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Gender and Identity

Embracing
the Fullness of Christ
Bodily



Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m.

Whatever Happened to Gender?

10:00 a.m.

Why Transitioning Is For Everyone

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

(Bring a potluck dish, desserts & drinks)

12:45 p.m.

To Trans and Back



One-Day Seminar
with Daniel Stearsman



By Dan Jenkins

Lawful or Lawless?

There are many words in the Bible used to describe the nature of sin and disobedience. There are several different Greek and Hebrew words used to describe sin, and each of them have special emphasis. Sin truly is transgression, iniquity, wickedness, ungodliness, erring, offence falling and many others. The King James Version translates one of these words as iniquity. Let's take time to look at this word.

This Greek word is most often translated by the word lawlessness in later translation. When we hear the word iniquity, we understand how God sees wickedness, but we have a much clearer understanding when we hear the word lawless.

The Greeks simply took the word law and combined it with another "word." That word is like the word "not" when we do this in English. We add the prefix "un" to change the meaning. When we add the word "un" to many English words—safe becomes unsafe; righteous becomes unrighteous, etc. Thus, in Greek the word law becomes "not-law," and this vividly emphasizes what sin is.

Sometimes to look a word without the "not" in front of it gives us a better comprehension of the definition of that word. The opposite of lawless or lawlessness is lawful or lawfulness. They are truly opposing ideas. There is no middle

ground. One is either without law or submissive to law. He is empty of law or is lawful—"full of law." Those who are righteous in the sight of God are those who have fully submitted themselves to His law. The wicked simply do not recognize His law—they are outside of His law. There is no middle ground.

We see this when Peter used this Greek word on Pentecost to describe the brutal nature of those Jewish and Roman soldiers who crucified Jesus. Peter said, "You have taken [Him] by lawless hands, have crucified and put to death" (Acts 2:23). The Lord's trials violated Jewish laws and the physical beatings and torture of Jesus was done by men who had no regard for any law.

What is remarkable is how Jesus uses this same word to describe the judgment day. There will be those who stand before Him who have apparently served Him prior to that day. They reminded Jesus that they had "...prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name and done many wonders in Your name." Jesus will say to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matt. 7:22-23). In spite of these works they were as evil as those who crucified Jesus! Why? Look at verse twenty-one. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." We must serve Him, but we must submit to Him doing the will of God. We do it as He said do it!

One is either full of the law of Jesus or empty of it. There is no middle ground.



By David Sproule

"I Think" vs. "Thus Saith the Lord"

When it comes to matters of judgment in the church and the Christian life, perhaps there is room for someone to say, "I think this is ok" or "I think that is ok." For example, what time should the church meet to worship on the first day of the week? If a congregation has Bible classes on Sunday, should they be before or after the worship? Is it ok for a Christian to wear a shirt with images of the crucifixion of Jesus on it? There are many questions that are matters of judgment. While every answer should first look to Scripture and base any response on Biblical principles, there is room to answer with an "I think" or "In my opinion" or "It seems to me." For the most part, there is no right or wrong answer.

HOWEVER, in matters of faith (notice the difference, as this is not a matter of judgment), one's opinion is of no consequence and should not be offered as a guiding principle. For example, would it be permissible for the church to worship on Saturday instead of Sunday? Should women be given opportunities to lead in worship services, as the men are? Would it be appropriate to offer both a "contemporary" worship service (with mechanical instruments, soloists, etc.) and a "traditional" worship service (with acapella singing, men in leadership roles, etc.), and to allow folks to choose their preferred style? There are many questions that are NOT in the

realm of judgment but are in the realm of faith. Those questions must be treated differently.

In matters of faith, where God has spoken and has given divine direction, there is no room for "I think" or "It seems to me." The only thing that matters is "Thus saith the Lord"! When God spoke through the prophets, they "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," without offering their own "private interpretation" (2 Pet. 1:20-21). It was essential that they speak the very words that God gave them to speak. In fact, the Lord told the prophet Ezekiel, "I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute...But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'" (Ezek. 3:26-27). Ezekiel could not speak unless he spoke exactly what the Lord said! What a concept!

Brethren, the Lord's church today must stand where God stands and speak "Thus saith the Lord" in all things. Peter said, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). When I begin an answer with, "I think," then a person's faith is in me and my answer. BUT, when I begin an answer with, "The Scripture says over in this verse that..." then a person's faith can be in the Scripture, if they will "search" them and apply them (Acts 17:11). Let's get ourselves out of the way!

We must stand where God stands and speak "Thus saith the Lord"!



By Robert Lupo

"If"

In Leviticus 26:3-4, the Lord says, "If you walk in my statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

The word 'if' is a powerful word. With it, God made a conditional covenant with the children of Israel. His covenant with Jacob was conditional (Gen. 35:9-15), His covenant with Isaac was conditional (Gen. 26:1-5), and His covenant with Abraham was conditional (Gen. 18:1-14). To each of them the Lord promised great things...if they obeyed His commands. God's favor has never been unconditional.

It is a wonder then why so many denominations preach otherwise. They preach "once saved, always saved" where no amount of sinful living can remove you from God's grace. They preach predestination, removing your free will of choice altogether.

The statement from Leviticus stands out because it comes near the end of the book containing God's laws for the priesthood and sabbaths. Leviticus is filled with laws. They were strict and complex, yet God still expected Israel to obey them. As Christians, we do not have such a heavy burden (Gal. 3:10-14). Jesus said, "For My yoke is easy and My burden is

light" (Matt. 11:30).

Christ has fulfilled the law and by His grace we have been freed from it. Does that mean we have no obligation to live righteously? Paul said, "Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" (Rom. 6:1-2). But, didn't Paul say in Chapter 8, verse 1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..."? He certainly did! He didn't stop there. He continues, "...who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

Paul's statement no longer applies to us if we stop walking according to the spirit. If we bring worldliness back into our lives, Christ will no longer dwell in us. Jesus said in John 15:6, "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."

Do not be deceived. God's grace is conditional. Thanks be to our Lord Jesus Christ that we are no longer under the burden of the law, that never had the power to wash away sins. In Christ, we can have full assurance that we are saved so long as we continue to walk in the paths of righteousness. If we are faithful until death (Rev. 2:10), if we strive for good works (Jas. 2:14-17), and if we allow the commands of the gospel to abide in us (1 John 2:24), then we will receive the crown of life.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

No fancy titles

There are some highfalutin names that folks use for men who publicly proclaim the Bible today. Some are called "Father So-And-So" or "Pastor So-And-So" or even "Reverend So-And-So." When you read through the New Testament, did you ever read anything like that? Can you imagine Paul addressing a letter to "Reverend Timothy"?

Timothy's name is found about 24 times in the New Testament. This man, who was a "minister" (1 Thess. 3:2) and "evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5), is called a "disciple" (Acts 16:1), "fellow worker" (Rom. 16:21), "beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim. 1:2), "our brother" (2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Phile. 1; Heb. 13:23), and "bondservant of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:1). But, this public proclaimer was never called by any highfalutin title at all.

In fact, here is my favorite designation for Timothy. Paul said, "he does the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 16:10). If you're a preacher, that's the nicest thing that anyone could ever say about you. In fact, that's the highest compliment that any Christian could be paid! – DS



True love gives

We use terminology like "falling in love" or "falling out of love," but what is "love"? We use that word in a variety of ways today, but the Bible explains it very clearly. Do you "love" someone? Here's how it will be known.

In Ephesians 5, Paul tells Christians to "walk in love" (Eph. 5:2). What a way to say that! Make your way of life, how you conduct yourself on a daily basis toward all individuals, one that is characterized by steadfast agape love. What does that look like? Keep reading the verse – "as Christ also has loved us and given..." True love, like Jesus, gives. He "loved," which was demonstrated when He "gave." We see this clearly in John 3:16 also – "God so loved the world that He gave."

So, do you "love"? Are there people who you "feel" love for? Are there people the Bible tells you to love? Do you "love" like Jesus (cf. John 13:34)? The simple way to measure that is to answer this – Does your love give? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Crystal Burroughs	severe hip pain; may need hip replacement surgery
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical tests
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Ophelia Holmes	emphysema in one lung and bronchitis in the other lung
Mary A. Jackson	undergoing tests
Judie Jenkins	fractured sternum
Grace Judge	undergoing treatments for severe neck and back pain
Dick Kelley	recovering at home, improving slowly, IV antibiotics
Juliette Mauvais	still dealing with severe pain
Joel Ramirez	having blood pressure and heart issues
Sherri Richmond	still recovering from a fall, in a lot of pain

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
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ashley Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's sister, recovering from surgery
Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Kyle Buonadonna	Layla Buonadonna's father, has a blood clot in his liver
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, infection in her leg
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, recovering from pacemaker surgery
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, in the hospital
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, now in LaPosada Rehab
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, fell and is very sore
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, cancer, recovering heart attack
Eddy Rodriguez	Islay Rodriguez's brother, lung cancer, now at home

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 18

- ♦ **"Protecting Our Children Sunday" with Daniel Stearsman.** We will not have services at 6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Whatever Happened to Gender?
10:00 a.m. Why Transitioning Is for Everyone
11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch
 Bring your favorite casserole, desserts & drinks.
12:45 p.m. To Trans and Back

Sunday-Wednesday, February 18-21

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Don Blackwell of Cookeville, Tennessee will be speaking on *"Questions That Need to Be Answered."*

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 24

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano.** Debbie Kea will be speaking on *"If the Shoe Fits."*

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Alice Nelson & Cris Cuevas** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon and would appreciate Target gift cards.

Wednesday, February 28

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 3-6

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting with Dan Winkler.** This year's theme is *"How to Get from Here to Heaven."*

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship

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

Saturday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 28

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Monday, March 11

- ♦ **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.

Friday, March 15

- ♦ **Ladies and Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. 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.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Thursday-Sunday, February 22-25

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Wednesday, February 28

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Sunday, March 10

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. Age 3-Grade 5 will meet in Adult 1-2. Jr. High, Sr. High and 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.

Monday, March 11

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 b Willie Smith	2
3 b John Patrick b Angela Walker	4	5 b John Hoelzer	6 b Susie Cox	7	8 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Susan Preston b Bereather Williams	9 b Bonnie Quigley
Gospel Meeting with Dan Winkler (3rd-6th)						
10 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins ☆ 2 Week Mini-Session Begins ☆ New Member's Orientation Class ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Congregational Singing (During Evening Services)	11 ☆ Men's Meet	12 a Jim & Robin Davis	13 b Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Vivian Blackmer b Lessa Schenk	14 b Mike Erickson	15 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Jamie Green	16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen
17 ☆ Young Adult Family Lunch ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ His Kids Class	18	19 b Dion Hayes b Jermaine Smith b Ricky Smith	20	21 b Max Fonrose b Jack Holoman b Yolanda Stewart b David Whipple	22 a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart b Lizzie Rozier	23
24 ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ His Kids Class a Silas & Ashley Balfour	25	26 a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Carmen Ruckman	27 b Jerry Pittman	28	29 b Cruz Fernandez b Ryan Hankins	30 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under
31 ☆ His Kids Class a Gary & Karen Lester b Erika Dyer						

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 11

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Tuesday, February 20th
Robin Landen

Thursday, February 22nd
Lester Galloway

Wednesday, February 21st
Lillian Bankston

Friday, February 23rd
Ricky Smedley



We rejoice with **Tim Young** who was baptized on Tuesday, February 13.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Selena Booze; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Mrs. Sandra Davidson; Miss Daniela Gaines; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Claudia Henry; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Manoella Mendieta & Miss Emily Mendieta; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; and Mr. Robert Shelton.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Kennedy Clarkson, Murfreesboro, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Ms. Pat Harrington, Gladwin, MI; Ms. Debra Medling, St. Peters, MO; Ms. Brookelyn Pedigo, Murfreesboro, TN; Ms. Jackie Price, Paducah, KY; Mr. Daniel Smith, Clewiston, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Stephanie Smith, Clewiston, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Launa Tellman.

It's Boy!

Congratulations to **Dan & Loni Fuller** upon the birth of their grandson, **James Daniel Dye**, to **Eli & Kristen Dye**, on Saturday, February 10, weighing 7 lbs., 14 oz.

Congratulations to **David & Traci Sproule**, upon the birth of their grandson, **Caleb Judah Ford**, to **Sam & Katie Ford**, on Monday, February 12, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz.

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, February 18

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading Michael Erickson
Singing
Lord's Supper Johnny Davis
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Lawrence Williams

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale	Jim Rogers
Jeff Goodale	Cayden Scriven
Jack Holoman	Joseph Snyder
Jeff Leslie	Cristian Suarez
Luther Robinson	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, February 18

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Ivan Villard
Scripture Reading Islay Rodriguez
Singing
Lord's Supper Kane Campbell
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

John Hoelzer Joe Maloney

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, February 21

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Dion Hayes
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 11	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	145	163
Sun. AM Worship	237	272
Sun. PM Worship	102	127
Wed. Bible Study	125	132
Contribution	\$15,246	\$18,473
2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,097		

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

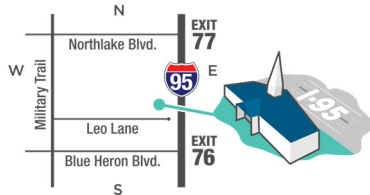
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Trey Higbee
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: **Jonah Watson**

WHEN CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE APPEARS,
THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM
IN GLORY.

Colossians 3:4