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Which Bible Class did you attend last week?

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

My Favorite Bible Character	Various Men (Auditorium)
God's Blueprint for a Growing Church	Willie Smith (Adult 1)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Conversations with God	Richard Watson (Auditorium)
Got Wisdom?	David Sproule (Adult 1)

There is no fear in love, bu

PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR.



This Week's Reading Ephesians 3 -Philippians 1



For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears

HAS NOT BEEN PERFECTED IN LOVE.

1 IOHN 4:18

By Dan Jenkins

The Danger of Philosophy

The church in Colosse was predominately Gentile and had grown up in a pagan world. However, there were those Judaizing teachers who had come among them and sought to force Gentile Christians to become circumcised and keep many rituals of the Judaism. They had left pagan worship with all

the rituals of idolatry and now faced a new challenge of those who wanted to bind the rituals of Judaism on them.

Paul's words in Colossians chapter two deals with As you both paganism and Jewish ritualism.

Paul reminded them of what had happened in their conversion to Christ. They had embraced Jesus as their Messiah and Lord. Paganism had elements of the gods coming and were gods living among men, but Christianity involved the reality that God became a mortal and lived on this earth. He was Immanu-

el, but He also was Lord and they had committed themselves to His authority (v. 6).

He uses three descriptive phrases to encourage them to remain faithful. He first uses a military term, "walk in Him" (v. 6). He was their commander in chief. There was no other commander, either in paganism or Judaism. Then he said they were "rooted...in Him" (v. 7). Like the roots of a large tree extended into the depths of the earth, so their faith had been

deeply implanted in the Christ (v. 7). Jesus is Himself described as the Root of Jesse. "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope" (Rom. 15:12). The Colossians had been rooted in the One who is truly the Root.

The third term used by Paul is that they were "built up in Him and established in the faith" (v. 7). They had learned the truth and the truth had set them free from paganism and

Judaism. When one fully appreciates this, Satan has no power to draw him away from the Lord.

Paul then warns them to beware of the danger of being deceived and carried way through philosophy and empty deceit (v. 8). Secular wisdom has its place, but it can never replace the wisdom from above. Far too many Christians have decided they know more about life and God than their Creator.

The definition of philosophy is the love of wisdom, but we must never forget the true wisdom from the One who is wise!

He then mentions the danger of living by the traditions of men (v. 8). Again, let us be reminded that there are Divine traditions (2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6), and there are the religious traditions which come from the hearts of mortals. So, as you live your lives, develop your concepts of morality and marriage, and right and wrong, stay rooted and grounded in Him.



By David Sproule

Salvation: It Requires Man to Have Faith

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In the discussion of salvation from sin, it is critical to state and be reminded that: (1) it is man who does the sinning, and (2) it is GOD who does the saving! Our salvation is only possible by the grace of God (Eph. 2:5). We do not deserve it (Rom. 3:23), and we certainly cannot earn it (Eph. 2:9). How-

ever, the Bible does teach that man has a part in his salvation, and the foundation of that response to God is FAITH.

When talking about "faith," it is essential to understand and use that word in the way that the Bible uses that word. The Bible describes faith in Hebrews 11:1 as the "substance" or "assurance" (i.e., the very foundation) of things "hoped for" that are promised by God, and it is the "evidence" or "convicting proof" that Bible things we have not seen are indeed real. This is NOT a leap in the dark! It is be

are indeed real. This is NOT a leap in the dark! It is based upon solid evidence.

But Biblical faith is not merely a mental assent to Bible teachings or simply trusting Jesus to be who He claimed. The Bible illustrates in Hebrews 11 what true faith is, providing numerous examples of how "faith" was the motivation and foundation of active obedience. Read the words "by faith" throughout Hebrews 11, and then read the verbs that follow, emphasizing a faith that acts. This Biblical description of faith

corresponds precisely with the definitions that scholars have given of the Greek word. W.E. Vine and J.H. Thayer have both noted three common components of Biblical faith: (1) firm conviction, (2) trustful surrender, (3) obedience. Therefore, when one uses the word "faith" in the way that the Bible uses the word, it goes hand-in-hand with actively obeying.

The Bible repeatedly teaches that faith is required in order to be "saved" from sin (Acts 16:31; Mark 16:16; Eph. 2:8), to be "justified" (Rom. 5:1), to "receive the remission of sins" (Acts 10:43), to have "everlasting life" (John 3:16), to "become children of God" (John 1:12; Gal. 3:26), to avoid "the lake [of] fire" (Rev. 21:8). However, there is no verse in Scripture that teaches man is saved from sin by faith alone.

obeying.

The Bible affirms that "a man is justified...

not by faith only" (Jas. 2:24), for "faith by itself...is

dead" (2:17). "Faith alone" does not save, otherwise "the demons," who "believe and tremble," would be saved (2:19). If

Bione is saved by faith alone, then he is saved before and without repenting of his sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confessing his faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10), being baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38), calling on the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13-17), and becoming a child of God (John 1:11-12).

Man has a part in his salvation. He must believe Jesus is the Son of God! A true, saving faith will obey God's will fully.



By Robert Lupo

Who Can You Trust?

When Covid-19 struck, we all became willing to take whatever precautions we could to prevent contracting and spreading the virus to our friends and families.

Immediately, people began buying sanitary masks in bulk. Soon, the CDC told us to stop buying them. The masks cannot pre-

vent you from getting the virus. They said, "trust the science!" A few weeks later, the CDC changed their stance. Now, we need to wear masks everywhere we go. "Trust the science!" they said. The next year, the vaccine was rolled out. We were told that if we did- variables. He has n't get the vaccine, we were putting people's lives in danger. Again, they said, "trust the science!" Now, it is unclear how effective, if at all, the vaccine is.

The truth is you can't always trust science. Science is always changing because what is known changes so long as new evidence is discovered. We are finite beings, so no matter how much we learn, we cannot know everything. If we knew it all, then we would be omniscient. This is the absolute knowledge of all things. The only being capable of omniscience is God. Strong defines this in his Systematic Theology. "By this we mean God's perfect and eternal knowledge of all things which are objects of knowledge, whether they be actual or possible, past, present, or future."

God truly knows everything. Nothing can be hidden from Him (Heb. 4:13). His understanding cannot be measured (Psa. 147:5). He sees everything (Prov. 15:3). He knows the smallest of details about each of us individually, including the hairs on our heads (Matt. 10:30). He even knows what is in our hearts (Psa. 139:4). God has a full grasp of everything into eternity. And, His knowledge does not change. Therefore, truth resides in God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6).

> "The science" changes. Man's best efforts to understand the world around him will always come up short. There will always be a better theory or a new conclusion as we gather more data. But God holds all the variables. He has always known every conclusion.

So, when we look to determine how we ought to live, why do we go to the world for answers? The world is still trying to figure it out. If you ask ten people what is right and wrong, you will likely get ten different answers. God, on the other hand, has known and decided in eternity. The God of truth continued in John 14:16, "No one comes to the Father except through Me." Righteousness is only found in Jesus Christ. That is the truth, and we can trust the truth because the all-knowing God revealed it to us. We cannot always trust "the science," but God can always be trusted.

Articles Published in **PBL Family News Emails** Last Week

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Help a brother out!

By both His words and His actions, Jesus emphasized the need to help out a brother who is in need. Jesus noted that since anyone would help their donkey or ox out of a pit that he should be willing to do what he can when he can to help out a brother even more (Luke 14:1-5).

Of course, Jesus did not limit that help to meeting physical needs. Most importantly, we are to help a brother with his spiritual needs. When we find a brother who has allowed something to obstruct his view from rightly serving the Lord (even something as small as a "speck" in the eye), we are to "first" consider ourselves and our own shortcomings and work to correct those (Matt. 7:5; Jas. 1:23-24; Gal. 6:1), and "then" we are to go to our brother and seek to assist him (using the "measure" of God's righteous judgment, Matt. 7:2; John 7:24) "to remove the speck" from his eye.

Jesus said, "If your eye is bad, your whole body is full of darkness" (6:23). We need to help each other out, to make sure that we are all seeing and going in the right direction (cf. Jas. 5:19-20). - DS

Go ahead, don't forgive!

Forgiveness can be hard. Have you ever said (or heard someone say), "I will NEVER forgive him/her for that!"? Or, "How could I ever forgive him/her for that?" Yes, forgiveness is hard! But, when you choose to not forgive, you are disobeying a command of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him" (Luke

> 17:3). And not just "seven times in a day" (Luke 17:4), "but up to seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:22).

When you choose to not forgive, you cannot pray and ask God to forgive you of your sins. "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debt-

ors" (Matt. 6:12). My sins, debts, trespasses will only be forgiven if I "forgive men their trespasses" (6:14-15). When you choose to not forgive, you will not receive mercy on the day of judgment, "For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy" (Jas. 2:13).

So, go ahead and hold on to that grudge! It's yours to hold! Or, you can forgive and be forgiven and be released from the burden of that bitterness! Your choice! - DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack recovering at home from 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

Dan Johnson in Gardens Medical Center (room 306)

Carolyn Kemp in rehab, recovering from car accident

Scott Lewis having medical tests done

Lisa Metzkes outpatient sinus surgery on August 28

John Patrick recovering from eye surgery

Jerry Pittman had outpatient proc. to remove tumors from his bladder

Mary Quinn dealing with vertigo

Sherri Richmond thyroid cancer, awaiting surgery

Yolanda Stewart scheduled for surgery next month

Amy West undergoing chemo treatments



Mary Brown, upon the passing of Novel, on Saturday, August 19. The Memorial Service is Saturday, August 26. The Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 a.m.

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 Simpson Adelene Honore's sister, dealing with back and hip pain

Delores Sims Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments

Amy Wombough Micky Affron's daughter, Wellington Reg., doing better

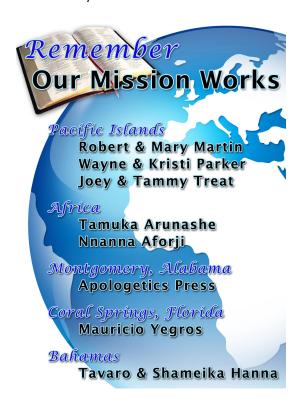
Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmackmultiple health issuesRobin Landenmultiple health issuesJohn Loftisback pain, weaknessJoel Ramirezdialysis treatmentsSherri Richmondmultiple health issuesHenry Williamsdialysis 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



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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.

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

Sunday, September 3

 Deadline to Bring Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home. Please bring Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby. They are not having a truck pick up items, so please do NOT bring supplies.

Sunday, September 3 (cont.)

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

Friday, September 8

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Saturday, September 9

 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.

Sunday, September 10

- 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, September 2

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

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, especially those with young children.

Monday, September 18

 Men's Meet at 6:30 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.



Sunday, August 27

 Jr. High & Sr. High Devo after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Please bring a drink or dessert. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, September 10

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Thursday-Sunday, September 21-24

 RUSH Weekend at FHU. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Leave Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and return late Sunday night. Cost is \$60 per person plus money for 10 meals/snacks. Please bring sleeping bags, pillows, towels, toiletries and clothes.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - September 2023

September 3 (A)	September 10 (L)	September 17 (A)	September 24 (C)
September 5	September 10	September 17	September 24

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Johnny Davis	Douglas Alvarenga	Darin Summerlot	Kane Campbell	
Scripture Reader	Jeff Leslie	Taylor Reeves	Andres Fernandez	Jim Rogers	
Presiding at Table	Ivan Villard	Richard Watson	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis	
Serving at Table	Lance Collier	Namdidie Ikon	Ed Buonadonna	Kirk Crews	
	Michael Erickson	Todd Juckett	Gorman Ericksen	Max Eizaga	
	Connor Goodale	Richard Kelley	Freddie Gadson	Graysen Hayes	
	James Green	Steward Lynch	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Hunter Hinton	
	Kameron Heitler	Tim Mahlbacher	Gary Jenkins	Jack Holoman	
	Hunter Hinton	Robert Mariano	Keith Joy	Jeff Leslie	
	Jack Holoman	John Patrick	Daniel Lord	Joseph Snyder	
	Joseph Snyder	Cayden Scriven	David Lord	Cristian Suarez	
	Cristian Suarez	Ryan Smedberg	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Lawrence Williams	
	Marty Williams	Seth Watson	Brandan Widner	Marty Williams	
Closing Prayer	Trey Higbee	Willie Smith	David Holaday	James Green	

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Philip Porter	Eugene Williams	John Hoelzer
Scripture Reader	John Hoelzer	Victor Colage	Paul Metzkes	Joe Maloney
Presiding at Table	Jimmie Banks	Tim Fry	Daniel Wagner	Jeff Goodale
	Max Eizaga	Silas Balfour	David Perez	Lance Collier
Serving at Table	Joe Maloney	Rick Hall	Leonard Williams	Connor Goodale
Closing Prayer	Graysen Hayes	Ricky Smith	Cris Cuevas	Jim Davis

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio Ricky Smith David Brown James Green David Brown				
Computer	Daniel Lord	Cris Cuevas	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Todd Juckett	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety Lawrence Williams Nahum Villard Dirk Summerlot Jimmie Banks				Jimmie Banks
	Kane Campbell	Tim Cox	Addison Collins	Michael Erickson
Usher	Jim Rogers	Vincent Rogers	Edward Gager	Islay Rodriguez

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

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

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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







Sunday, August 20

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. Charles Davidson; Miss Jodiann Ellis; Mr. Alton Ellis; Ms. Careen Ellis; Ms. Gina Ellison; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Ola Hankins; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. Trevor Wellington; and Mr. Samuel Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Blake & Gina Bennett, Hutchison Island, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Plantation, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Kay Richardson, Round Rock, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ross, Benton, KY.



Sunday, August 27th Daniel Lord Allison Snyder

Tuesday, August 29th Jordan Beasley Amira Hill

Wednesday, August 30th Dion & Misty Hayes (Ann.) Wednesday, August 30th (cont.) Mary Brown

Thursday, August 31st Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.) Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.) Trey Higbee Cherylann Wineinger



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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 <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>**9:50 a.m.**</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, August 27

Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins Singing Robert Lupo Contribution......Paul Metzkes Scripture Reading......Bill Ingram, Jr. Singing Sermon Singing Lord's Supper Singing Closing Prayer Eugene Williams Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna **Graysen Hayes** Gorman Ericksen Daniel Lord Andres Fernandez David Perez Freddie Gadson Chuck Reeves, Jr. **Edward Gager** Brandan Widner

Sunday Evening, August 27

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading Addison Collins
Singing
Lord's Supper Dirk Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerDaniel Wagner
Serve at Table:
Islay J. Rodriguez Leonard Williams
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Audio this week: David Brown Computer this week: Ivan Villard Video this week: Scott Studer

Ushers for this week: Cris Cuevas & David Lord Service Coordinator: Tim Cox Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne

Wednesday Evening, August 30

Singing	Graysen Hayes
Invitation	Dan McLeod
Family Prayer	Willie Smith

Our	Record	
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Attendance	<u>Aug. 20</u>	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	166
Sun. AM Worshi	p 241	272
Sun. PM Worship	105	125
Wed. Bible Study	/ 117	117
Contribution	\$16,162	\$16,412

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$13,916



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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: Paul & Lisa Metzkes

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).



August 27

PBL Family Photos Updated

September 9

Widows & Widowers Luncheon

September 16

Parenting Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts Theme: "In His Steps"

September 17

Guest Speaker in the Morning: Wayne Roberts

September 30

Door-Knocking for Perrine Congregation

October 14

Trunk-or-Treat

October 22

New Bible Classes Begin