

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

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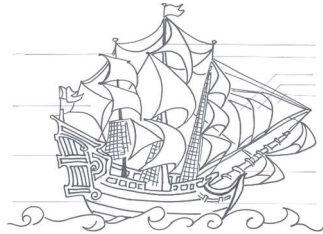
The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
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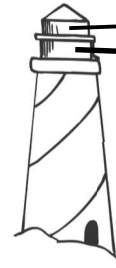
**Ships are safe in harbor,
but that is not why
ships are built.**

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FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

Sick: Gary Fletcher, James Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, & Etta Frazelle.

Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, and
Mary Lou Lewis

Military: Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

OUR SYMPATHY – Our sympathy is extended to two of our members who recently lost loved ones: Marilyn Shewmaker (sister) & Janet Lynn (mom).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Tonight is our monthly Q&A lesson. If you have a Bible question, please submit it in writing to Warren or the elders.

Sola Scriptura

That's the Latin term for 'the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures'. But the debate over whether the doctrine is true has raged for years. In contrast to this is 'Sola Ecclesia' — the idea that authority resides in the church (via leaders, traditions, and councils). Which is correct?

Scripture claims to be all-sufficient. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God... that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work"* (2 Ti 3:16-f). Again, *"His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us..."* (2 Pe 1:3). This cuts the Pope out of the loop.

In contrast to the infallible scriptures, the **church** has had its share of fallible moments throughout its history. From Peter's monumental gaffe in Antioch (Ga 2:11-14), to Paul's prophecies of apostate leadership (Ac 20:28-30, 2 Th 2:3-4), the history of the church has been one of imperfection, frailty, and outright rebellion against God. It has never been a reliable standard.

When Jesus warned of the impending judgment, He pointed people to His **Word**, and **only** His Word (sola scriptura), as the judgment standard (Jn 12:48). The scriptures **really are** 'all-sufficient'!

- *WKing*

HOME!

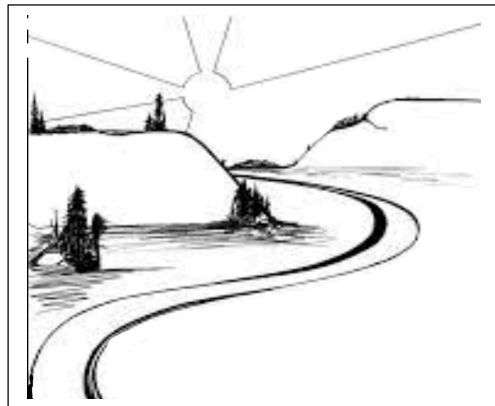
by *Fanning Yater Tant*

There are few words in any language that have the power to grip the heart and stir the emotions as does the word ‘home’. All that is sacred and holy, all that is tender and loving clusters around the word. The memories of childhood, the smiles and tears of youthful years, the security of love and devotion, the hallowed associations of the past are wrapped up in the word. In early years home, for most people, is the place of mother and father, perhaps brothers and sisters — in later years home is the place of husband or wife, and perhaps children. Bereft indeed is that poor soul who has no home.

It is not without cause that Christ has pictured the Christian relationship in terms of home and family. God is our Father; we are His children. Christ is our brother, and we are brethren one to another. It was not to the Ephesians

alone, but to all the faithful of every age that Paul wrote, “*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*” (Ep 2:19).

Any one of us may at any given moment be only one heart-beat from eternity — an eternal home with God, or banishment forever from His presence. There is something terrifying about that, and yet something infinitely thrilling. May God grant to all of us that when our eyes shall close in death, we may take that sweetest of all journeys — the path that leads to home!



Another Perspective

Trashy Attitudes

Attitude...

I may be right and you may be wrong. Attitude...

You may be right and I may be wrong. Attitude...

We may both be wrong. Attitude...

Attitude is the difference-maker. We can be right yet always wrong if our attitude is wrong.

Think of the trash container beside your house — filled with hot summer smells of spoiled food and leftovers. It’s putrid. It smells. It stinks. There are a lot of putrid, smelly, stinky attitudes these days.

What if... someone disagrees with you? Okay, so what?

What if... someone says (or types) something unkind? Okay, so what?

What if... someone misinterprets, jumps to wrong conclusions, and “says all kinds of evil against you falsely?” Okay, so what?

Seriously — so what? This is exactly what “turning the other cheek” means. If someone slaps you on the cheek, it’s not a deathblow. Shake it off (rub some dirt on it) and move on. Just because someone else has a stinky attitude doesn’t mean you have to.

Not sure about you, but when I lift the trash lid to deposit more, I don’t hang around. Some people are like that, but... their stink doesn’t have to be yours.

Think about that... next time you take out the trash.

– *Wilson Adams*