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Modernism

vs.

The Bible

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Despite the fact that the Bible has had a tremendous influence upon man, there remain many who deny some of its basic and fundamental doctrines. Some of the most powerful and faith-building lessons of the Old Testament, the virgin birth of Christ, and the miracles of Jesus and His apostles are explained away as nonessentials. This denial is somewhat expected of unbelievers, but is now being assumed by some prominent religious leaders.

The Bible claims itself to be inspired of God. It declares that it is not of individual interpretation, but came as a result of “holy men of God [speaking] as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:16-17).

Approximately forty of those men engaged in writing the Bible, compiling it over a sixteen hundred year period. There is not one passage that contradicts another. A bounty of prophecies were made and fulfilled. Practically every event in the life of Christ was a fulfilled prophecy. Many scientific facts were anticipated by the ancient prophets and recorded in holy writ. Job knew of an empty place over the north that was not known until recent times (Job. 26:7). Isaiah was familiar with the earth being round, a fact that was denied until modern times (Isa. 40:22). David wrote about the paths in the sea, which was also a recent discovery (Ps. 8:8). They could not have known these facts had God not enlightened them to write about them!

Modernism has always denied inspiration, but be it understood that the Bible is inspired of God! As “God breathed” through these men, they wrote the Bible, and infallible record of the essentials. Please notice some of the points declared by inspiration, but denied by modernists:

- Virgin birth of Christ (Mt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:31-37).
- Miracles and signs of Christ (Jn. 20:30-31).
- Death of Jesus (Mt. 27:35-38; Mk. 15:24-28; Lk. 23:33-38; Jn. 19:18-24).
- Resurrection and appearances (Mt. 28; Mk. 16; Lk. 24; Jn. 20-21).

To deny these is to reject Christ as being what He claimed to be, the “Son of God;” and reduce Him to mere man. The Bible is not a book that can be partially rejected without doing violence to its claims of inspiration. We must accept or reject it as it is!

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY

Announcements: Greg Clayton
Sound Room: Lonnie Weaver
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings
Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison
Wed.: R. Kennedy/Youth

Sunday Prayers:

Aug 4:
A.M. Daniel Drummond
Shane Crotts
P.M. Harold Crowe
Ronnie Griggs

Aug 11:
A.M. Bill Frohn
Jerry Gibson
P.M. J. L. Eaton
Bill Lyon

Aug. 18:
A.M. Mark Jennings
Matt Jennings
P.M. Harold Russell
Paul Ormon

Aug. 25:
A.M. Troy Robertson
Alvin Parks
P.M. Terry Stubblefield
Bobby White

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Brad Pounders
North Helper I: Drew Drummond
North Helper II: Bobby Marques

South Head: Phil Young
South Helper I: Gary Turner
South Helper II: Tyler Weaver

Scripture Reading:

Aug 4 — Michael Crotts
Aug. 11 — Jason McCullough
Aug. 18 — Clay Ormon
Aug 25 — Thomas Wall

Wednesday Prayers:

Aug. 7—Jason Jennings; Greg Harrison
Aug. 14—Richard Jennings; Perry Jones
Aug. 21— Ray Kennedy; Steve Todd
Aug. 28—Randy Wall; Burrell Walton

Greeters:

Aug. 4— Kim & Greg Clayton
Aug. 11—Bill & Nancy Frohn
Aug. 18—Lonnie & Nicki Weaver
Aug. 25—Richard & Kathy Jennings

Usher & Lock:

Aug 4— Greg Clayton
Aug. 11—Roger Clayton
Aug. 18 — Brad Pounders
Aug. 25—Harold Russell

Prepare Communion: Ione Wall

Host Youth Devo: Bill & Nancy Frohn

From Andy's Desk

It's hard to believe that yet another summer is in the books! Once again, as was the case with the past two summers as well, the time has simply gone by too quickly. I want to use this opportunity in writing this article to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to everyone here at the New Albany Church of Christ for what you have meant to me over the past three years. I cannot imagine my life without you all and the impact you have made upon it. I am forever grateful for the love, encouragement, support, and guidance that you have given to me over the last several years. You have been a pleasure to work and worship with, as well as grow and learn from. I want to especially thank Mike and Kathy (my office pals and mentors), the elders and deacons for hiring me and giving me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful church for three summers in a row, the parents for always cooperating with me and supporting me, and last but certainly not least the youth for helping me grow in my ministry and allowing me to learn as much or even more each summer from them as they have from me. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a small part of the work of this church, and I hope that I have been a positive role model and teacher to the youth here. I know that they will continue to grow into outstanding young men and women and take ownership and leadership of the church here in New Albany as they continually mature and develop in their spiritual lives. You should all be proud of the young people here! In closing, I want to leave you with this verse that will hopefully inspire each member here to continue to press on and fight the good fight. Again, from the bottom of my heart, I want to express my love for each and every one of you for everything you have done and continue to do for me!

2 Corinthians 4:16-18:

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” (ESV)



PRAYER LIST

Troy Robertson, will have an outpatient procedure done today, (Tuesday, July 30th) to draw fluid off his lungs. Please remember him as he continues to recover from heart surgery. He has been doing remarkably well.

Tauso Branch has been released from the hospital and is at home slowly improving.

Amy Vest is not doing well at this time. Please remember her and her family.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris Crowe* returned to the Tupelo Hospital Monday for her second round of chemo treatments.

Allison Harrison, relative of *Greg* and *Lynn Harrison* and co-worker of *April Pounders* has been in the hospital suffering from MS. She is improving.

Kelly Fryar, a co-worker of *April Pounders* has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is only 39 years old and has a young daughter.

Earnestine McKinney, mother of *Perry Jones* had unexpected heart surgery Monday, in Southhaven. She had two stents put in.

Continual Prayer :

Yolaine Cousar, Ruth Ann Stroud, Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Melissa Reed, Suzette Renix, Ken Joines, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

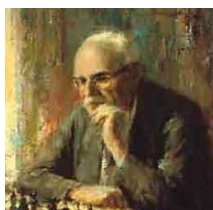
Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan

Good Thoughts

If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 03..... Ray Kennedy
August 05..... Martin Crofts
August 05..... John Mann
August 08..... Kathy Jennings
August 10..... Sue Stroud

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 08..... David & Cindy Ashmore
August 09..... Jason & Lea Ann McMillen



RESPONSE

Drew Drummond responded to the invitation Sunday morning asking for forgiveness and seeking to make things right in his life. Please continue to pray for *Drew* and encourage him as he strives to live as Christ would have him.

5TH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING



Please make plans to join us for our 5th Wednesday night singing July 31st at 7:00pm. All men and boys who would like to lead a song are encouraged to do so. If you have a request please let one of the song leaders know.

OPEN HOUSE



You are invited to an Open House at the home of *Sarah Walker*, Sunday, August 4th, from 2-4pm. *Sarah's* new address is 1001 CR 361 (just off of CR 115 in the North Haven community) New Albany.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to every person who was involved in the surprise going away celebration. I enjoyed the fellowship and I am forever grateful for my generous gift. I will always remember all the great memories I had with each of you. It has been a great 39 years, and I will miss you all!

Love,
Wadie Lepad

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

MINISTER

Mike King..... 507-0625
 Home 534-6872
 Office..... 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Michael Crotts
 A.M. Prayer...Daniel Drummond
 Closing Prayer.....Shane Crotts
 P.M. Prayer.....Harold Crowe
 Closing.....Ronnie Griggs
 Wed 8/7.....Jason Jennings
 Wed.8/7.....Greg Harrison
 Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton
 Greeter.....G & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....118
 Sunday A.M.....152
 Sunday P.M111
 Wednesday134
 Contribution.....\$3,365.78
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PANTRY ITEM

Crackers

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Parables of Jesus

When Jesus taught his disciples and the crowds who followed him, he often used parables. A parable has often been called “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” Names have been given to many of the parables of Jesus, some of which are listed below. Each is listed in two parts. Find the full name of the parable by matching the phrases in the list on the left with those in the list on the right. All words in bold print are hidden in the puzzle. Note a few words appear more than once.

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| 1. ___ The Pearl of | A. The Vineyard |
| 2. ___ The Candle under | B. Of Money |
| 3. ___ The Friend at | C. Old Wineskins |
| 4. ___ The Lost piece | D. Of Life |
| 5. ___ The Vine and | E. And Lazarus |
| 6. ___ The Sheep and | F. The Publican |
| 7. ___ The Laborers in | G. The Five Foolish Virgins |
| 8. ___ The Mustard | H. The Goats |
| 9. ___ New Wine and | I. Son |
| 10. ___ The Bread | J. Midnight |
| 11. ___ The Rich Man | K. Rock and on Sand |
| 12. ___ The Lost | L. The Seed |
| 13. ___ The Pharisee and | M. Old Garment |
| 14. ___ The Good | N. Sheep |
| 15. ___ The Yeast | O. Seed |
| 16. ___ The Five Wise Virgins and | P. The Branches |
| 17. ___ The Prodigal | Q. Great Price |
| 18. ___ New Cloth on an | R. Samaritan |
| 19. ___ The Sower and | S. In the Dough |
| 20. ___ The Houses Built on | T. A Bushel |