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**Prove all things;
hold fast
that which
is good.**



1 Thessalonians 5:21

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Questions for Study

We must put forth effort to understand and correctly handle the Bible. Paul told Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). There are many who twist the Scriptures to their own liking, but also to their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16). Satan misuses scripture as a temptation (Matthew 4:6), and those who handle the word of God deceitfully are following the devil's lead (2 Corinthians 4:2; cf. 1 John 4:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20). Since the Gospel can be perverted into a different message which does not save (Galatians 1:6-9), we must work to make sure we arrive at the true meaning of the soul-saving message. Here are some questions to ask in studying scripture:

1. **Who is doing the speaking?** Is Satan speaking? Is Job venting his frustration at God? Is the man who is speaking in this text inspired or not? Does the overall context of the Bible show that this statement is one approved by God?
2. **To whom is the statement addressed?** Peter gives one answer to those who have yet to obey the gospel (Acts 2:38), but a different answer to one who has been baptized but has fallen back into sinful ways (Acts 8:22, cf. v. 13). 1 John 1:9 is addressed to those already in the Christian walk; it is not to be taken as the way a person is initially washed from sins (Acts 22:16).
3. **Under which covenant is this passage found?** How many people today still regard the command to, "remember the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8), while never considering the difference between the New Covenant and the Old (Colossians 2:14-16)?
4. **What is the true meaning of the words in this verse?** Words such as "baptism" and "bishop" carry a different meaning to many today than what the word in the original conveyed when the Bible was written. Sometimes it takes some digging to make sure the way we are taking the words are not colored by modern definitions.
5. **Is the language in this passage literal or figurative?** The book of John is filled with examples of people taking Jesus literally without catching the metaphor He was employing. While the Bible usually is to be taken literally it does use figurative language. We recognize this in everyday conversation, we must apply it to reading the Bible as well.
6. **What is the immediate context of this verse?** The best habit we can make in studying the Bible is considering the topic at hand. Looking at the verses preceding and following a certain text will help us to ascertain the meaning. While chapter and verse divisions have added to our ability to locate precise portions of scripture, sadly, they've also caused people to isolate verses from the surrounding material. This makes twisting the scripture very easy.
7. **Is this all that is said on this subject?** In addition to considering the verses immediately surrounding a certain verse, proper understanding comes from also fitting a verse into the overall teaching of Scripture. All too often people will quote a portion of scripture that they use as a proof-text for their beliefs without considering what else the Bible says on the matter. If my interpretation of a passage contradicts other passages of scripture, then I have misinterpreted something. We must always consider the entirety of Bible teaching on a subject before determining what a certain verse means.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM: "Why Are You There?"
 PM: "Chew the Meat and Spit Out
 the Bones"

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Dates to Remember

- Aug 28**– All Youth/Parent devotion-7p– annex
- Sep 6**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Sep 8**– Little School orientation– 7p
- Sep 10**– Cookout/Singing-the Scotts' home- 5p
- Sep 11-14**– Chapmanville church of Christ
 gospel meeting– M-W@ 7p (WV)
- Sep 13**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Sep 18**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
- Sep 20**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Sep 22**– FBI class begins 7-8:30p– annex
- Sep 25**– All Youth/Parent devotion-7p– annex
- Sep 27**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Sep 30**– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p
- Oct 4**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Oct 9**– Potluck luncheon– annex– 12p
- Oct 9-12**– 'Singing' Workshop/Gospel Meeting
 with Andy Robison– here
- Oct 18**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Oct 23**– All Youth/Parent devotion-7p– annex
- Oct 25**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Oct 28**– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p
- Oct 30**– 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your
 Bible Questions– evening service
- Oct 30**– Trunk O' Treat & Chili Supper- 7p
- Nov 1**– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
- Nov 5**– Pine Grove Men's Day- Scotts Depot, WV
- Nov 6**– Daylight Savings Time ends

New Members

We had several memberships placed last Sunday. Brianne Griffin and her children, Celene Dorsey (at Morehead St. U.), Sinclaire Paddock, Aidan Paddock and Cianne Dorsey who live at 1671 Beech St. in Ashland, KY 41102, phone 606-327-5520; Janice Compston who lives at 3211 Short St., Ashland, KY 41101, phone 606-393-1690; and Lanora Thompson who lives at 3109 Cannonsburg Rd., Catlettsburg, KY 41129, phone 606-928-8771. Please, make them welcome.

Youth Devotional Hosts Needed

On one of the last Sundays of each month, a host family is needed to plan activities and have a Christian man give a short devotional talk. This will be for all ages of youth and parents in the annex at 7pm. Please, sign-up on the youth board.

Little School Orientation

On Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7pm, Little School orientation will be held for new and returning students and their parents. Everyone is invited to come out in support of this program. If you can help serving refreshments, please, speak with Julie Parks or Bessie Hill or sign up on the foyer bulletin board to bring food.

Fall FBI Class

On Thursday, Sept. 22 & 29, FBI class will be taught by Alan Cole on Helping Those With Personal Problems. The class will be in the annex from 7:00-8:30pm. If enough interest is shown, the sessions may extend and expand into October. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

Gauging Our Faith

	08/21/16	Goal	08/23/15
Bible Study	101	110	113
AM Worship	148	150	146
PM Worship	95	110	110
Mid Week	89	110	88
Contribution:	\$5779.40	\$5600.00	\$6923.90

Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?
 Why not today?



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Dan Stone

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: David Trimble,
Daniel Goshorn, Denny Deskins,
David Castle, Michael Perry,
Jacob Martin, Michael Sprague

Presiding PM: David Smith

Assisting: Tim Hammond

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: Denny Deskins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: Phil Degelia

DEVOTIONAL: David Trimble

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Conley

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: David Castle

Memory Verse

Aug. 28th- 1 Thessalonians 5:21

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

Sept. 4th- 1 Peter 1:15

Sept. 18- John 8:34

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm in front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under,

but everyone is welcomed.

Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★★ Aug 28 ★★★

All Youth/Parent Devo

Pizza provided by the Wallaces- 7pm

Bring desserts & soft drinks to share!

★★★ Sept 10 ★★★

Cookout/Singing @ the Scotts'
Home @ 5pm

