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Priority #1: Getting Our Children to Heaven



Sunday, September 15
Friends & Family Day with David Powell

9:00 a.m.

**Rearing Christian Children
in a Crazy World**

10:00 a.m.

**Will Our Children Remain
Faithful?**

12:45 p.m.

**Do Right and Wrong Change
with Culture?**



David Powell
Jackson, TN



By Dan Jenkins

Three Keys to Victory Over Evil

There may be sections of the book of Revelation which seemingly are difficult to understand, but there is one that can be easily understood and can be such a blessing to every Christian. We might struggle as we read chapter twelve, trying to discover the identity of the woman on the moon (v. 1) or what was meant by those 1260 days in wilderness (v. 5) or that war in heaven (v. 7). However, those who read this section for the first time can easily understand who the Child is who was born on the earth and then ascended into heaven. Even a child knows who He is.

Looking more carefully at this chapter, it becomes obvious who this Child was for He was destined to rule the nations. Those Christians in the seven churches in Asia would have known, because in chapter two, Jesus said that the Father had given Him authority over all the nations to rule them with a rod of iron (v. 26-27). Even the identity of that dragon who was seeking first to destroy that Child (v. 5) and then to destroy those on the earth who keep the commandments of God (17) is specifically explained to be Satan (v. 9). Those saints in Asia were in the midst of the attempt that Satan was bringing against them. Jesus had ascended into heaven, and the devil turned his wrath against them. The greatest question that faced them (and us) is how to defeat Satan's work in their lives.

How those early Christians defeated Satan is the way we can defeat him today

Three keys to overcoming Satan are given. The Bible shows how those early saints defeated him and shows us how we can overcome the trials that seek to destroy us today. It would be so foolish for us to overlook these three keys.

The first key is, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb" (v. 11). Sin destroys man's relationship with God, but the blood of Jesus forever removes those sins, and God will never remember them. We begin our walk with the Lord by being washed in His blood (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16), and as we walk in the light, His blood continues to remove those sins from our relationship (1 John 1:7). You are righteous, not by self-righteous goodness of which you might boast about. You are not self-righteous, but you are blood-righteous.

The second key is, "They overcame him...by the word of their testimony." When Satan brought all the powers of hell to tempt Jesus, he fled from Jesus because Jesus always said, "It is written" (Matt. 4). He will do the same if we use the word to answer every temptation and trial.

The third key is, "They loved not their lives to the death." Self-preservation is the most motivating force for actions to every man. However, if you love the Lord enough that you will sacrifice your life before you would disobey Him, Satan has no way of tempting you! When we get the greatest commandment foremost in our lives, we can never lose to Satan!



By David Sproule

The Context of "With God All Things Are Possible"

There are certain verses and phrases in the Bible that we know very well, often because of the comfort and reassurance that they bring to us. One such verse is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke. The verses vary slightly in each of the accounts, but they all say basically the same thing, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27; Matt. 19:26; Luke 18:27).

We love that statement from the lips of our Savior! Oh, how fun it is to think that "all things are possible" with God! That makes the imagination run and the smiles come. And, even without a specific context, we could say that statement is true, for God "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). But what is the context of Jesus voicing this assurance?

The rich young ruler came to Jesus to find out what he had to do to "have eternal life" (Matt. 19:16). Jesus told him, "Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor...and come, follow Me" (Luke 18:22). The man went away "very sorrowful, for he was very rich" (Luke 18:23). When Jesus saw that, He told His disciples that it is "hard...for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God. For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of

God" (18:24-25). The severity of that illustration really struck His disciples. It would be impossible for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle. Impossible! The disciples "were greatly astonished at His words, saying among themselves, 'Who then can be saved?'" (Mark 10:26). Is salvation really impossible for man?

When caught astonished at the possibility of the impossibility (in their minds) of anyone being saved, Jesus answered them with that great declaration, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Astonished at the possibility of the impossibility of anyone being saved

"With men," salvation is impossible! Man cannot save himself! Truly salvation is "not of yourselves" (Eph. 2:8). But, what is "impossible" with men is not so with God, because for the all-powerful and all-loving and all-merciful God, "all things are possible," including saving any and every man from his sins.

That ought to put the severity of our sins into context. It also ought to put the magnitude of the loving sacrifice of our Savior into context! We could NOT be saved without HIM! And when we choose to follow His instructions (unlike the rich young ruler) and make tough decisions "for [His] sake and the gospel's," we will "receive a hundredfold" blessing now, "and in the age to come, eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30). What a thought! Yes, with God, our eternal salvation is possible!



By Robert Lupo

A Shroud of Doubt

There is no religious artifact that gets quite as much attention as the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud is a long linen cloth that inexplicably appears to bear the image of a crucified man. Legend says that it is the very burial cloth of our Lord Jesus Christ and that the image is the result of the resurrection.

Famously, in 1988, radiocarbon dating was conducted on part of the cloth. The results dated the Shroud of Turin to the mid-1300s. This proved to many that the cloth was no more than a medieval forgery. However, the Shroud is back in popular discussion now that a new study (using a different method) dates the cloth to around AD 40. So, many Christians around the world are asking, "Could the Shroud of Turin really be the burial cloth of Jesus?" "Is this physical proof of the resurrection?"

First, I want to address the claim of authenticity. From what I have found, there is no conclusive evidence either way. The new experiment was predicated on the idea that the 1988 study's sample was contaminated by using a section that was repaired. While it is exciting to have a result finding a date so close to the time of Jesus, there are serious flaws. The early date was found by a single study while the 1988 study was conducted by three independent labs. That would suggest a

lesser likelihood of bias in the '88' methodology. Also, even if the new date is legitimate, AD 40 is not AD 33, the year Jesus was crucified. But the wound pattern found on the Shroud matches the crucifixion of Jesus and it remains a mystery as to how the image could have been made in the medieval or ancient times. So, while it is most likely not the burial cloth of Jesus, there is not enough evidence to say for certain.

It is certainly exciting to imagine possessing physical confirmation of the life, burial and resurrection of Jesus. But Christians need to realize something: we don't need it. The Bible gives us all the proof we need! Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, "For I delivered to you...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once..." Any of these accounts could have been made void by presenting the body of Jesus to the people, but they didn't. Instead, the apostles went about preaching the resurrection and each gave their lives defending it.

There are some serious doubts about the Shroud of Turin, but there is no doubt that the Bible is true. We don't need anything else to believe. And as Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

The Bible gives us all the proof we need!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Why is society running wild?

The translations vary slightly on the first part of Proverbs 29:18. They say the same thing but slightly different. "Where there is no revelation" (NKJV), "Where there is no vision" (KJV, ASV, NASB), "Where there is no prophetic vision" (ESV). The meaning of the term here usually is connected to the means by which divine revelation is communicated. Hold that thought. The verse goes on to say that where this is lacking, "the people cast off restraint" (NKJV, ASV, ESV), "the people are unrestrained" (NASB), "the people perish" (KJV). The meaning of the term here indicates people who are out of control as they are allowed to run wild.

Put this together and think about the application. Where divine revelation (i.e., THE BIBLE) is not communicated (i.e., PREACHED FAITHFULLY), the result is catastrophic unrestraint among the people (i.e., UNGODLINESS).

Friends, look around today. What are we seeing? People casting off restraint! Why? Because God's Word is lacking! Guess what our world needs right now?! Now, read the last part of the verse: "Happy is he who keeps the law!" Is that you? – DS



God does not forget, so you must not forget

Sometimes we may wonder if anybody knows or anybody cares what we do for others. Maybe we feel like we're always the one giving but not very often on the receiving end. Perhaps we are forgetting too much and not remembering enough. The word "forget" is found three times in the book of Hebrews.

First, the author wants Christians to remember that "God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love" in your ministering to the saints (Heb. 6:10). God does not forget the work that you do for others in "His name." Whether others remember is really of no consequence.

So, then at the end of the book, the author calls upon these Christians, whom God is not forgetting, to not forget their own responsibilities. "Do not forget to show hospitality" (13:2), and "do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (13:16). Don't forget that last part! God does not forget what you do for others, so don't forget to do it! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Dee Catanzaro	fell and broke her wrist
Helen Chapman	in ICU at St. Mary's Medical Center, undergoing tests
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from cataract surgery and hand surgery
Dan Johnson	now at home, improving
Grace Judge	recovering from major neck and back surgery
Dick Kelley	recovering from surgery
Jerry Pittman	undergoing medical tests
Jim Rogers	now at home, improving
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye issues
Samuel Williams	has not been doing well

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Dick Haines	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Michelle Airey	Jackie Stout's daughter, recovering from cancer surgery
Sharon Banks	Jimmie & Derrick's sister, discharged from the hospital
Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's bro., aortic valve replacement (9/17)
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, diagnosed with liver fibrosis
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, diagnosed with cancer
Mary Reeves	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s mother, heart and liver issues
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Madison Snyder	Allison Snyder's daughter, long-term Covid symptoms

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, September 15

- ♦ **Friends & Family Day with David Powell.** The theme is "Priority #1: Getting Our Children to Heaven."
 - 9:00 a.m. Bible Study**
"Rearing Christian Children in a Crazy World"
 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship**
"Will Our Children Remain Faithful?"
 - 12:45 p.m. Evening Worship**
"Do Right and Wrong Change with Culture?"

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday, October 2

- ♦ **Tavaro Hanna Mission Report** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults will meet in the auditorium. Children in Grades 5 and under will have regular classes.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 6-9

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year's theme is "Encourage." Tommy Peeler and Josh Higgins will be the guest speakers.

Monday, October 7

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship!

Saturday, October 12

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend!

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, September 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. Enter code 1122 at the gate. Please car-pool. Additional parking is available at the tennis court (first right after the gate). See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, October 7

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship!

Saturday, October 12

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 15

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.

Sunday, September 22

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale. See Robert Lupo for details.

Thursday-Sunday, September 26-29

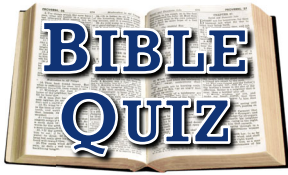
- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Meet at the building at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. We will return late Sunday night. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for details.



Friends & Family in the Bible

1. Who was David's best friend (1 Samuel 18:1)? _____
2. How was Esther related to Mordecai (Esther 2:7)? _____
3. What were the Hebrew names of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego (Daniel 1:7)? _____
4. What was the name of the father of James and John (Mark 10:35)? _____
5. What were the names of Jesus' brothers (Mark 6:3)? _____
6. How many children did Job and his wife lose in the storm (Job 1:2, 18-19)? _____
7. What does a true friend do at all times (Proverbs 17:17)? _____
8. What was the name of Uzzah's brother (2 Samuel 6:3)? _____
9. Who was the father of Samson (Judges 13:21-24)? _____
10. What friend of Jesus kissed Him on the cheek (Matthew 26:47-50)? _____
11. What was the name of Andrew's father (John 1:41+21:15)? _____
12. Who were the three friends of Jesus who lived in Bethany (John 11:1-2)? _____
13. What were the names of the two sons of Simon the Cyrenian (Mark 15:21)? _____
14. Of whom did Paul say that he had no one else like-minded (Philippians 2:20)? _____
15. What was the name of David's great-grandmother (Matthew 1:5-6)? _____
16. What judge did not restrain his sons from doing evil (Judges 3:12-13)? _____
17. What king never rebuked his son at any time (1 Kings 1:1-6)? _____
18. What was the name of Hosea's wife (Hosea 1:3)? _____
19. Who was called "the friend of God" (James 2:23)? _____
20. What are the only two choices we have for our "F/father" today (John 8:41-44)? _____ OR _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

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Directory Changes

Johnny & Betty Davis are moving to Tennessee this week.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, September 16th

Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)
Peggy Hall

Wednesday, September 18th

Marcia Kelley

Tuesday, September 17th

Robert Lupo
Lisa Metzkes
Sadie Myrie

Thursday, September 19th

Justilien Honore

Assurances for Christians

from First John

28th Annual
South Florida Lectureship

Nov. 7-10

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, September 15

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading Kirk Crews
Singing
Lord's Supper Jeff Leslie
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Islay Rodriguez

Serve at Table:

Jimmie Banks	Rick Price
Connor Goodale	Vincent Rogers
Jeff Goodale	Joseph Snyder
Graysen Hayes	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, September 15

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
Scripture Reading Ivan Villard
Singing
Lord's Supper Kane Campbell
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman Jim Rogers

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, September 18

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 8	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	158	171
Sun. AM Worship	265	268
Sun. PM Worship	131	121
Wed. Bible Study	134	141
Contribution	\$15,108	\$16,708

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$22,369

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

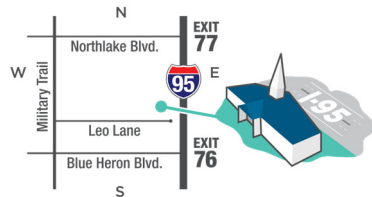
Ushers for this week: John Patrick & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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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I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM

*fearfully
& wonderfully
made.*

WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS;
MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY WELL.



• PSALM 139:14 •