

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



MESSENGER

Market Street church of Christ

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Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Some People Will Believe Anything

John M. Duvall

One of the many lessons I have learned in my years of interacting with people is this: Some people will believe anything. Take a minute to think about the most outlandish theory you could possibly imagine. Consider some theory so unbelievable that surely no one would believe it. Now, take this theory and sell it to the world and you will find someone who is willing to buy your theory.

When Paul traveled to Athens, he encountered a group of people who would spend their time hearing "new" teachings and "new" ideas. (Acts 17:21) When these Epicurean and Stoic philosophers heard the apostle Paul preach concerning Jesus and the resurrection, they took Paul to the Aeropagus. These men said to Paul, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? For you are bringing some strange thing to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean" (Acts 17:19-20). Although the apostle Paul used this opportunity to tell the people about God, the people's interest was in the "newness" of the teaching and not the truthfulness and accuracy of the teaching.

There are many people today who continue in this same practice. These "thinkers" do not want to be confused with the facts. They dwell upon thoughts, idea, suspicions, theories, etc. Not being happy with the current knowledge and information, they seek something different, something more "enlightened." (I am not referring to people who desire to grow in knowledge and gain understanding which rests upon facts, evidence, and proof. This type of pursuit allows a child of God to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ through proper study of God's word.)

Christians must avoid becoming victims of those who carry "new" doctrine, ideas, and theories. Too many Christians, who either did not study the Bible or are not content with the Bible as their source of teaching, have turned their ears to teachers of "new" things. We see one such example in the church in Corinth. In 1 Corinthians 15:12-34, the

apostle Paul addressed an erroneous teaching regarding the resurrection of the dead. Paul wrote, “Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?” (1 Corinthians 15:12). As difficult as it may be for use to believe, there were Christians teaching against the idea of the resurrection. These people were saying there is no resurrection. These people were saying there is no resurrection of the dead! In verse 34, Paul rebuked the people saying, “Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame” (1 Corinthians 15:34).

Some of the brethren in Corinth listened to the wrong source of information. Instead of heeding the truth as taught by the apostles, some of the brethren gave heed to the musings of foolish men. In his letters to Timothy, Paul warned the young preacher about such dangers. Paul charged Timothy, saying, “Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths” (1 Timothy 4:7a, ESV). In chapter six of his first letter, Paul wrote, “O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called ‘knowledge,’ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you” (1 Timothy 6:20-21, ESV). Restating the same warning in his second letter, Paul wrote, “Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers...But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene” (2 Timothy 2:14,16-17, ESV).

Paul’s warnings are just as applicable in our lives as they were in Timothy’s life. The danger of being ruined by “new” teachings (which some people falsely call “knowledge”) is ever present in the lives of Christians. Christians must always make certain to never blindly accept anything new. Just as the Bereans searched to see if the new teaching taught by Paul was truthful, so too must Christians always search the scriptures (cf. Acts 17:11).

I am not opposed to people gaining knowledge. Gaining knowledge is the learning process by which the lost soul learns more of God’s precious word. The danger becomes evident when we listen to “new” knowledge without using the Bible, God’s word, as our standard. In matters pertaining to creation, morality,

salvation, worship, family, God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the apostles, etc., the Bible must be our final standard by which we judge that which is “new.” Always be willing to learn that which you do not know, but only if that knowledge is worth learning and does not contradict God’s precious and holy word.

-via *In Remembrance*, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



All Scripture Is Inspired By God

Jason Cheney

As Paul warned Timothy of the problems he would have with religious imposters and deceivers, he told Timothy to stick closely to the scriptures he had been studying all of his life. Then he gave his spiritual son this reassuring affirmation:

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

All scripture is inspired. This word is actually a compound word - “God” and “to breathe.” Thus, “The breath of God,” or “the product of the creative breath of God” (ISBE). That means that when you read what Moses wrote (Genesis-Deuteronomy), you are actually reading God’s words, which He wanted Moses to write. The same is true of the very personal Psalms. David began the last words of his life by saying, “The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue” (2 Samuel 23:2). Even the New Testament is quoted in the New Testament as scripture one time - “For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,’ and ‘The Laborer is worthy of his wages’” (1 Timothy 5:18). That last phrase can only be found in Luke 10:7.

So what application does that have for us? Well, it means we have to be very careful with the scripture. We are not merely trying to figure out what some men said about God a few thousand years ago; we are looking

at what God said on behalf of Himself. Any accusations we make against the Bible (such as, "It's boring," or "It's too hard," or "No one can understand it"), we are making accusations against God also.

A similar application is that the Bible can be trusted. God is responsible for how things are worded and we can trust that He chose the best way to word it. For example, Jesus, one time argued with some people who did not believe in an afterlife, even though they believed in the Old Testament (Matthew 22:23-33). Jesus told them, in essence, "Don't you know that God said in the Old Testament there is an afterlife?" And He gave them this verse - "I Am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:6). What ought to have blown their minds is that God spoke these words after those men had already died. Thus, God was implying they are still alive. Our God is a meticulous God. We ought to have learned that from the detail of creation, and from His masterful plan of salvation, and from the detail-oriented nature of the Old Law. Should we expect any less from His scripture?

It's interesting that when all is said and done, God tells us that His words are not designed for our own private interpretation. Peter reminds us of this in 2 Peter 1:19-21 (i.e., "no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation..."). The Bible is not a matter of our interpretation, but of the discovery of God's Will.

-via *Springville Bulletin*; Springville, Alabama.



Breaking Rank

Billy Norris

An army in which soldiers break rank is doomed to defeat. A successful army will be made up of soldiers who faithfully serve under military rules and are loyal to their cause under all circumstances. Christ has an army made up of His disciples, faithful soldiers engaged in war against Satan and his host of wickedness.

In the army of Christ, because it is made up of human beings, there is the possibility of self-will and insubordination. When this element is causing trouble

in the church, Paul has said what is to be done—"warn those who are unruly" (1 Thessalonians 5:14). The word for "unruly" has military significance and denotes those who break rank. If there is not proper response to warning, steps of discipline must follow (Romans 16:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:14,15; Titus 3:10,11). Whoever breaks rank and submits to Satan will suffer the same destiny with Satan (Matthew 25:41).

Soldiers of the cross wear the whole armor—"the breastplate of righteousness," "the shield of faith," etc. (Ephesians 6:10-18). They close rank, and with "the sword of the Spirit" "fight the good fight of faith," and "lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:12).

-via *Gospel Guide*; Vol. 35 No. 8, August 2005.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Raymond Brown; Denver Hospital, for treatments
Henietta Word; Maury Regional, Columbia, Tenn.
Sue Hargrove; Athens-Limestone Hosp., rm. 209

At Home:

Gayle Ball	Shelby Isbell
Lola Colwell	Harold Hays
Sue Warren	Evelyn Hays
Martin Casteel	Robert Tinnon
Bernice Thomas	David Gardner
Gladys Johnson	Polly Davis
Katherine Stoffregen	Bobbie Adcock
Molly Weeks	Ruth Lawson
Jeff Waddell	Wayne Garner
Thomas Lovell	Marie Welden
Mark Hargrove	

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Mary Smith, rm. 85	Rosella Pugh, rm. 83

Limestone Manor:

Albert & Mary Norton, rm. 96

Limestone Lodge:

Ruth Owens, rm. 12W

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
Reba Adams, at home
Mary Coggins, at home
Majorie Lambert

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

- Brandi Lawrence; Afghanistan
- Joel Smith; Iraq
- Whitney Smith; Japan

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: *Jonathan and Lawinda Keenon* have expressed their desire to place membership here with the church at Market Street. We want to extend to them a warm welcome and look forward to working together with them.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: This afternoon at 4:30 will be the time for our Children's Bible drill. I hope that all of our children will be able to be present.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other in the east wing.

THE RECORD: *Attendance— Week of January 31st Sunday:*

- Bible Classes..... 115
- Morning Worship 145
- Evening Worship..... 124

Wednesday:

- Bible Classes..... 88



Gospel Meeting

April 18-22, 2010

Buc Chumbley, Speaking

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 7th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Stuart Wilson
- Prayer Tyler Cox
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Frank Noblitt
- Assisting Bonnie Sutton
- Serving Danny Johnson ... Nathaniel Adams
- Hunter Cox..... Marvin Putman
- Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

- Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
- Song Leader Stuart Wilson
- Prayer Marion Mitchell
- Preaching Warren Glass
- Lord's Supper Bonnie Sutton
- Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 7th:

- Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
- Work Sound System Tim Craig

Wednesday, February 10th:

- Song Leader Tommy Burns
- Bible Reading..... (Proverbs 30:1-10)
- Marion Mitchell
- Prayer Jerry McGlocklin
- Invitation Bonnie Sutton
- Closing Prayer Albert Bowers

Sunday, February 14th:

Morning Worship

- Announcements Joel Hamm
- Song Leader Tyler Cox
- Prayer Larry Mitchell
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper
- Presiding Frank Noblitt
- Assisting Bonnie Sutton
- Serving Danny Johnson ... Nathaniel Adams
- Hunter Cox..... Marvin Putman
- Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

- Announcements Joel Hamm
- Song Leader Tyler Cox
- Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
- Preaching David Cox
- Lord's Supper Bonnie Sutton
- Closing Prayer Rusty Brand

Other Assignments for Sunday, February 14th:

- Usher Delmer Carter
- Work Sound System Danny Johnson