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This Week's Reading: Revelation 3 -Revelation 7



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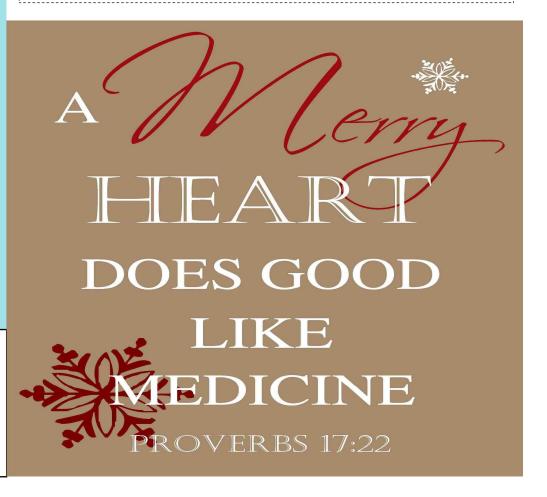
Welcome New Members



Dyer, Erika

Group 2

Baptized November 26





By Dan Jenkins

The First Words Truly Given by God

What were the first words ever literally given by God that are part of the Bible? You might immediately answer, "The first words of the Bible are 'In the beginning...," but you would be wrong. Before Moses ever wrote Genesis, our God gave the first written words at Mount Sinai. These words were

spoken by God and even written by the hand of God on tablets of stone. There are some amazing words used to describe how all this happened. We must know

When Israel arrived at the holy mountain, the thunderous voice of God gave the Ten Commandments. The Jews were terrified and begged Moses to let God speak to him, and then Moses could tell them what God said. The scene was so ominous that even Moses was filled with fear, even to the point of trem-

bling, when he ascended to the top of Mount Sinai to get the tables of stone written by the hand of God (Heb. 12:21). There are some eternal truths we need to learn as we read what was happening.

Look at the details carefully and notice the words I have emphasized by using capitalization. The Jews said, "You go near and hear ALL that the Lord our God may say, and tell us ALL that the Lord our God says to you" (Deut. 5:27). What an amazing picture of the inspiration and trustworthiness of

the Bible. The prophet of God went into the presence of God and received ALL that God said. He then brought it to the people and gave them everything that God said.

Now look at the concluding words spoken by Israel. "Tell us ALL that the Lord our God says to you, and we will hear and do it." God heard them speak these very words and said to Moses, "They are right in ALL that they have spoken." When we study the Bible today, we must have the same attitude. It is

one that longs to hear everything God says and promises to listen and do it. The Lord Himself said that this is the right thing to do!

However, there is more than just understanding the words of God given by His prophets. There is more than just knowing these words. God heard their words and then looked at their hearts. "Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they

would fear Me and ALWAYS keep ALL My commandments." The Jews heard the voice of God speak about graven images. They were to receive a written copy of those words. Even God praised them for saying they would do all that He said, but their hearts were not part of their words.

What a great lesson for us to learn. We must respect the fact that the Bible is from God, but we must engrave ALL these heavenly truths in our hearts. God said this is right! It is always right to do right.



By David Sproule

Works Will Not Save But Works Are Required to Save

"Work" is not a

bad word.

ALL His words

and promise to

do it ALL, with

ALL our heart!

There are fewer subjects that will get some denominational folks charged up as much as the discussion of works and salvation. It has seemed over the years that some very sincere religious individuals consider "work" (as used in a "Christian context") to be a four-letter word that should be avoided.

Unfortunately, some have tried to pit some Bible verses against other Bible verses, to make an apparent contradiction between what the Bible says about works. We must remember that the Bible has no contradictions! If there is an apparent contradiction, the problem is with us and not with the Bible! It is up to us to change us, and not to change the Bible!

The New Testament speaks about "works of the law" (Gal. 2:16; Rom. 3:27-28). Early Christians of a Jewish background struggled with their new relationship to (and without) the old law. They had to be reminded that "by faith in Jesus Christ" (Gal. 2:16), they no longer needed nor could they be "justified by works of the law." When we read, we need to see if these are the "works" under discussion.

The New Testament speaks about "works" of human merit (Rom. 4:2-9; Eph. 2:8-10). Ephesians chapter two is often the passage to which individuals run to "prove" (in their minds) that we are not saved by works. But what kind of

"works" is Paul addressing? Notice in both of these passages that Paul is speaking of "works" by which a man (whether Abraham or a Christian) could "boast." Our salvation is certainly "not of works" by which we might "boast" (Eph. 2:8-9), lest we think that we can earn our salvation. But that does not, by any means, deny that God can still require certain works of us in order to secure salvation. When we read, we need to see if the "works" are meritorious works.

of obedience (Jas. 2:14-26). This is where folks want to suggest that the Bible contradicts itself. It does not! The inspired text clearly teaches that "...faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead...faith without works is dead...Abraham our father [was] justified by works...by works faith was made perfect...a man is justified by works, and not by faith only..." These are not meritorious works, by which someone earns salvation. These are works of obedience, which are required in order for

These are works of obedience, which are required in order for Christ to save us (Heb. 5:9). When we read, we need to see if the "works" under discussion are the means of obeying God.

Christians are "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph. 2:10; cf. Matt. 5:14-16; Tit. 2:11-14; 3:1, 8, 14). We are required to "work out [our] own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12). "Work" is not a bad word. It's a glorious requirement to demonstrate our love (John 14:15).

By Robert Lupo

What Kind of Man Are You?

A Washington Post article from February 9, 2016 reads, "Assault with a deadly weapon: Florida man charged with throwing alligator into Wendy's." If you are not yet familiar, let me introduce you to Florida Man. No, I'm not talking about myself. I'm referring to the phrase that seems to continuously

pop up in news articles every other week. Each time you hear the phrase, "Florida man," you know you are in for a story that is crazier than the last. No one has a reputation quite like Florida Man.

A reputation is a very important thing, especially to a Christian. A good reputation can equip us to reach a great number of souls and a poor reputation can drive them away. Our reputation tells others what kind of men we are. What does your reputation say about you?

When David handed the throne over the Solomon, he told him that he needed to prove himself to be a man (1 Kgs. 2:2). He said, "Keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn."

If Solomon wants to be a good man, then there are

some things he needs to do. He needs to understand God's purpose for him, behave according to God's will, and remain obedient to God's law. Solomon would stay faithful to his father's words for a while, but eventually, he lost his way.

As early as 1 Kings 3:1, Solomon broke the law (Deut. 7:3) by marrying the Pharaoh's daughter. His desire for foreign women grew even stronger by 1 Kings 11:1-2. By verse 4, it revealed that his hundreds of pagan wives turned his heart

from God and toward idols. Because of his betrayal, God took the northern kingdom from his son (1 Kgs. 11·31-33)

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What kind of man did Solomon prove himself to be? He was certainly not the man his father David expected him to be. Instead of seeking to please God, he filled his own desires. Despite all the wisdom God bestowed upon him, he did not behave

as God expected him to. Instead of heeding God's commands, he turned from the Lord and worshipped false idols.

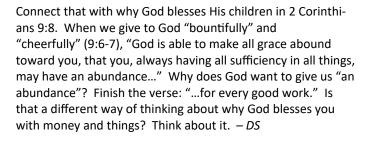
What kind of man are you? If you say you are a Christian, does your reputation reflect Christ? Are you walking the walk or just talking the talk? If our lives have not been transformed into the image of Christ, we do not have the right to call ourselves Christians. It's time to prove ourselves. "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13, ESV).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Your work...your money...what is it all for?

How much of your life does your work consume? Quite a bit? Then you get your paycheck. How much of that is consumed by bills (blah!) and family and recreation (yay!)? Have you ever wondered, "What is all of this for?"

Tie the following two verses together. In Ephesians 4:28, Christians are instructed, "Let him labor, working with his hands what is good..." Why work? The rest of the verse says, "...that he may have something to give him who has need." I work to "have" so that I can "give." Is that a different way of thinking about why you work?



Those who love the Lord with incorruptible love

We need to read the Bible slow enough and carefully enough to catch expressions that we would not normally expect. And, sometimes, we skip right over the beginning or end of a letter, because we think it's "just going to say the same thing." They don't!



Consider the very last words of the letter to the Ephesians. "Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love" (Eph. 6:24). What an interesting way to say that!

Do you love Jesus with "incorruptible love"? The Greek word for "incorruptible" means, "not liable to corruption, decay or interruption; purely, sincerely, constantly, unfailingly." Isn't this a beautiful thought?! The *agape* love in this verse is an active love...not just a feeling or something expressed in words. It is demonstrated in genuine...holy...living. So, the question is, "Is the way that I live my life every day a demonstration of a love that I have for Jesus that will not decay, fail or be interrupted?" If so, then God's grace will abide with me! Wow! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Charles Hayes having skin cancer removed

Loretta Holaday reverse shoulder replacement on December 1

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 will be having adjustments on the shunt in her brain

Juliette Mauvais suffering with severe pain

John Patrick recovering at home from hip replacement surgery

Maurine Reed back at Hamlin Place and is doing better

Amy West recovering at home from her stroke

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

Ignacio Ramirez Joel Ramirez's father, dealing with cancer & recent fall

Ken Springer Tina Wagner's brother, low blood pressure issues

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 Leigh Puckett Terri Hahn Margie Hardin Maurine Reed Loretta Holaday Ricky Smedley

Joan Holloway

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, 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

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

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.

Friday, December 8

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

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.

Saturday, December 16

 PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, December 17

 PBL Family Photos Updated. If you've never had your photo take in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.



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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.



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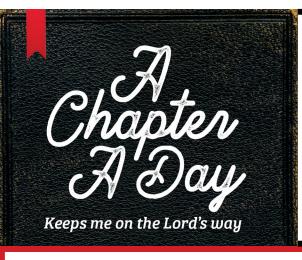
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Wednesday, December 6

Challenge Youth Conference Registration Deadline.
 Cost is \$40 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby and give your payment to Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard.

Saturday, December 9

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READING THROUGH THE

New Testament

IN A YEAR

For the Month of December

□ Dec. 1	Mark Your Bible	□ Dec. 17	Revelation 13
□ Dec. 2	Day of Reflection	□ Dec. 18	Revelation 14
□ Dec. 3	Revelation 3	□ Dec. 19	Revelation 15
□ Dec. 4	Revelation 4	□ Dec. 20	Revelation 16
□ Dec. 5	Revelation 5	□ Dec. 21	Revelation 17
□ Dec. 6	Revelation 6	□ Dec. 22	Mark Your Bible
□ Dec. 7	Revelation 7	□ Dec. 23	Day of Reflection
□ Dec. 8	Mark Your Bible	□ Dec. 24	Revelation 18
□ Dec. 9	Day of Reflection	□ Dec. 25	Revelation 19
□ Dec. 10	Revelation 8	□ Dec. 26	Revelation 20
□ Dec. 11	Revelation 9	□ Dec. 27	Revelation 21
□ Dec. 12	Revelation 10	□ Dec. 28	Revelation 22
□ Dec. 13	Revelation 11	□ Dec. 29	Mark Your Bible
□ Dec. 14	Revelation 12	□ Dec. 30	Day of Reflection
□ Dec. 15	Mark Your Bible	□ Dec. 31	A Day of Prayer
□ Dec. 16	Day of Reflection		

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







Sunday, November 26

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Astrid Arevalo; Ms. Ayanna Babcock-Sutherland; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Sandra Davidson; Ms. Erika Dyer; Mr. Alton Ellis; Ms. Careen Ellis; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Claudja Henry; Mr. & Mrs. Andre & Laurie Lortie; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss Jasmine Matthews; Mr. & Mrs. Johnny & Lauren Singer; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; and Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Brittney Groff, Shippensburg, PA.



We rejoice with Erika Dyer who was baptized on Sunday morning, November 26.

We rejoice with Ayanna Babcock-Sutherland who was baptized on Monday, November 27.



Monday, December 4 **Guadalupe Tipton**

Tuesday, December 5th Troy Alberga Adrienna Gadson Janice Osborne

Wednesday, December 6th Cara Blackmer

Thursday, December 7th **David Perez** Jeannie Buonadonna

Saturday, December 9th Mike & Jean Archer (Ann.)



"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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, December 3

Opening Prayer	Stephen Beliech
Singing	Robert Lupo
Contribution	Willie Smith
Scripture Reading	Douglas Alvarenga
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Lord's Supper	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Taylor Reeves
Serve at Table:	
	Charrier and Louis als
Troy Alberga	Steward Lynch
Rvan Hankins	Tim Mahlbacher

Robert Mariano

Ryan Smedberg

Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, December 3

Singing Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Tim Fry
Singing	
Lord's Supper	Richard Watson
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Victor Colage
Serve at Table: Silas Balfour	Trevin Roman

Audio this week: Ricky Smith Computer this week: Daniel Lord Video this week: Todd Juckett

Service Coordinators: Rick Hall

Namdidie Ikon

Orlando Lolo

Sylvester Jackson

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Tom Garrison Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard

Wednesday Evening, December 6

Singing	Jimmie Banks
Invitation	Kirk Crews
Family Prayer	Dan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 26	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	138	173
Sun. AM Worshi	238	257
Sun. PM Worship	114	121
Wed. Bible Study	/ 116	128
Contribution	\$17,183	\$17,072

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$25,773



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Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.



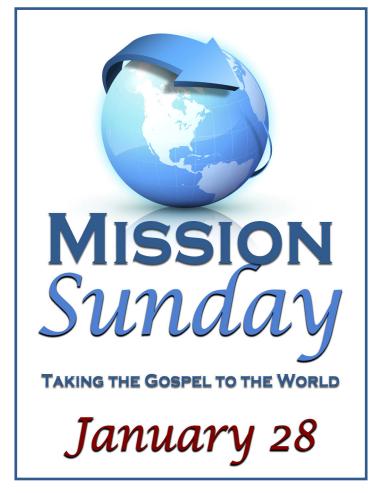
Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes...... 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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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).