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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL LADIES' DAY *with Shameika Hanna*
THURSDAY, APRIL 17

*Growing
in Godliness*





By Dan Jenkins

The Gospel Is...

One of the most amazing qualities about the Bible is that as God reveals His will for our lives, so many vital truths can be expressed in so few words. To see this, look at the letter Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia. Paul had established these churches and his letter to them gives great insight into profound truths about the gospel.

The gospel is unique. He had preached the gospel to them, but they had failed to continue in their devotion to the truth. "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him that called you into the grace of Christ to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (1:6-7). They were turning away from the gospel, thinking there were other gospels. There is one gospel and any change to the gospel results in a perverted gospel. It is unique and there is nothing worthy to be compared to it.

The gospel is teachable and receivable. In the next verses, Paul reminded the Galatians how their salvation involved his preaching it (v. 8). The Great Commission was to preach the gospel, and those saints had received it (v. 9). If it is teachable and receivable, then it must be understandable. This is exactly what happened when those churches began.

The gospel can be preached and received. This is because it can be understood.

The gospel is unalterable. There is no authority for even the apostles to add to or take away from the gospel. "But even if we...preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (1:8). There is not authority for any angel from heaven to change the gospel. "But even if...an angel from heaven preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (1:8). There is no authority for any person who has ever lived or who shall ever live to alter truth. "If anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed" (v. 9).

The gospel is certifiable. "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man" (1:11, KJV). The Greek word for "certify" involves more than stating it. God not only revealed the truth, but He certifies that it is truth. He who was the way, the truth and the life spoke the truth, and it was accompanied with miracles. He who was truth gave the truth to the apostles and first-century prophets. It was accompanied with more miracles. "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs" (Mark 16:20).

We have the truth. It has been certified. Let us learn it. Let us live it. Then let us faithfully teach it to others without any change. That is His plan!



By David Sproule

Give Me the Bible, Not "Sola Scriptura" (Part 1 of 6)

Many people have asked over the years, "So you believe *sola scriptura*?" I remember the first time someone ever asked me something like that—I had no idea what they were talking about. I had never heard of "sola scriptura." I've been in some Bible studies where a person will say, "Of course you would say that! You're *sola scriptura*!"

At first, it may sound, on the surface, like a good thing to believe in "sola scriptura." After all, it is simply a Latin phrase that means, "by Scripture alone." Isn't going "by Scripture alone" a good thing? What could be wrong with believing or claiming "sola scriptura"?

Consider for a moment that this is a phrase that was made up by a group of men to describe a certain belief system. As such, the phrase actually has some different understandings about how it is applied and exactly what it means. For example, does it mean that "Scripture alone" is sufficient or that "Scripture alone" is the authority or something else? Interestingly, among those who hold to "sola scriptura," there is variation in its explanation. Not to mention that those who do not hold to "sola scriptura" have their own understanding of what the phrase means and what people believe who espouse it. All of that can be kind of confusing.

What if we just go to the Bible itself?

Here's the better practice: Rather than take a position that aligns with a manmade slogan (without knowing exactly what it means, or exactly what those who hold to it believe it means, or exactly what those who deny it believe it means) and rather than take a position that questions or repudiates the belief system, what if we just go to the Bible itself, read the Bible for what it says for itself and then use Bible terms to explain what the Bible teaches? Let's see where that leads and what we can know (for certain) from that endeavor.

Bible certainty #1: ALL Scripture in the Old Testament and New Testament is inspired of God. The Bible says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3:16), or "breathed out by God" (ESV). Bible writers recognized Divine guidance of their words: "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue" (2 Sam. 23:2). While they "inquired and searched carefully" to fully understand what they were writing, they understood that their words were coming from "the Spirit of Christ who was in them" (1 Pet. 1:10-12). "We have received...the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak...which the Holy Spirit teaches" (1 Cor. 2:12-13). Peter stated simply, "...holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:21).

Where did Scripture come from? (More next week)



By Robert Lupo

What a Day That Will Be

I love family reunions. Although I've never had anything like the super official reunions you see in movies, I remember fondly the times we had large gatherings of Lupos. We were excited to catch up, to laugh, and to play with our aunts, uncles, and especially our cousins. Though we hadn't seen each other in years, the love that we shared always seemed to grow deeper.

However, as the years went on, eventually there were some that didn't come anymore. Some moved far away. Some left the family. But, the ones that hurt the most were those that had passed away, never to be seen again in this lifetime.

Nothing hurts like losing a family member. Whether it is a grandmother, a cousin, an aunt, or a father, something feels missing in your life. When the family gets back together, you can't help but notice that the dinner table needs less chairs. It's a feeling that never seems to go away.

What if there was a family reunion where all of our loved ones got to be present? What if there was a family reunion where even those who passed on got to come back and never miss a family gathering again? This reunion is real, and it is promised to all who are part of the spiritual family of Jesus

Christ, His church.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Paul tells us of the most wonderful day that will ever happen. It is the day that the Lord returns to bring His children with Him into heaven. Paul says that on this glorious day, Jesus will "...descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

**What if there
was a reunion
where all of our
loved ones got to
be present?**

Can you imagine what that day will be like? All of His faithful children who we love the most, Jesus promises us, we will get to see again and never be separated. This is why a Christian doesn't sorrow like the rest of the world. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus" (vv. 13-14). Not only will we be united with our Lord and Savior, we will also be reunited with our dear friends and family in Christ.

Do you want to be at Christ's reunion? There is one thing you need to keep in mind. The only ones invited are the members of God's family. Are you a faithful member of the church Jesus died for? Are your children, your parents, your friends, members of God's family? Let's make sure there are no empty chair at God's table (cf. John 14:6).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Bible Games to Play While You Wait

I heard of a family who played the "Name-As-Many-Players-As-You-Can Game" while driving on long trips. They would pick a number (like "23"), and then say, "Name as many college or professional athletes as you can think of who ever wore the number 23." After exhausting that number, they'd go to another one. This was obviously a family who loved to watch sports.

What about another game? You can play these with your family or just yourself, while driving down the road or while waiting in a doctor's office. Game #1: "Quote-or-Paraphrase-As-Many-Verses-As-You-Can Game." Pick a book in the Bible and see how many verses you can think of in that book. Game #2: "Name-What-Is-in-Each-Chapter Game." Think through a book, asking, "What is something in chapter 1 of this book...chapter 2...chapter 3...?" Game #3: "The Alphabet Game." Start with the letter "A" and name as many people, places or things you can think of in the Bible that start with that letter, then go on to "B," "C," etc.

These games are the most fun for families who love the Bible.
— DS



Comforted by the comfort of the Comforter to comfort

As Jesus was nearing the end of His life, He told His apostles that when He left, "another Comforter" would be sent by the Father—i.e., the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). What an interesting word to use—"Comforter" (KJV). The Greek word literally means one who "calls alongside." What would the apostles need? Comfort! Where would they get it? From "the God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3), when He came and told them "the things" they needed to hear.

When we pick up our Bibles today, guess what we have? We have "the comfort of the Scriptures" (Rom. 15:4), which comes from "the God of comfort" (15:5). With so many things happening in our lives, what do we need? Comfort! Where do we get it? From the Scriptures that were given by "the Comforter"!

How much time do you spend with the words of comfort from the God of comfort? How much better would our lives be, how much closer would we be to God, how much better of a comforter would we be to others, if we were comforted by His inspired comfort? — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	undergoing dialysis treatments
Judy Bird	recovering at home
Pete Brown	recovering at home from toe amputation
Carolyn Cullom	dealing with several health issues
Ophelia Holmes	recovering at home, still very weak
Dan Johnson	recovering from surgery
Tiffany Mayes	undergoing dialysis treatments
Dorothy Pernel	undergoing tests on her heart
Jackie Stout	in Gardens Court for rehab on her hip replacement
Amy West	recovering at home



The family & friends of Margie Hardin, who passed away on Tuesday, April 1. Margie was part of PBL for over 50 years.

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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	Leigh Puckett
Dick Haines	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Sharon Banks	Derrick & Jimmie's sister, suffered a minor stroke
Judy Chilcutt	Stephen Beliech's sister, dealing with hemolytic anemia
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, surg. on blood clot in her leg
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, still awaiting liver biopsy results

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, April 6

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Sunday-Thursday, April 6-10

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Washington Park** (Ft. Lauderdale) each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Thurs). Guest speaker is Steve McAllister.

Monday, April 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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.
- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 13

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Thursday, April 17

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Shameika Hanna** (from Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama) at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Growing in Godliness." Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Saturday, April 19

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

Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26

- ♦ **Church of Christ Home Educators Retreat** hosted by Orange Street church of Christ in Auburndale. Cost is \$50 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Friday, April 25

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, April 26

- ♦ **Young Adult Connect Day** at 10:00 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, May 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.

Saturday, May 17

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 24

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 31

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, April 6

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

Saturday, April 12

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal.** Meet at Texas De Brazil (4645 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens 33418) at 4:30 p.m. We will take pictures before dinner at 5:00 p.m. After dinner, we will go to an escape room from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. This event is for Senior High only.

Sunday, April 13

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, April 19

- ♦ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. & Sr. High Youth at 10:00 a.m.

A Verse A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

365 VERSES THROUGH THE

Life of Christ

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

For the Month of *April*

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| ❑ April 1 | Matthew 6:8 | ❑ April 16 | Luke 6:45 |
| ❑ April 2 | Matthew 6:15 | ❑ April 17 | Matthew 7:21 |
| ❑ April 3 | Matthew 6:21 | ❑ April 18 | Matthew 7:23 |
| ❑ April 4 | Matthew 6:24 | ❑ April 19 | Matthew 7:24 |
| ❑ April 5 | Matthew 6:25 | ❑ April 20 | Matthew 8:11 |
| ❑ April 6 | Matthew 6:33 | ❑ April 21 | Luke 7:22 |
| ❑ April 7 | Matthew 6:34 | ❑ April 22 | Matthew 11:13 |
| ❑ April 8 | Matthew 7:2 | ❑ April 23 | Luke 7:30 |
| ❑ April 9 | Luke 6:38 | ❑ April 24 | Matthew 11:28 |
| ❑ April 10 | Matthew 7:7 | ❑ April 25 | Matthew 11:30 |
| ❑ April 11 | Matthew 7:11 | ❑ April 26 | Matthew 12:25 |
| ❑ April 12 | Luke 6:31 | ❑ April 27 | Matthew 12:36 |
| ❑ April 13 | Matthew 7:13 | ❑ April 28 | Matthew 12:40 |
| ❑ April 14 | Matthew 7:14 | ❑ April 29 | Matthew 12:50 |
| ❑ April 15 | Matthew 7:20 | ❑ April 30 | Luke 12:6 |

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 30

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, April 7th
Krystian Dubuisson

Thursday, April 10th
Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
Anthioda Charles

Tuesday, April 8th
Jean Archer
Zula Garrett
Nadia King

Saturday, April 12th
Kaylani Carmona
Mendy Crews



Directory Changes

Young Families Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls and visits. My church family is the best.

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, April 6

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer David Brown
Scripture Reading Gary Jenkins
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	David Lord
Israel Cuevas	Dan McLeod
Gorman Ericksen	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, April 6

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Mike Damron
Singing
Lord's Supper Dirk Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

David Perez	Bobby Shelton
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Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, April 9

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Troy Alberga
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 30	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	146	155
Sun. AM Worship	247	252
Sun. PM Worship	117	106
Wed. Bible Study	129	124
Contribution	\$15,609	\$16,868

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,300

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

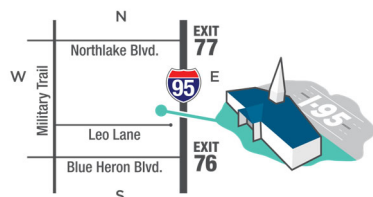
Ushers for this week: Addison Collins & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: Andres Fernandez



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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: Lucas Villard & David Sproule

New Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

(APRIL 6 - JUNE 8)

Second Samuel

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Young Adults: Practical Christian Living

Kirk Crews (Adult 3)

Influencing Others

Jeff Goodale (Adult 1-2)

Jr. High & Sr. High: Romans & Galatians

Robert Lupo

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

(APRIL 9 - JUNE 11)

Enduring Life Principles from the Ten Commandments

David Sproule (Auditorium)

Looking at Two Uninspired Books

Dan Jenkins (Adult 1-2)

Jr. High & Sr. High: World Religions

Robert Lupo