

April 8, 2007

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SUNDAY

Bible study, 9 a.m.
Worship, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Monday Night for the Master
6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Ladies' Bible class, 10:00 a.m.

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**This morning's sermon and
Scripture:** "The

Misunderstood Book"
2 Tim. 2:7-16

**This evening's sermon and
Scripture:**

"Let The Bible Answer"
2 Tim.3:16,17

**Bulletin and News of the
CHURCH OF CHRIST
That worships in Kissimmee**

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WELCOME

We are happy to have you visiting with us this morning. We invite you to return this evening at 6:00 p.m. for the Sunday evening service and at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening for the mid-week Bible study.

OUR NEW CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

Arlene Fairrow was
baptized last Sunday. Her
address is P.O. Box 421538,
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407-931-0407. She is
employed by Osceola
County School System..

Larry Cleveland was
restored last Sunday, his
address is 2761 Eagle
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2350. He is retired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

Visitors and members please fill out an attendance card (located on the back of the pew in front of you) and pass it to the center aisle at the close of the service. We also ask that you please turn *off* your cell phones so they will not interfere with our wireless sound system.

Please continue to remember the sick and shut ins, they include *Tom Hyslop* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *Cherri Wright* who continues to undergo chemo treatments, *Mary Davidson* the sister of *Bea Spurlock*, *Carol Hubbard* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *David C. Miller* will enter the hospital in Tampa on Monday to begin his three days of testing, he would appreciate visitors; there are maps on the bulletin board with directions to the hospital, he will be likely returning home on Thursday. *Don*, the son of *Lois Windham* underwent triple bypass heart surgery this past week, *Donna Roberts* is not doing well, the son of *Sue Jones*, *Billy Jones*, *Alex*, the grandson of *Eloise Hart*, *Mamie Williamson* is not feeling well, *Terry Allison* the father of *Dawn Sprouse*, others include *Louise Davis*, *Dalton Hair*, *Frieda Blalock*, *Jordan Rambo*, *Bea Spurlock*, *Bill & Helen Harris*, *Jordan Dumford*, *Calvin & Betty Woodruff*, & *Emma Turner*. Remember all of these in your prayers.

The *Dunn's* have been out of town attending a funeral in Chicago. Please keep them in your prayers.

Melissa, *Garrett*, *Grayson* and *Avery Niebling* spent spring break in Virginia. They will return on Monday, April 9th. *John* remained here. Please keep them in your prayers that they have a safe return home.

Remember Ladies Bible Class each Thursday morning at 10:00 here at the building.

Remember Monday night for the Master, each Monday evening at 6:00.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary to: *Colleen Frowein*, 8th *Pam Whitemore*, 9th *Jennifer Miller*, 11th, *Yvonne Blake*, *Jim & Bonnie Craig*, 12th *Hazel Stout*, 13th, *Arthur Wyckoff III*, 14th. Best wishes to all of you.

If you have any announcement, or any update regarding the sick list that you would like to go in the bulletin, please write in on one of the "Message" cards and drop it in the bulletin mailbox in the foyer. Or you can e-mail it to *Betsy & Corey Hair* at *poohbear4u@peoplepc.com* or *racine@peoplepc.com*. Deadline for bulletin is Thursday evening.

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Send To:

**Honored To Serve
This Lord's Day
April 8 2007**

The elders respectfully ask all who serve in public worship to please dress appropriately

-ANNOUNCEMENTS

AM/PM Joe Gannotti

-SONG LEADER

A.M. Chuck Broyles
P.M. David Herndon

-OPENING PRAYER

A.M. David Sloan
P.M. Billy Hyslop

-READ SCRIPTURE

A.M. Craig Martin
P.M. Tim Cope

-SERMON

A.M. David Boren
P.M. David Boren

-LORD'S SUPPER

A.M. Robert Guthrie
P.M. Harvey Brownlow

-ASSISTING

A.M. Wayne Steenberg
Darrell Wright
Jonathan Castel
Eddie Litton
P.M. Paul McCrimon

-CLOSING PRAYER

A.M. Eddie Litton
P.M. Jim Craig

-USHERS

A.M./P.M. Paul McCrimon
Earl McLarty

-GREETING VISITORS

J & B Craig

-CHILDREN'S NURSERY

A.M. Sue Crume
Sonia Gray
P.M. Maria Cope

-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Lois Windham

-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

Lois Windham

The Misunderstood Book

(2 Tim. 2:7-16)

I. God Is Not To Blame For The Bible Being Misunderstood.

A. God desires that the Bible be understood.

1. 2 Tim. 3:16,17. Every word of the Bible was breathed out by God.

2. 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 Peter 3:9. Since God " *is not the author of confusion*" and is " *not willing that any should perish,*" how is it that mankind says: " We can't all see the Bible alike " or " That's just your interpretation " ?

a. The only logical explanation is that people simply do not want to see the Bible alike; thus, they say, " that' s just your interpretation" in an effort to live life " *according to their own desires* " (2 Tim. 4:3).

b. However, the Bible can be understood alike, and we know that every soul will be judged by the " *word...spoken*" by Jesus; that is, the NT (John 12:48; Heb. 9:15).

B. Providing us with a Book that can be understood, the Lord made salvation conditional on doing His will.

1. Simply claiming to be a Christian - whether professing or confessing Christ - is not enough. Eternal salvation requires action (Matt. 7:21-23).

a. Only by doing the Lord' s will can we abide in Him forever (1 John 2:17).

b. We have to obey His commandments (John 14:15; 15:14; Rev. 22:14).

2. The only way to enter heaven is by continual obedience to God's will.

C. God tells us to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:18; Eph. 5:17).

D. The early disciples did not misunderstand (Acts 4:32).

II. The Tragedy Of A Misunderstood Bible.

A. Many unbelievers scoff and blame God, as was just mentioned.

1. It is much easier to blame someone else than it is to take the responsibility ourselves.

2. We see this so often today, and have seen it from the beginning of time: Adam blamed Eve (Gen. 3:12).

3. Many people have followed that same pattern throughout the ages, and some have even gone so far as to blame God for their shortcomings (**James 1:13-15**).

B. Many people just give up and/or never even try to understand.

C. A true tragedy of the misunderstood Bible is the existence of far too many religious groups.

1. Brethren and friends, more than one is far too many (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:22-32).

2. With the existence of multiple religious groups comes religious confusion.

a. When these various religious groups oppose one another on doctrinal matters, we have people asking: " What is truth?"

b. Jesus, as the Head and Savior of His church, plainly says: " *you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32), and later, in John 17:17, says God's " *word is truth.*"

1. We can all see the Bible alike - if only we choose to do so.

2. By the way, in regard to: " that' s just your interpretation," read **2 Peter 1:20,21**.

D. The saddest tragedy of a misunderstood Bible is the fact that many, many souls are lost day after day!!!

III. Reasons Why Many People Misunderstand The Bible.

A. The first and most obvious reason is that the Bible is seldom studied (2 Tim. 2:15).

B. Another reason why people misunderstand the Bible is that it is very seldom rightly divided (2 Tim. 2:15).

1. So many in our world today fail to understand the difference between the OT and the NT (Heb. 10:1,9-10).
 - a. The " *law...the first*" will or testament (the OT) was written for the Jews (Exodus 19,20; Lev. 26:46).
 - b. The " *second*" and final will or testament (the NT) was written for all men everywhere.
 - c. Concerning the OT, read Gal. 3:24; Eph. 2:14-16; Col. 2:14. The OT, having led us to Christ and having been " *nailed...to the cross,*" no longer possesses religious authority.
 2. In order for us to " *rightly divide the word of truth,*" we need to consider certain points: (a) Who is speaking?; (b) To whom is he speaking?; and (c) What are the circumstances (When and Where).
- C. Another reason many misunderstand the Bible is due to traditions that blind men (Matt. 15:1-9).
1. Tradition has been blinding man from understanding the teaching of Christ, even while Christ was here on earth.
 2. Many today misunderstand the Bible because they're too busy trying to follow tradition.
 - a. They say: " It was good enough for my great, great grandfather, so it' s good enough for me."
 - b. We should be saying: " It was good enough for Christ to teach. It was good enough for Peter, James, Paul, and all the other apostles and first century Christians, so it' s good enough for me."
- D. This may be the most common reason for misunderstanding the Bible: plain old ignorance, a failure to examine the Scriptures to see whether or not such is true (Acts 17:11).
1. Paul, in Rom. 10:1-4, tells us that even God' s people can be guilty of ignorance at times.
 2. The Athenians were ignorant (Acts 17:16-31). This passage shows that ignorance, although prevalent in that day, even as it is today, is not an excuse !
 3. Even the great apostle Paul ignorantly opposed God at one point in his life (Acts 26:9-11, 12-23).
- E. There are those who see no necessity to understand the Bible.
1. Have you heard someone say, or have you said: " I'm sincere and believe in Jesus and have accepted Him in my heart as my personal Savior. Since I have done that it really doesn't matter whether or not I understand the Bible."
 2. Hopefully, friends, our study this morning will cause us to see the need to understand Bible, and that our response to it will be in a God-approved manner.
- F. Some people misunderstand the Bible because they have been misguided by religious leaders or figures of authority, whether it be elders, preachers, teachers, or even parents.
1. When it comes to one's eternal salvation, we can accept only one authority, Bible authority (2 John 10).
 2. Unfortunately, though, some people will blindly follow elders, preachers, teachers, and some will - through willfull ignorance - follow their own parents.
 - a. Again, 2 Tim. 2:15 tells us to " *study to show thyself* approved to God."
 - b. Rom. 14:12. We simply must not allow ourselves to blindly follow what a man, or woman, says in regard to matters that pertain to our eternal salvation. **Matt. 7:21-23** It is not enough to be religious, we must be religiously right !!!

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