to the Father” in the heaven other than “through” Jesus! “He is the way!” Throughout the book of Acts, the exclusive nature of Christ’s church and the Christian faith is described as “the Way” (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4, 14; 24:22). When Christ put His church on this earth, He did not call it “one of the ways” but “the Way.”

Are you a faithful follower of Christ? Are you part of Christ’s church? “This is the way!” – DS



Has your targeting system been ripped out?

In a battle between Iron Man (Tony Stark) and Iron Monger (Obadiah Stane) near the end of the 2008 Iron Man movie, Tony “ripped out” the “targeting system” from Obadiah’s suit. As a result, Obadiah could not shoot straight and kept missing his target.

Could it be that some Christians have had their “targeting systems” ripped out – either by choice, by negligence or by deception? Have some of us allowed the devil to get on our backs and distract us and, therefore, disrupt our targeted purpose in this life?

The wise man would have us to remember, “The way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below” (Prov. 15:24). Is the path of your life going “upward” toward heaven, or has it been diverted toward the realm of death below? Paul pleads with us, “Seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2). Friends, if you miss your target of heaven, nothing else matters! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	may be able to finally have her knee surgery on July 11
Mattie Cox	recovering from outpatient surgery
Carolyn Cullom	fell and is dealing with back pain
Mike Erickson	recovering from a car accident and is in a lot of pain
Charles Hayes	continues to have procedures on his face
Carolyn Kemp	car accident, in the hospital with a broken wrist
John Kemp	recovering from car accident
Gwen Lyons	having cataract surgery on June 13
Don Seay	hospitalized last week but has been discharged

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	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Mila Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's newborn granddaughter, in the NICU
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, suffering with shingles
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, echocardiogram on July 23

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-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Operation: Creation."* There are classes for all ages.

Sunday, June 11

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, June 12

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Come and enjoy VBS class for adults. Class will resume next week.

Tuesday, June 13

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

Friday, June 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway. 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, June 17

- ♦ **PBL Work Day at Clewiston** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.
- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, June 18

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 21

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series** at 7:00 p.m. Kevin Patterson will be speaking on *"I Want to Pray Like Hannah."* Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.

Sunday, June 25

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Sunday-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Operation: Creation."* There are classes for all ages.

Friday, June 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway. 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-Sunday, July 1-2

- ♦ **PBL's 100th Anniversary Homecoming.** Guest speakers include: Bill Boyd, Kevin Cain, Dan Jenkins, Jonathan Jenkins and Al Washington. Come and enjoy dinner and fellowship on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday services will be at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, June 11

- ♦ **No His Kids Class** this week.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Operation: Creation."* There are classes for all ages.

Friday, June 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway. 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.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 21-24

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Please keep the campers and preachers in your prayers. See David Sproule for details.

Sunday, June 25

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m.

Equipping & Edifying Families

7 Tools Every Home Needs to Survive

by Glenn Colley



Introduction

We sometimes have the mistaken idea that God has one set of rules for how Christians should act outside their homes and a different set of rules behind the closed doors of matrimony. But that's wrong. What would happen if you began applying all the principles of being a faithful Christian—with reference to your marriage?

1. **The Bitterness Drain** (Matthew 5:21-26)
 - a. Do you sometimes save grievances after you've said they were forgiven?
 - b. Ephesians 4:32
 - c. Luke 17:3-5
2. **The Lust Hammer** (Matthew 5:27)
 - a. It's a mistake to think we can make an occasional hobby of pornography and it not hurt our souls or our marriages. Pornography is as addictive as any powerful drug and breaks the trust bond in marriage.
 - b. Men commonly underestimate the marketing skill of those who sell on-line pornography.
3. **The Sacrifice Booster** (Matthew 5:29-30)
 - a. This isn't speaking of a literal eye or hand, but any sin which I have grown to treasure. If an activity is sinful, I must cut it away from me.
 - b. If two people are compatible enough to get married and both are dedicated Christians, divorce will never interrupt their union. There is no sin-free divorce (Rom. 7:2-3; Matt. 19:9).
4. **The Divorce Vac** (Matthew 5:31)
 - a. In Jesus' time, people trivialized divorce as insignificant. It was so common to divorce and remarry that when Jesus taught that divorce and remarriage for any reason other than adultery was sinful, those who heard it exclaimed that if that was true, it was better for people to not marry!
 - b. Divorce-proof your marriage:
 - 1) Be present in your marriage.
 - 2) Be protective of your marriage.
 - 3) Be positive in your marriage.
 - 4) Be polite in your marriage.
 - 5) Be playful in your marriage.
5. **The Deceit Trap** (Matthew 5:33)
 - a. Serious marriage problems almost always include deceit.
 - b. We don't want to hear our spouses reminding us or criticizing us for our sins, so we lie.
 - c. Vow now that you will always tell your spouse the truth. Every time.
6. **The Retaliation Extractor** (Matthew 5:38)
 - a. When a counselor is with a couple and she says about her husband, "He hit me!" The counselor turns to the husband and asks, "Did you hit her?" Nine times out of ten the man will say, "Yes, but she hit me first!" What is he implying by that?
 - b. What if you took retaliation out of your marriage? It is very difficult to have a good argument with someone who simply won't participate.
7. **The Conditional Love Expander** (Matthew 5:43-47)
 - a. We are commanded to grow (2 Pet. 3:18).
 - b. Jesus teaches us here how to love people without regard for how they might benefit us.
 - c. Ask yourself, "Do I only love my husband/wife for what I get out of him/her?"

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Sonia Davidson; Mrs. Sharry Douglas; Miss Halle Johnson; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; and Mr. & Mrs. Reginald & Felicia Washington.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Astrid Menendez, CA; Mr. David Robertson Kelly, Hayward, CA; Mrs. Karla Santiago, Elizabethtown, KY; and Mrs. Krystal Sikorski, Hollywood, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week



Shepherds Praying

Sunday, June 11th
Richard Watson

Wednesday, June 14th
Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)

Tuesday, June 13th
Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
Judie Jenkins
Taylor Price
Squadeina Ross

Friday, June 16th
Ally Alberga
Saturday, June 17th
Nyla Hackshaw
Mary Jackson

Our Shepherds will be praying together at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3 on Sundays for the month of June. All members are invited to come and pray with them. If you have a prayer request, please write it on your attendance card this morning, and they will include it in their prayer this evening.

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, June 11

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading Jeff Leslie
Singing
Lord's Supper Jeff Goodale
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Kane Campbell

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale	Jim Rogers
James Green	Joseph Snyder
Hunter Hinton	Cristian Suarez
Jack Holoman	Lawrence Williams
Islay Rodriguez	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, June 11

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading Jim Davis
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier Kameron Heitler

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Cris Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, June 14

Singing VBS
Invitation VBS
Family Prayer VBS

Our Record

Attendance	June 4	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	190
Sun. AM Worship	249	290
Sun. PM Worship	107	120
Wed. Bible Study	138	125
Contribution	\$17,172	\$16,106

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,577

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

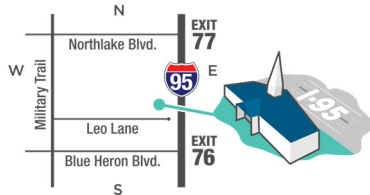
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Michael Erickson
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron



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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: **Robert & Reanna Lupo**

Don't Stop Short!

By Simon Tyson (Summer Intern)

In 2 Kings 10, we read the story of King Jehu, an epic tale, as he wipes Israel clean of lingering evils. In 2 Kings 10:1-14, Jehu hunts down the remaining family of Ahab, the previous king, who had corrupted the nation, making sure that the bloodline ends. However, Jehu does not stop at Ahab's family. For the rest of the chapter, we see Jehu enact a cunning plan to trap and kill every worshipper of Baal that remained in Israel. He called an assembly together to worship Baal, bringing everyone into the house of Baal, and then had guards standing outside. When the time was right, Jehu sent men inside, in order to kill every worshiper, and anyone who might escape would be killed by the guards.

What an incredible story! Jehu purged Israel of all Baal worship, so he must have been a devout follower of God, right? Let us take note of 2 Kings 10:29. Jehu "did not depart" from the sins concerning idols. It emphasizes that thought in verse 31, which says, "Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the Lord." Even though the Lord blessed Jehu for what he had done (10:30), Jehu continued to do evil.

What we need to learn from Jehu, brothers and sisters, is that we can do great things and still fall short of doing what is right in the end. It is extremely easy to fall off the right path. Let us always do what is right and finish our Christian race (1 Cor. 9:24; 2 Tim. 4:7-8).



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).