

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”  
2 Timothy 2:22

## January 3, 2020 - Getting the 3 B's Right

As I consider our goals for reaching the lost this year at PSD, I was struck by a recent podcast where a preacher mentioned the order of three “B’s”: belonging, belief, and behavior. He argued that churches and individual Christians mess up evangelism by getting those in the wrong order. Our evangelistic efforts lose their power when we aim for behavior first, belief second, and belonging last.

For instance, sometimes we try to convert people by getting them to change their behavior. The only way we’ll have anything to do with them is if they stop cussing, stop wearing immodest clothing, and stop being so negative. Then once they get their behavior in order, next we try to get them to bring their beliefs into alignment with the Bible, and only once their beliefs start aligning with ours will we give them a sense of belonging.

That’s not how Jesus did it. When Jesus was invited to Matthew’s house to eat with sinners and tax collectors, He didn’t say, “I’ll go, but only if everyone changes their behavior and beliefs first.” No, instead He offered them a sense of belonging and friendship first. When questioned by the Pharisees, Jesus said, *“It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.”* (Matthew 9:12). Can you imagine a doctor who said to his patients, “You’re not welcome to come see or talk to me until you fix your illness and the behavior that’s causing it”? That would be absurd! Jesus continues, *“Go and learn what this means; I desire compassion, and not sacrifice, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”* (9:13). Jesus knew even sinners with wicked behavior and twisted beliefs need love and compassion. What’s more, He understood it’s only from a sense of love and belonging that people will be inspired to change their beliefs and behavior. Jesus taught us how to get the three B’s right: belonging, belief, then behavior.



It’s true non-Christians can’t feel a *full* sense of belonging in the church until they put on Christ in baptism, but they should get a taste of it long before! The cross gave us all a taste of belonging long before we were saved. Jesus’s death for us sent the message loud and clear: “You belong with me and My Father in Heaven.” *“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”* (1 John 4:9-10). That’s the message we want to send to the world in 2021: “you belong with Jesus, with your Father in Heaven, and with us.” It’s only once people know they belong here that their beliefs about themselves and God begin to change. That’s when they’ll join us on this lifetime journey of behavior change to be more like our Lord. Let’s commit in 2021 to getting the three B’s right: belonging first, belief second, behavior last.

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### Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord’s Supper Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Philippians 3:12-14

Never stop moving forward in Christ!

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ What's Not Working

- Some of our practices, thought processes, and emotional \_\_\_\_\_ strategies may need to go!
  - A) Corinthians questioned Paul's integrity (**2 Corinthians 1:17**)
  - B) They weren't fully forgiving the man they disciplined (**2:6-8**)
  - C) They judged Paul by outward appearances (**5:12**)
  - D) They still had sin to turn from (**12:21**)
- \* What's not working that I need to ditch?

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ What's Broken

- Ditching what's not working prevents breaking things in the future, but some things may already be broken
- Paul worked to fix his broken relationship with the Corinthians so they could all move forward
  - **2 Corinthians 7:1-3**
  - **2 Corinthians 7:6-9**
- \* What's broken that I need to patch?

### 3. Re-\_\_\_\_\_ Ourselves to Kingdom Priorities

- Broken things and things that aren't working \_\_\_\_\_ us from what's most important to God
- All these Corinthian issues distracted them from their purpose!
  - **2 Corinthians 8:10-11**
  - **2 Corinthians 9:3-5**
  - **2 Corinthians 11:2-3; 13:5** - Satan teaches us things that don't work so we break stuff. That way we spend all our time cleaning up our messes instead of serving the Lord!
- \* What kingdom priorities have I lost sight of that I need to re-attach to?

#### Questions for Self Reflection

1. What's not working that I need to ditch?
2. What's broken that I need to patch?
3. What kingdom priorities have I lost sight of that I need to re-attach to?

# Announcements

January 3rd, 2021

Please email all new announcements to [announcements@psd.church](mailto:announcements@psd.church).

## SICK/HEALTH ISSUES:

- Anna Marcotte is recovering from her recent back surgery. She said this has been an especially difficult start to her recovery but expresses her gratitude for all the love, cards, meals, prayers, and support for her.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dave Hunt passed from this life on Tuesday, Dec 29 around 7 pm. His breathing had become labored and he could no longer swallow. The Hospice nurse was called in to help him with the transition. Dave lived a good long life to the age of 89. His body will be cremated and buried in Trenton, Fl. Peggy was able to see him before he passed and still lives in the same assisted living facility.

## SHUT-IN:

- Anne Dickson
- Geny Harrison
- Peggy Hunt
- Thurman and Lynna Davis
- Patsy Holt
- Pat Steele

## SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING COVID:

- Carol Van Cleef
- Diane Thyben
- Mary Ann Rubright



# Word Scramble for Jesus Raised Lazarus From the Dead

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

PETW



BOTM



EVIL



HETBORR



DSIRNHEAN



**Jesus has**

