

Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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Men Priviledged To Serve:

Sunday, September 14th

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Ronnie Phillips

Bible Reading (Psalm 127)

..... Rodney McCrary

Prayer

..... Claus Martel

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Ronnie Phillips

Prayer

..... Rocky Rose

Presiding Michael Clemmons

Serving Ray Tucker

..... Mike Rogers

..... Larry White

Closing Prayer

..... Monroe Pressnell

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Jerry Dickey

Bible Reading (Psalm 128)

..... Daniel Clemmons

Prayer

..... Mark McIntyre

Lord's Supper

..... Michael Clemmons

Closing Prayer

..... James Word

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"Don't Confuse Me With Facts"

W. R. Jones

Sometime ago I saw a little sign in an office upon which was printed the following words:

Don't Confuse Me With Facts! My Mind Is Made Up!

I found it both amusing and provocative. Since I have given the saying more thought, I am sure it perfectly describes the attitude of many people concerning religious matters. The prevailing attitude seems to be something like this: "I have been taught a particular doctrine and my mind is settled on this idea and it is not open for further investigation." This attitude assumes that all the facts are in and then shuts the gate solidly forevermore.

In religion the Word of God is the one and only book of facts. If we are to be pleasing in God's sight, we must constantly seek to know the facts which are so plainly set forth in the Holy Word... even if it upsets cherished beliefs that we have previously entertained. Too many of us are afraid of having our boats rocked regarding such matters as the soul, Heaven and Hell. Please remember, if the Word of God "shakes you up," you may be sure, you need "shaking"!

Jesus described some people in His day with these words: "for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15).

The same words perfectly describe the masses of our day. Their attitude, in a sentence, is simply this: "Don't Confuse Me With Facts Because My Mind Is Made Up!"

Regardless of whether we want to or not, here are some Bible

“facts” we need to face. We may choose to ignore these facts now, but you may be sure they are to be faced. If not now, then in the judgement!

1) **We must Face the Fact of Death.** We read in Hebrews 9:27 – “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgement.

2) **We Must Face the Fact of the Judgement.** Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:10 – “For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

3) **We Must Face the Fact That If We Obey Not the Gospel, We Shall Be Lost.** In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, Paul wrote – “and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing our retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

My friend, it is possible that these facts disturb you, but this is God’s law and you must face it, either now or later. If you wait until the judgement, it will be too late! Let’s face the facts while there is still time and opportunity.

-via *The Stonegate Standard*, Port Aruthur, Texas.

Things Written Aforetime

Bobby L. Graham

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

“Now these things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11).

Both of these verses in the New Testament speak of the value of the Old Testament. Its value, however, does not lie in its merely being a part of the Bible, but in its being studied by people interested in serving and pleasing God under the terms of the New Testament. Yes, even those subject to the new covenant can derive benefit from a study of the writings of the old covenant and of the dispensation of the patriarchs. There are reasons for studying the Old, and there are also reasons for not studying it.

1. We should not study it to learn God’s will for us today. God’s present will is contained and revealed in the New Testament. The Old was nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14), its effectiveness being nullified by God who gave it that it might be replaced by the New Testament (Matthew 5:17-18; Hebrews 8:6-7; 10:9). Let us not turn to the Old Testament, then, to learn how we should worship God today, or how we should live.

2. We can study the Old Testament to learn those principles by which God operates (God’s love of righteousness, hatred of sin, punishment for sin, rule in the affairs of nations, etc.), to gain patience (endurance), to derive comfort from what God has caused to be written, to see examples of how God expects reverence and obedience and will reward them, and to be admonished by our Maker.

Do your study the Old Testament? If you do



Remember:

- What?** Young Adult Home Bible Study
When? Sunday, September 21st
Where? At the home of Aric and Andrea Butler
Subject? Building Strong Homes

not, let me tell you some of the things you are missing. You are depriving yourself of many wonderful examples of faith, love, courage, reverence, and steadfastness. You need to become acquainted with men and women of the Old Testament: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abel, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekkah, Jacob and his wives, Joseph, Moses, Joshauuatomate knowledge of these worthy characters will fill a void in your life and in your knowledge of the Bible. You will come to appreciate their excellencies. Their traits will become yours by diligent study and effort. The Old Testament will then have had its effect in your life here in the twentieth century.

-via *Gospel Guide*, Vol 27 or No. 8, August 1995.



Gospel Meeting

Sept. 28 – Oct. 1

Jeff May, Speaking

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.

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Come join us as we study God's Word.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Hubert Goode* continues at home ... *Myrtie Williams* continues at home... *Marcia Cooper* continues her recovery at home following her surgery ... *Robyn Goode* was sick Wednesday night and not able to be at Bible study ... *Mandy Griffen* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Janice Glass* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... *James Word* was not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night due to him injuring his arm on Wednesday morning... *Claus Martel's father, Gene Martel*, is not doing well and is going to the doctor for tests... *My uncle, Willard Cox*, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer... *Wanda Tucker's father, Billy Letson*, continues about the same ... *Taylor Mosley* was better and able to be at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick over the weekend ... *Eddie Hammond's cousin, Ricky Davis*, is continuing his treatments for his cancer ... Remember *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home ... *Marcia Cooper's and Brian Word's uncle, Paul McCafferty* who is at the SunBridge Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg ... *James McConnell's mother, Della Mae McConnell*, continues at home... *Jerry Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, continues at home ... *Faye Hammond* continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, who is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski ... *Freda McConnell's father, Alton Wray*, who is at home... *Janice Glass' grandmother, Emma Ray*, who is staying with family.

MARY BEST: It is with great sadness that we note the passing of sister Mary Best. Mary passed away Tuesday night at home. Her funeral was Friday. We want to express our deepest sympathy to Jerry and all the family in Mary's passing. We will certainly miss Mary's presence among us.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Allen and Sheila Moore* in the passing of Allen' nephew, *Keith Laxson*, this past Tuesday. His funeral was Friday morning. Also,

Sheila's aunt, *Lucille Wells*, past away on Thursday of this past week in Indiana. Sheila is away this weekend to attend the funeral tomorrow.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Butlers: Aric and Andrea* are out of town this weekend in Gulf Shores as Aric is attending some continuing education classes... ***Glenda Phillips*** is visiting with family this morning.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *Mandy Griffin* has expressed her desire to place membership with the church here. We are thrilled to have Mandy and Zak with us. Let us all extend a warm welcome to them.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Centerview church* in Russellville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. *Jeremy Paschal* will be the speaker in this meeting...The ***Jordan Park church*** in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today with *Bill Hall* preaching. The meeting will continue through Friday with services each evening at 7:00.

THE RECORD: *For the Week of September 7th*
Sunday:

Bible Classes 94
Morning Worship 121
Evening Worship 82

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 70



Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us as we study God's Word.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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