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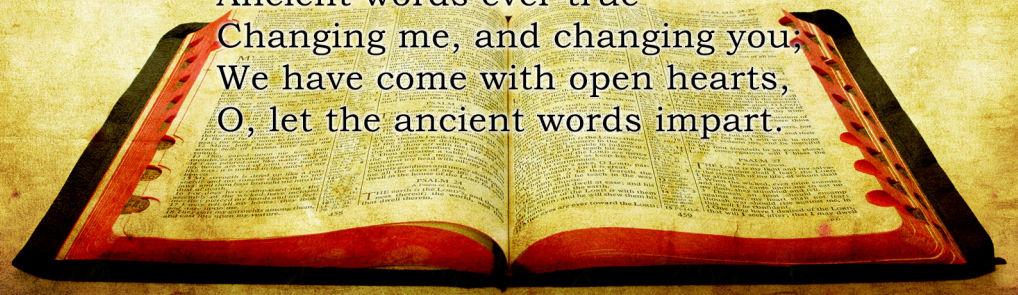
Ancient Words

by Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world, where-e'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart
O, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.



READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

2 John -
Revelation 2



By Dan Jenkins

The Highway of Holiness

Isaiah is truly the Messianic prophet because he gives so many detailed descriptions of the nature of the Christ and the work He would do. Most individuals know the words of Isaiah chapter 53, where we read of the One on whom our iniquity would be laid. We know of that lamb and sheep lead to the slaughter or to be sheared and He would not open His mouth during that ordeal. Far too few know of Isaiah chapter 35 and the wonderful truths about His coming.

The chapter begins with a promise that God would some day come and bring two events with Him. He would come with salvation and vengeance (v. 4). The evidence that Jesus had come would be that the eyes of the blind would be opened and the ears of the deaf would be unstopped (v. 5). It is to this very verse that Jesus referenced when John's disciples asked if He was the Messiah or should they look for someone else to come (Luke 7:20-22).

Isaiah then reveals that there would be a new path called the Highway of Holiness that would lead men to God. On that highway would be the redeemed singing with everlasting joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing would flee (vv. 8-10). He who was the "way, the truth and the life" would bring that pathway to God (John 14:6).

The highway to heaven has been revealed in words easily understood!

The Messianic prophet then reveals two aspects of this highway. It would first be characterized by holiness. God had said, "Be ye holy for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44), and the blood of the Messiah would make true holiness to come upon mankind (1 Pet. 1:16). Judaism was characterized by ceremonial uncleanness but Christianity would involve a holy nation with a royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9).

The other aspect of that highway would be how simple it would be to find and then to walk on that path. "Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray" (v. 8). While there are difficult passages of the Bible to fully comprehend, none of them involve our salvation. Our God wants all men who hunger and thirst after righteousness to be filled. This is why the New Testament is written in simple terms, easily understood and in the simplest language.

To see this truth, find any passage about faith in the Bible to see if it is involved in our finding God. Then find any passage about repentance to see if it is involved. Find any of those passages about confessing Christ to see its place on entrance to the highway of holiness. Finally, find any passage about baptism to see if God has made it part of that highway.

Now note that I said "any passage." There is not *any* verse about faith, repentance, confession and baptism that is hard. The highway has come. Finding it is simple!



By David Sproule

How Many Verses Is Satan Waiting for You?

It is very likely that we disconnect Matthew chapter 3 from Matthew chapter 4 in our minds. We usually do that with chapters—when we see a division, our minds draw a line of separation. Additionally, there are certain chapters that we have designated their themes into differing categories. Matthew chapter 3 is about "The Baptism of Jesus." We probably memorized that some time back. Matthew chapter 4 is about "The Temptations of Jesus." Again, we have that pegged in our minds, and so the two chapters are about two different major events in the life of Christ. And, perhaps they should be separated. But, I want you to look at something that connects them.

Jesus came to John the Immerser to be baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). When He "came up...from the water," "the Spirit of God" descended and the "voice" of God spoke "from heaven." Pay attention to His affirmation, "This IS My beloved SON, in whom I am well pleased" (3:17). GOD spoke! He identified Jesus as possessing the nature of God, for He is God (John 1:1; 5:18; 10:30, 33). Who would dare test or deny the words of God right on the heels of them being spoken?

Now, ignore the chapter division. Matthew didn't put it there. Just keep reading. The very next verse (4:1) informs

the reader that Jesus was "tempted by the devil." How would the devil tempt the Son of God? What would he throw at Him first? Notice the first words recorded from Satan in the wilderness. Only three verses after God the Father said, "This IS My beloved Son," the tempter came to Jesus and said, "IF You are the Son of God..." (4:3). The devil did not waste any time to attempt to plant a seed of doubt—you can almost hear the hissing from his lips, "Iffffff..."

If he was brash enough to throw it back in Jesus' face so soon...

So, here's a question that may sound strange—how many verses does the devil wait in your life before he tries to plant a seed of doubt in your heart regarding the words of God? When you read the words from God that say, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth" (Eph. 4:29), how many verses is it in your life before the devil tempts you to let a corrupt word out? When you read the words from God that say, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another" (Eph. 4:32), how many verses is it in your life before the devil tempts you to be unkind, hardhearted and unforgiving? Make that application with every verse of truth and instruction from God. How soon does the devil put you to the test?

Friends, don't give the devil an inch! If he was brash enough to throw it back in Jesus' face so soon, he will have no problem testing you immediately! RESIST HIM (Jas. 4:7)!



By Robert Lupo

Don't Wait to Follow

Abraham was a man who was far from perfect. Twice, he lied about his wife's identity because he was afraid to lose his life (Gen 12:10-20; 20:1-18). He missed the mark when it came to trusting the Lord to keep His covenant with him. However, Abraham was found righteous in the eyes of Lord by his works of faith (Heb 11:8; Rom 4:2).

When the Lord called Abraham to a task, he was ready to do it and he did so immediately. When the Lord told him to leave his land, he did not wait. And, when God called him to confirm his dedication, he did not wait.

In Genesis 12:1-4, God commanded Abraham (Abram at the time) to get out of his country, leave his family and his father's house behind and go to an unknown land. If we were put in the same circumstance, how would we respond? Would we be willing to forsake our family and leave everything we have built behind? It's possible that we would, but we would probably need some time to think about it. Verse 4 tells us that Abraham did not wait at all. God told him to leave, "So Abram departed..."

When we became Christians, there were sins and poor habits that we had to leave behind in order to follow Christ. Then, as we get older, sometimes we allow those old

temptations to weigh us down again. Is anything keeping you from being faithful? In Luke 14:33, Jesus said, "...whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

The Christian life also requires dedication. In Genesis 17:9-14, God told Abraham that He required a sign of His covenant with him. He and all his household needed to be circumcised. This would be a physical sign of his loyalty to God. It was also a very painful procedure. That very same day, Abraham did as he was commanded. Immediately, he dedicated himself and his household to the Lord (v. 26-27).

Are we as dedicated as Abraham? Many will make excuses as to why they won't serve God. They put work before the church or allow their friendships to make them second guess committing to church functions. We cannot allow our loyalties to be divided.

Let us follow the example Abraham has shown us. Don't wait to go where the Lord wants to send you. God has demonstrated His promises. If we believe in Him and that He can use us, He will. But, He will only use us if we are fully dedicated to Him. We cannot say we will be good Christians "some day" or "sometimes." Let us be the servants that the Lord requires us to be today and all the time (John 12:26). Nothing is worth holding onto if it keeps us from following the Lord. Drop whatever it is and obey God today.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Don't stop what you're doing for the Lord!

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem and began rebuilding the walls, he was faced with considerable opposition, particularly from Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab. They "laughed," "despised," "mocked" and "conspired" against Nehemiah and the Jews in their rebuilding efforts (Neh. 2:19; 4:1, 8). They tried to trick Nehemiah into working with them and compromising his efforts (6:1-2).

Pay close attention to his reply. Should this not be our words when we face opposition and attempts to get us to compromise? Nehemiah responded, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?" (6:3). And wouldn't you know it, his enemies would not stop. "But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner" (6:4).

Our enemy is persistent! May we recognize the GREAT WORK that we have as Christians and not "come down" from it and "cease" what we're doing when faced with opposition! – DS

Where He is!

On the night that He was going to be betrayed, Jesus was offering comforting words to His apostles in an upper room, including an insider's scoop on what He was going to do when He left the earth. "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). All of the descriptions of heaven in the New Testament offer a mouth-dropping description of an incredible place of beauty, peace, joy, reunion and rest that sparks a renewed motivation within us every time we consider it.

As wonderful as "the place" is and as magnetizing as "the concept" is of such an eternal abode, there is one reality of it that makes its beauty, peace, joy, reunion and rest fade into the background. What is that reality? It is when Jesus says, "I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (14:3). In heaven, we will get to be where Jesus is! We will get to be with Jesus! That thought ought to blow our minds, motivate our hearts, center our priorities and move our feet! – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Doris Friedly	recovering at home from a stroke
Charles Hayes	having skin cancer removed
Ophelia Holmes	awaiting further diagnosis and treatment plan for mass
John Loftis	fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain
Norma Mariano	having adjustments made to the shunt in her brain
John Patrick	now at home, recovering from hip replacement
Maurine Reed	JFK Medical Center (room 2209), bacterial pneumonia
Amy West	recovering at home from her stroke

Ongoing 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
Judy Carmack	Kasandra Jones
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

Patterson Alexander	Jean Archer's brother, hospital, multiple health issues
Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, still recovering from seizures
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, oral surgery, having a difficult time
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, dealing with cancer

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, November 26

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

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

Sunday, December 3

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Monday, December 4

- ♦ **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.

Thursday, December 7

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci for more details.

Sunday, December 10

- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Sunday, December 17

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, December 4

- ♦ **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.

Thursday, December 7

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci for more details.

Saturday, December 9

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. Bring a \$15 gift for the exchange. See Robert or Ivan for more details.

Saturday, January 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 26

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

Saturday, December 2

- ♦ **Young Families Holiday Party** at 10:00 a.m. There will be food, games and more! Please RSVP by November 30 to let us know if you will be attending and to sign up to bring a food item. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.



Sunday, December 3

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

Monday, December 4

- ♦ **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.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - December 2023

December 3 ^(C)

December 10 ^(A)

December 17 ^(L)

December 24 ^(A)

December 31 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Jeff Leslie	Richard Watson	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Douglas Alvarenga	Gary Jenkins	Johnny Davis	Robert Mariano	David Lord
Presiding at Table	Willie Smith	Dan Fuller	Ivan Villard	Philip Porter	Dan McLeod
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Sylvester Jackson Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Ryan Smedberg Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson Bill Ingram, Jr. Keith Joy Daniel Lord David Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Kirk Crews Connor Goodale Jeff Goodale Graysen Hayes Jack Holoman Luther Robinson Jim Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Marty Williams	Troy Alberga Tim Cox Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman Ricky Smith Nahum Villard	Blake Bennett Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Gary Jenkins Keith Joy Chuck Reeves, Jr. Daniel Wayne Brandan Widner
Closing Prayer	Taylor Reeves	Dion Hayes	Mike Archer	Douglas Alvarenga	Bill Ingram, Jr.

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	n/a	Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer	Philip Porter	Darin Summerlot	John Hoelzer	n/a	Dan Fuller
Scripture Reader	Tim Fry	Blake Bennett	Michael Erickson	n/a	Daniel Wagner
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	Paul Metzkes	Kane Campbell	n/a	David Brown
Serving at Table	Silas Balfour Trevin Roman	David Perez Leonard Williams	Kameron Heitler Joe Maloney	n/a	Cris Cuevas David Perez
Closing Prayer	Victor Colage	Daniel Wagner	Jim Davis	n/a	Dirk Summerlot

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	Ricky Smith
Computer	Daniel Lord	Buzz Nelson	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard	Daniel Lord
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Edward Gager

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Nahum Villard	Brandan Widner	Jimmie Banks	Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot
Usher	Tim Cox Tom Garrison	Rick Hall Dirk Summerlot	Lance Collier Islay Rodriguez	Victor Colage Tim Fry	Andres Fernandez Eugene Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Rick Hall	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)

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz; Charles Davidson; Mr. Robert Henry; Lori Lessin; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Don McClintock; Dorothy Pernell; Lizzie Rozier; Mrs. Swati Samson; Ms. Ayanna Sutherland.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Linda Baker; Centreville, VA; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Johnnie Lewis, Lakeland, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Sterling Myles, Salem, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, November 26th
Orlando Lolo

Wednesday, November 29th
Aaron & Jennifer Walker (Ann.)
Regina Paul

Monday, November 27th
Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)
Gary Friedly
Islay Rodriguez, Jr.

Thursday, November 30th
Brad & Krystian Dubuisson (Ann.)
Andres Fernandez

Tuesday, November 28th
Mike Damron
Aaron Ross

Saturday, December 2nd
Pat Brown
Steward Lynch

Thank You

I would like to thank my sisters and brothers in Christ for their prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food given to me as I recover from my knee surgery. I greatly appreciate the love that is shown, and grateful to be in God's family.

In Love,
Linda Coe

I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, visits and food. "I thank my God in all remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3). I love you all dearly.

Amy West



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, November 26

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Michael Erickson

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Jack Holoman
Kirk Crews	Jeff Leslie
Mike Damron	Vincent Rogers
Connor Goodale	Cayden Scriven
James Green	Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, November 26

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer Trey Higbee
Scripture Reading John Hoelzer
Singing
Lord's Supper Joe Maloney
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Islay Rodriguez

Serve at Table:

Jim Davis Luther Robinson

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, November 29

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 19	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	130	173
Sun. AM Worship	249	257
Sun. PM Worship	103	121
Wed. Bible Study	73	128
Contribution	\$16,244	\$17,072

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$25,041

Service Coordinators:
Tim Cox

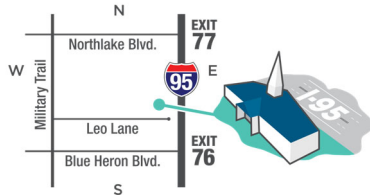
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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.

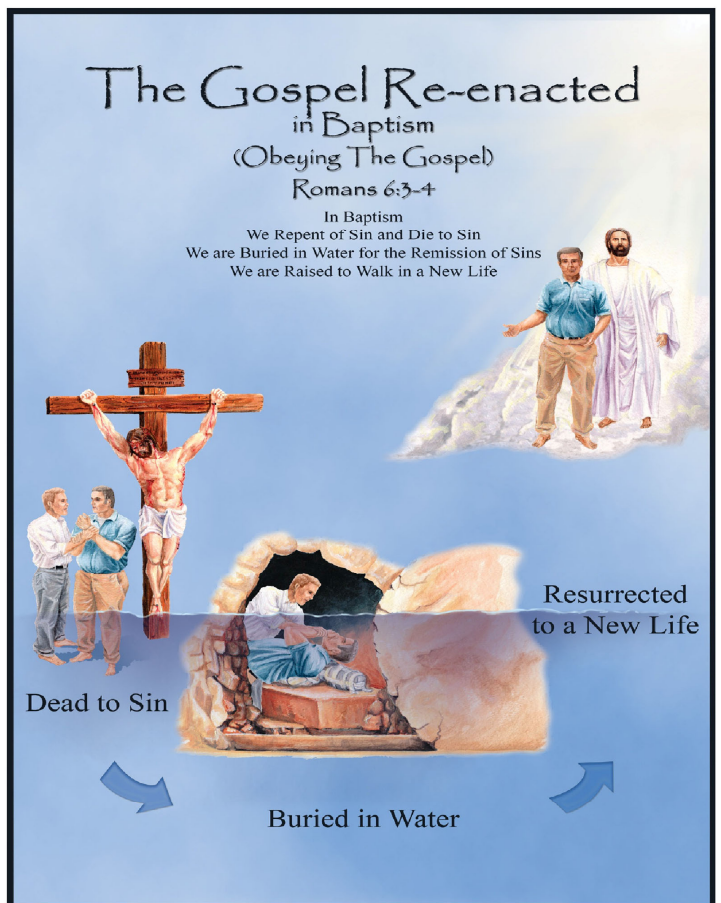
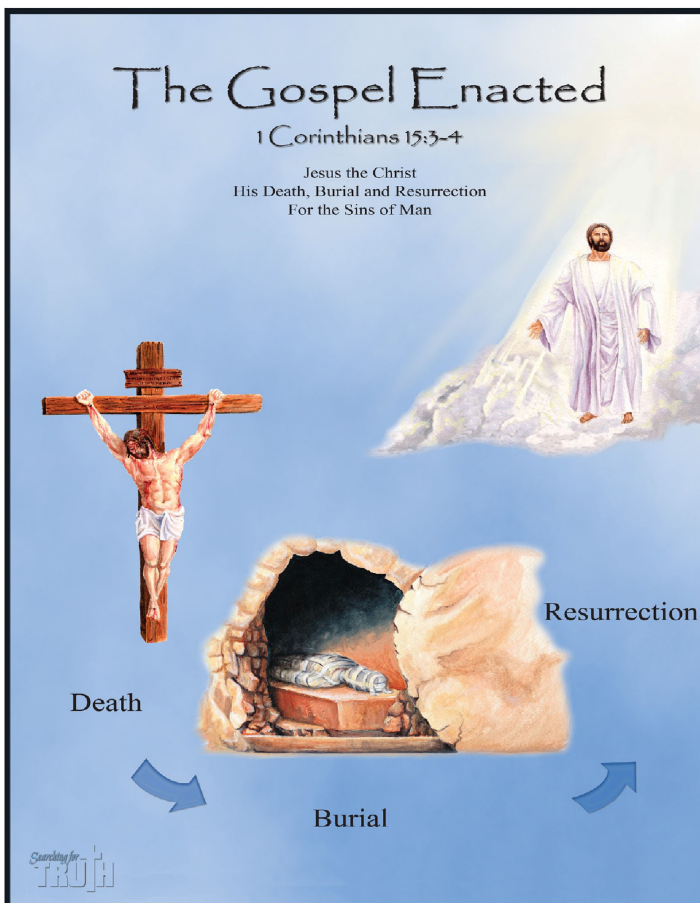
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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