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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*2 Corinthians 12 -
Galatians 3*



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY



As school begins, **please pray for our students and teachers** to be safe, to work hard, to remain steadfast in their faith and to be a positive, Christ-centered influence in their schools.





By Dan Jenkins

The “All” of Christ and Christians

The forceful power of a small word in a single verse in the Bible can so easily be overlooked. The key to understanding the signs of the end in Matthew 24 is found in the word “all” in verse thirty-four. The time of the establishment of the kingdom is found in Daniel 7:13-14 when one notices the word “to” instead of the word “from.” Let’s take a moment and look at the word “all” and its importance in understanding the work of Christ in our lives.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven He said, “All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and on the earth” (Matt. 28:18). The word “all” in this verse has been overlooked by so many. Pilate thought that the authority he had from Rome meant that he could release Jesus or crucify Him. The King of kings told the governor that he had no power except that which heaven had given him (John 19:11). If mighty kings have no power, then how does any mortal think he has power and authority over the One who has all authority?

Yet, in the religious world so many have ignored His authority. Jesus does not have all authority in a system which places the authority of the Vatican over the teachings of Jesus. The same is true of other religions in America. Modern Christendom is being torn asunder as church hierarchy deals with

homosexuality and transgenders and their place in modern churches. The reality is that He who has all authority is the only One to decide these matters—He has all authority. The entire basis of true Christianity is found in realizing that truth is not decided by hierarchy, learned scholars, gifted speakers or by anyone whose heart says, “I know that this is what the Bible teaches, but I have decided to ignore that and follow what I want to do.” We have robbed Jesus of the authority that is His!

**Thinking we will
please Jesus by
recognizing some
of His authority
is not enough**

Being a faithful Christian involves realizing that He has all the authority in our lives. The words of King Agrippa show this when he said, “You almost persuade me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28). Almost is not enough, it will have no bearing on the final day of judgment for one to almost have served Him. Look at Paul’s response in which I have purposely changed the spelling of two words. The apostle said, “I would to God that ...you...might become both allmost and alltogether such as I am.” Almost being a Christian is not enough. He who has all authority says that it is ALLmost and ALLtogether.

There is no place for churches or individuals thinking they will please God by recognizing some of the authority of Jesus. There is no place for churches or individuals thinking they will please God by recognizing most of the authority of Jesus. His last words before He left the earth affirmed He has all authority. God help us all to honor that authority!



By David Sproule

Salvation: It Requires the Blood of Christ

When it comes to our salvation from sin, it is essential that we understand the power at work in salvation! Salvation only comes by means of the BLOOD OF CHRIST!

God “sent His only begotten Son into the world” (1 John 4:9), in order to offer “the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26) and “shed” His blood “for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). It is not merely necessary that Christ would come and die. It was necessary that He give His blood in His death, for only “by His blood” (Rom. 3:25) could Jesus satisfy the wrath of God and “make propitiation for the sins of the people” (Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10). Consider how God has always placed the power of atonement in a sacrifice of blood.

In the Patriarchal Age, the sacrifice of blood was essential. The first acceptable sacrifice of man at the beginning of time was one of blood (Gen. 4:3-5). Noah offered sacrifices involving blood (Gen. 8:20), as did Abraham (Gen. 12:7-8). The Passover was instituted with sacrifices involving blood (Ex. 12:1-13).

In the Mosaic Age, the sacrifice of blood was essential. The old covenant was sealed with blood (Heb. 9:18-20; Ex. 24:6-8). The tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry were sanctified by blood (Heb. 9:21-22). The Law of Moses

required multiple animal sacrifices daily (Lev. 1-7; Heb. 10:11). However, we learn that the blood of those animal sacrifices could never take away sin (Heb. 10:1-4). Every year the sins of Israel were remembered (Heb. 10:3; Lev. 16), and atonement had to be secured by the blood of an animal (Heb. 9:7, 25). Truly, “without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Heb. 9:22).

**Salvation is only
possible because
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Christ.**

The shedding of Jesus’ blood was absolutely essential for our salvation from sin. The Old Testament prophets foretold of the Savior’s sacrifice (Isa. 53:5-6; Psalms 22:16; Zech. 13:1). The New Testament reveals to us that it is only through the power of the blood of Christ that we can be washed from our sins (Rev. 1:5; 7:14), be cleansed from our sins (1 John 1:7; Heb. 9:14), be forgiven of our sins (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22), be redeemed from our sins (Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19), be justified from our sins (Rom. 5:9), be sanctified from our sins (Heb. 10:29; 13:12), be reconciled from our sins (Eph. 2:13; Col. 1:20), etc. Read those again. Our salvation from sin is only possible because of the precious blood of Jesus Christ that was lovingly shed for all mankind!

Truly our “redemption [is] through His blood,” giving us “the forgiveness of sins” (Eph. 1:7), but we can only be “washed...in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:14) by a proper response to the revealed will of the loving Savior!



By Robert Lupo

You Only Have Yourself to Blame

If you had siblings like me, there may have been a time or two when you got in trouble and shouted, “My brother made me do it!” Quickly, we found out that was not an excuse, even if our brother egged us on. We are responsible for our actions.

The book of Ezekiel tells of Israel’s impending punishment. Because they did not keep God’s commandments, the Lord was bringing judgment. If you were to read the books of the Kings and Chronicles alone, you might get the impression that Israel was being punished for the sins of their kings. Over and over we see verses like 1 Kings 14:16, “And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin.” However, Ezekiel shows us that the guilt of sin is only carried by the one who commits it.

In Ezekiel 18, the individual’s responsibility for sin is clearly explained. At the beginning of the chapter, we read that a proverb was circulating in Israel. It said, “The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” Their claim was that the children of Israel were punished only because of the sins of their parents. God immediately condemned this proverb for its false teaching. “‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. Be-

hold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die!’” (Ezek. 18:3-4).

Punishment can only be carried out on the person who sins. Each person must give an account of their righteousness or unrighteousness. God says, “If he has walked in My statutes...He shall surely live!” (v. 9). However, if he sins, “He shall not live!” (v. 13). Whether good or bad, reward or punishment is given to the one who acts.

Furthermore, we see that guilt cannot be passed down. In verse 20, the Lord says, “The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son.” No one is at fault because of the actions of their relative. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree, they received their punishment. While we experience the consequences of their actions by living outside of the Garden, we inherit no sin. We are only guilty of the sins we commit. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

We need to take responsibility for our actions. The only sins we are responsible for are the ones we have committed ourselves. But, God is merciful, and we can rest assured that if we repent of our sins, we will be forgiven. The Lord says, “‘For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,’ says the Lord God. ‘Therefore turn and live!’” (Ezek. 18:32).

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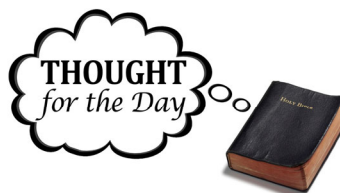
Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Distracted from your true purpose

When the car radio was first being introduced in the 1930s, many opposed it, stating strong concerns of the danger of distracting drivers from...driving. Fast forward through the next 90 years. How many more distractions are there in the average car today?

When a person gets behind the wheel of an automobile, he/she has one purpose—to drive to a particular destination. That’s it. Is it nice to have a radio? Air conditioning? A phone? Snacks? Certainly. But how often can those distract from the actual purpose at hand?

How many amenities or add-ons are there in our lives that are “nice” to have but are distracting us from our true purpose in life? Do we allow entertainment, friendships, hobbies, family members and even career pursuits to distract us from seeking first God’s kingdom (Matt. 6:33), teaching the gospel to lost souls (Mark 16:15), serving our fellow brethren (Gal. 5:13) and glorifying God in all that we do (1 Cor. 10:31)? We were “created for [His] glory” (Isa. 43:7)—are we fulfilling our purpose? – DS



Watch all around you

One of the greatest pieces of advice that I was given when learning to drive was from my sister. She told me to always keep an eye on my rearview mirror, so that I knew where those cars were and how they were driving behind me. Today I spend almost as much time looking in the mirror as I do out the windshield.

We are given this same instruction in the New Testament for effectively living the Christian life. Scripture tells us, “See then that you walk circumspectly” (Eph. 5:15)—keep our eyes open and be careful how we walk. Jesus said, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation” (Matt. 26:41). The word “watch” means to “be on the alert, keep awake.” Peter issues the same warning, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8).

When you are driving, watch all around you on every side at all times for signs of danger. Even more, do that as you roll through life as a Christian! “Let us watch and be sober” (1 Thess. 5:6)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	recovering at home from her hip surgery
Linda Coe	knee replacement surgery scheduled for Oct. 2
Mary Coombs	has not been feeling well
Richard Haines	recovering from neck surgery
Loretta Holaday	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Trudie Holland	now in Brookdale Assisted Living
Carolyn Kemp	in rehab, recovering from car accident
John Patrick	recovering from eye surgery
Mary Quinn	dealing with vertigo
Sherri Richmond	thyroid cancer, surgery being scheduled
Yolanda Stewart	scheduled for surgery next month
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

Ongoing Health Issues

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
Lillian Bankston	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Zula Garrett	Joyce Parker
Terri Hahn	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Brittany Davis	Reanna Lupo & Halle Johnson's sister, undergoing tests
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, melanoma on his head
Jonathan Jenkins	Dan & Judie's son, recovering at home from accident
Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyon's mother, diagnosed with vascular dementia
Juanita Morgan	Adelene Honore's sister, dealing with back and hip pain
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments

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, August 13

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Monday, August 14

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume after the parking lot construction has been completed.

Tuesday, August 15

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume after the parking lot construction has been completed.

Friday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 20

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, August 26

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, August 27

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Sunday, September 3

- ♦ **Deadline to Bring Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home.** Please bring Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by this evening and place them in the box in the Lobby. They are not having a truck pick up items, so please do NOT bring supplies.
- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, August 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Daisy Lord. 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, September 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Friday, September 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Reanna Lupo. 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, September 16

- ♦ **Parenting Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Friday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 20

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, August 27

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, September 10

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Equipping & Edifying Families

7 Do's and Don'ts in Disciplining Children

by Roy Sharp



Introduction

- i. Modern western families are not, as a norm, teaching self-discipline to their children.
- ii. External discipline, the one administered forcibly by parents and society, does not always translate into self-discipline.
- iii. Traditional values are usually interpreted by younger generations as old-fashioned and obsolete.
- iv. Young parents protest: "We must try to understand our children, we must be better than our own parents."
- v. This pseudo-scientific attitude, not supported by hard evidence, has caused the American family (in general) to forgive or turn a blind eye to small delinquent behavior in young children.
- vi. Article Source: <http://EzineArticles.com/1691324> – Jacques Sprenger is a special education teacher in Brownsville, Texas.

1. Do Not Fail to Discipline!

- a. Discipline imparts wisdom and prevents parents from being disgraced (Prov. 29:15).
- b. Correction will not kill but will "deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13-14).

2. Do Follow God's Example!

- a. A man who follows God's instruction is blessed (Psa. 94:12).
- b. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Prov. 1:7).
- c. God disciplines us for our profit (Heb. 12:9-10).

3. Do Not Provoke Children to Wrath!

- a. Abusive discipline produces wrath.
- b. "Bring them up in the training (discipline) and admonition (instruction) of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

4. Do Not Discipline in Anger!

- a. Parents argue about the rights and wrongs of child discipline—one parent just wants to spank, the other believes family discussions are what's needed.
- b. When the parents themselves are at odds over the way discipline is handled, it doesn't take the children two minutes to have a very acute handle on the problem. (Article Source: <http://EzineArticles.com/1042737>)
- c. The difference between child abuse and discipline is like the difference between night and day.
 - 1) The one produces insecure, unhappy and undeveloped children.
 - 2) The other produces secure, joyful children whose potential is being realized.
- d. "Be angry and do not sin..." (Eph. 4:26).

5. Do Discipline to Correct and Train the Child!

- a. Discipline is not joyful but painful.
- b. The yield is "the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Heb. 12:9).

6. Do Teach Self Discipline!

- a. "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls" (Prov. 25:28, ESV).
- b. "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable" (1 Cor. 9:25, ESV).
- c. "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Tim. 1:7, ESV).

7. Do Set the Proper Course for Life!

- a. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).
- b. "...Bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 6



Directory Changes

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Career Ellis, Ms. Gina Ellison; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Ola Hankins; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. David McDowell; Mr. Damian Ramos; Mr. & Mrs. Bryan & Chandra Runions; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Ms. Machele Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Charlie Eure, Mockville, NC; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Mariusz & Ewa Kalafarski; and Ms. Norma Polania, Colombia.

It's a girl!

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Congratulations to **Chuck & Marisa Reeves** upon the birth of their **granddaughter, Remi Jo Reeves**, born to Austin & Jamie, on Wednesday, August 9, weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz.

Monday, August 14th
Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)

Thursday, August 17th
Jonathan Swayne

Tuesday, August 15th
Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)
Carolyn Lord
Buzz Nelson

Friday, August 18th
Benny Rodgers
Melissa Shaw
Deboria Walker

Wednesday, August 16th
Chad Morgan

Saturday, August 19th
David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)



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, August 13

Singing Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper Jeff Leslie
Singing
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Johnny Davis

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Joe Maloney
Michael Erickson	Luther Robinson
James Green	Islay Rodriguez
Kameron Heitler	Cristian Suarez
Jack Holoman	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, August 13

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Connor Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Jim Davis Max Eizaga

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Cris Cuevas
Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, August 16

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Tim Fry
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 6	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	166	166
Sun. AM Worship	258	272
Sun. PM Worship	134	125
Wed. Bible Study	117	117
Contribution	\$20,079	\$16,412

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$14,702

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

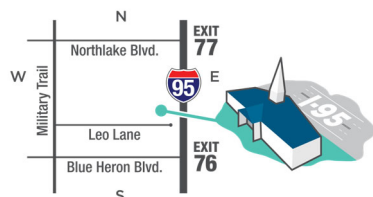
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Trey Higbee
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews



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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: Elizabeth Summerlot & Traci Sproule



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **NewsNation** every **Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**





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AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



NEWSNATION

Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

-  Speaking where the Bible speaks
-  Silent where the Bible is silent
-  Calling Bible things by Bible names
-  Doing Bible things in Bible ways

