



THE MESSENGER

JULY 17, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 10 on Zoom
Friday's at 12 on Zoom
Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing

August 5, 7:30

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"WHAT IF YOU'RE WRONG?"

I listened to a podcast recently in which two individuals were discussing a Bible topic. They were taking opposite positions. As they ended, they asked each other the same question: What if you're wrong.

I've been thinking about that question ever since. "What if you're wrong?" I have been wrong before. My views have changed on things over the years with continued study and, I hope, a better understanding of God's Word. Even so, I have been wrong before and there is no reason to assume it could never happen again. So, what if I'm wrong?

If I'm wrong, I will do my best to ensure that it is not because I've allowed a particular view or position to become my "sacred cow." I knew a preacher who was fond of that term and used it of those cherished positions that are no longer allowed to be studied, discussed, or questioned. It simply IS. These "sacred cows" are legion among people. If I'm wrong, may God help me if this is the reason why.

If I'm wrong, I will do my best to ensure it is not because of loyalty to anyone besides Christ. I like to agree and be in perfect harmony with those I hold dear. Don't we all? Disagreement is unpleasant. I fail in my calling as a Christian and my duty as an evangelist when I allow desire to please people, even the ones I love the most, to mean more to me than my desire to please the Lord. (Galatians 1:10; 2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:15; 4:1-5) If I'm wrong, may God help me if it's because I crave the approval of people more than I crave Him.

If I'm wrong, I will do my best to ensure that it is not because I have become enamored with the wisdom of uninspired people. I am endlessly amazed at the number of scholars, professors, and "pastors" who claim allegiance to Christ and trust in the inerrancy of Scripture who, with their next breath, assure folks that so much

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Spivey family, Bobbie Atkisson, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Brian Mason, Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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of scripture cannot be taken to mean what it clearly says. Why? Often because they and other uninspired people have declared it so. Other times because modern culture no longer approves of what scripture says in that place. If I'm wrong, may God help me if it because I have become enamored with the wisdom of man and culture.

If I'm wrong, I will do my best to ensure that it is not because I'm unwilling to put in the study required to arrive at an informed position. Infants aren't supposed to stay infants. Milk only gets one so far. (Hebrews 5:11-14) Study, pray, think, ask questions, find the answers, dig deeper. Put in the time. If I'm wrong, may God help me if it is because I can't be bothered to put in the work.

I pray that I am not and will not be wrong. I know that those of us who teach will be judged with greater strictness. (James 3:1) That's serious. Yet, I have been wrong before. My own history and experience suggest it will probably happen again. May it never be intentional or from misplaced loyalty.

"What if you're wrong?" Then I will throw myself upon the mercy and grace of my Lord, as every child of God must. After all, any good I have or am is because of him. Adam Litmer

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	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
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