

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (St. Mark 13:10).

“And Jesus said unto them. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst (John 6:35).



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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Yes, God’s Saints Will Rise In The First Resurrection As Jesus Rose

My precious ones, our hope in rising in the First Resurrection as Jesus rose is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and His righteousness. We are thanking God for the gift of righteousness bestowed upon His Son, Jesus, that we might be shrouded in hope. Hope is everything! When men and women lose their hope, there’s nothing else for them to live for; so many end their lives because their hope is gone. One will never have to lose his hope in Jesus because He lives again. He showed Himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that He was the One who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a Spirit of love within Him. God Himself is love and being love, He could not beget a son who did not partake of His nature. Children partake of the nature of their parents and until they are born again of the Spirit of God, they will retain their nature of which they were endowed. So God being love and His begetting the only begotten Son by the Holy Spirit, caused the Son to be nothing but love. He just could not hate or retaliate. He was the expression of His father toward man. So this morning we adore the birth of Jesus and truly thank God for His resurrection.

My brother and my sister, may I tell you that the mystery of Godliness is beyond the conception of the human mind for all the planning of Godliness was done without the counsel of man. The Bible plainly tells you that if a man is unsaved (not saved from the curse of the world (sin) and his wife is saved, she will cause him to be saved if she will imitate the life of Jesus Christ no matter how she is treated like Jesus did. (See I Corinthians 7:14). And the Bible declares that when both of them have accepted the nature of Jesus Christ, the child that is born of them will be born holy like Jesus Christ was. What a program ordained of God -- His Plan! He says, “...**Else were your children unclean; but now are they holy**” (I Corinthians 7:14b). But after the wife has stood the test as Jesus did, her home will be blessed with a child in the likeness of the Spirit of the Son of God. What could be done greater for you than for you to be blessed with a little darling child who smiles no matter what comes or goes?

Before telling of the First Easter, The Resurrection Morning, I want to tell you about the darkest day the world has ever known. It is described in the 23rd chapter of St. Luke, verses 45-46 and reads as follows: “**And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.**” It is said that the sun was veiled in sack-cloth, the moon put on a shroud of blood, the stars refused to shine and every bird stopped singing. It is said that even the flowers dropped their blooms and the buds on the trees fell to the ground. The beasts of the forests wept and every babbling brook ceased to babble; the grass withered and the flowers thereof died. Read: (46) “**And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.**” Jesus cried out

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It is not profitable for you to put your confidence in what man says when it is against what God says.

Get rid of condemnation by confessing and forsaking your sins.

Don’t trust what man says, watch what he does.

God has never forsaken one who has put his trust in Him.

No cloud lasts forever.

Everybody is welcome in God’s Church.

Prove to the world that you are a child of God.

Be a Christian in your heart, not your tongue.

Train your child in the right way so that if it will go wrong, it will know the way back.

God can’t change His Word; you must change your mind.

No matter how dark things get, if you are right, you just call on God.

Because Jesus paid it all, we know God cares.

“Sparks from the Anvil” are now available in hard copy. If you desire a copy, write to the Happy New Publishing Company, 2030 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001-3027 Contributions are \$8.00.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

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to His Father in a loud voice, *“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.”* He then gave up the breath of life as we do and died. Those who crucified Him cried out, **“Truly this man was the Son of God”** (St. Mark 15:39b).

It was a dark day. The hope of man seemed to have been shattered because He had spoken the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, and He had made them know that though God had promised death to those who died in disobedience to Him, God’s love had sent Him to change the program by His dying for those who had been condemned to die. The Scripture says, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”**(St. John 3:16). So that message which Jesus brought was “the hope”, not for just one man, but for every man because Jesus died for all men. And it was Satan who brought a doubt into the minds of those who saw Him die, that they would ever see Him again in life.

You’ll find the story of that day in St. Matthew, the 27th Chapter. Beginning with the 57th verse, it tells you what else happened after He died. Read: **“When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.”** The two Marys were sitting by the sepulchre.

Read: **“Now the next day, that followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say to the people, He is risen from the dead:..”** They asked Pilate to send soldiers to guard the sepulchre and make it sure so no one could open it until the third day. They told him that the disciples may come by night and steal Him away and tell the people that “He has risen from the dead.” Now listen to what else they said: **“...so the last error shall be worse than the first”**(St. Matthew 27:64). We’ve made a mistake in killing



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this man. That’s the first error, but if you let them take Him away and then say that “He is risen,” this error will be worse than the first one, they said.

The next verse tells you what Pilate said to them. **“Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as Ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch”**(St. Matthew 27:65,66).

Then something happened. It is found in St. Matthew 28th Chapter, beginning with the first verse. Read: **“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.”**

The 11th verse of that same Chapter tells you what happened after the Marys had gone. Read: **“Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept.”** When they came together with the Elders of Israel and talked things over; they gave the soldiers large sums of money. They told them to tell those who would ask, the disciples came by night and stole Him away while you

all were asleep. Read: **“And if this come to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.”** If there should come any message to the Governor that you are not telling the truth, we will persuade the Governor and secure you, the Elders told them. **“So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.”** They took the money and did as they were instructed. Up until this day, many of the precious seed of Abraham doubt that Jesus ever rose, but there are many who did believe for the message was carried by His disciples who were all Jews. It was carried not only to the Jews, but to the whole world -- CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN! That’s how we receive it. It came from the mouths of the disciples of Christ who saw Him after the Resurrection, to whom He showed Himself by many infallible proofs to those with whom He ate and even to a number of the precious Saints who had died and were buried before His Crucifixion. It is said that many of the Saints got up out of their graves after He rose and showed themselves to their friends. Of course, they died again; they did not get up with Spiritual bodies, but with one like that of Lazarus when he was raised from the dead.

So the Scripture says in St. Luke 24:2-6: **“And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: It says that while they were standing there perplexed, two men in shining garments stood by them. The two men were Angels. “And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, why seek ye the living among the dead?” He is not here, but is risen.”** The day of the Resurrection of Jesus was the brightest.

Jesus was a wonderful Jesus and a great Saviour. My precious ones, whatever God has done -- it was for your learning and information that you might rejoice in knowing that you have salvation --- deliverance from death. Don’t be worried, for death is only a dream to those who have received Him. In that morning when the Lord shall descend from Heaven with the voice of the Arc Angel and the Trump of God, all the Saints shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye and those who died in Christ shall rise and be changed. We shall say, “Goodbye” to this old world and be as Lazarus

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The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".

2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.

3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.

4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.

5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.

6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a
- concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.

7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.

9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.

10. Letters must be limited to forty (40) words and are published as space will allow.

Editors reserve the right to edit as needed.

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BOOK	CHAPTER	VERSE	WORD	ANSWER
1. Judges	6	27	1	_____
2. Numbers	21	3	16	_____
3. Ecclesiastes	2	16	17	_____
4. Genesis	26	7	21	_____
5. I Kings	12	15	7	_____
6. Psalm	102	12	4	_____
7. St. John	9	22	3	_____
8. Proverbs	29	1	4	_____
9. St. Mark	4	41	7	_____
10. Judges	13	9	4	_____
11. I Samuel	2	25	6	_____
12. Lamentations	3	20	8	_____
13. St. Mark	11	21	11	_____
14. Psalm	97	12	4	_____
15. Genesis	30	22	7	_____
16. I Timothy	4	6	27	_____
17. I Kings	3	28	4	_____
18. St. Luke	22	19	10	_____
19. Psalm	30	4	10	_____
20. St. Matthew	23	37	28	_____
21. Daniel	12	1	60	_____
22. Acts	24	26	11	_____
23. Exodus	17	14	30	_____
24. Joshua	1	17	26	_____
25. Revelation	22	18	34	_____
26. Daniel	5	19	17	_____
27. II Kings	13	4	11	_____
28. Jeremiah	3	8	5	_____
29. Ezekiel	21	23	6	_____
30. II Timothy	1	5	9	_____
31. Joshua	4	14	16	_____
32. Isaiah	51	13	3	_____
33. Deuteronomy	25	19	7	_____
34. Revelation	16	9	8	_____
35. I Thessalonians	3	6	21	_____
36. Hebrews	10	29	11	_____
37. Philippians	1	3	5	_____
38. II Samuel	18	18	4	_____
39. Isaiah	26	8	23	_____

QUOTE WHERE PASSAGE IS FOUND

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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

“And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest” (Jeremiah 45:5).

Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

The following persons found the correct answer.

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

Ministry Of Jesus

Now, we have Christ beginning His sermon on the Mount. Truly, there is nothing more beautiful, inspiring, constraining and enlightening than that of the Gospel preached by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Himself.

Oh, how wonderful it must have been on the Mount of Beatitudes as He expounded the truth from His precious lips.

“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him, And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven, For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way: first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

“Verily, I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (St. Matthew 5:1-29)

Verse 31 **“It hath been said, whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shall perform unto the Lord thine oaths:**

“But I say unto you Swear not at all: neither by heaven: for it is God’s throne: Nor by the earth: for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem: for it is the city of the great King. Neither shall thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea and Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (St. Matthew 5:31-48).

Now in this profound message of perfection which we find here in St Matthew 5:48 teaching us to be perfect does not only tell us to be perfect, but the message tells us how to be perfect, and surely, He, who is the author of perfection, would not teach His subjects something to do that would be impossible to do. So may this message preached by Jesus Christ Himself cause everyone’s eyes to be anointed with the eye salve of salvation.

For we have a perfect heaven to go to, and a perfect God to meet, who is too wise to let imperfection in to spoil heaven, as disobedience and rebellion have done on earth. May God help all people of every nationality, to awake to righteousness and sin not. For it is sin that destroyed the old world, it is sin that destroys nations and individuals. God hath also said in His written word that the wicked shall be turned into hell with all nations that forget God (See Psalm 9:17a). One may say well, we thought God was love. Truly He is according to St. John Third Chapter

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BAPTIZING ON THE POTOMAC



Boat takes Candidates and Choir with Elder and Mrs. Michaux mid-stream for final baptizing in Potomac River.

Annual Easter Play
Sunday, April 21, 2019

6:00 pm

“A Hero’s Return”

Church Of God
1816 Jefferson Avenue
Newport News, Virginia
Pastor- Elder James Johnson



ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE & FISH FRY
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

Gospel Spreading Church Farm/Camp Lightfoot
Williamsburg, Virginia

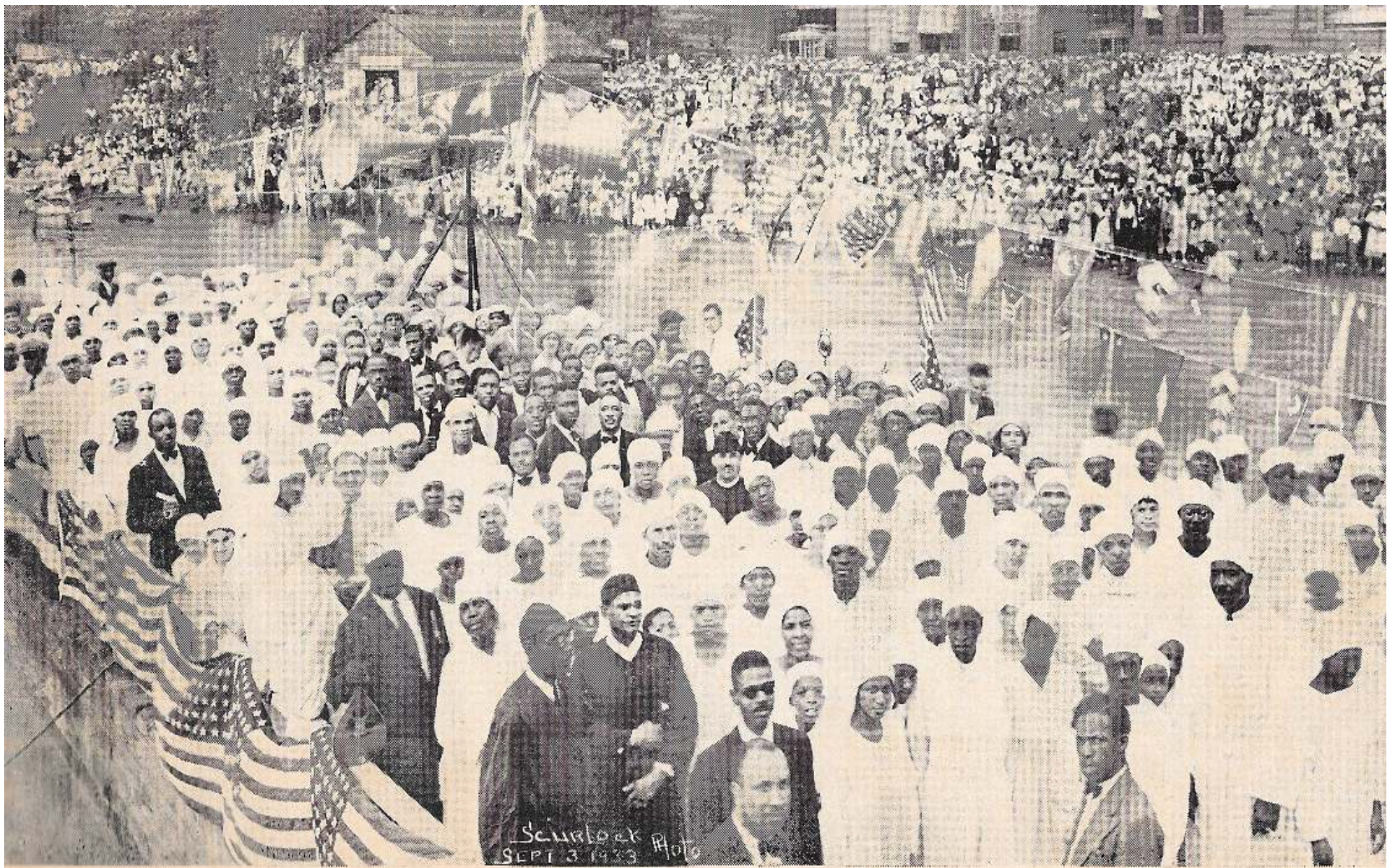
Schedule of Activities

- 10:00 A.M.....COMMEMORATION SERVICE
- 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.....DISTRIBUTION OF FISH
- 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.....FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEWPORT NEWS CHURCH FROM ROUTE I-64 EAST: Take Exit 264 to I-664 Downtown Newport News. Take Exit 6 into Newport News at 27th Street. Make a right onto Jefferson Avenue at the traffic light. Proceed to 20th Street. Church is located on the corner of 20th Street & Jeffeson Avenue.

DIRECTIONS TO THE FISH FRY ON THE CAMP LIGHTFOOT GROUNDS: From I-64, take Exit 242A (Route 199 West), drive approximately 4 miles (Landmark: a small sign reading "Airport"). When you reach the "Airport" sign, make a left onto Brookwood Drive. Go one block, make a left turn onto Lake Powell Road. Lake Powell Road will become Treasure Island Road. Proceed on this road to the Church Farm and Camp Lightfoot. *You cannot enter the farm from the Colonial Parkway.

BAPTIZING ON THE POTOMAC



Close-up of candidates on barge prior to baptizing in Potomac River.



Sister Tanya Smith
Church Secretary- Newport News, Virginia Church of God
Guest Speaker- Prayer Breakfast 2018



Sister Wilma Roman
1st Lady- Church of God- Washington DC
Guest Speaker - Prayer Breakfast 2019

18th ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

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Theme:
"What does God say about depression?
There is hope!"



"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."
St. Matthew 21:22

Guest Speaker: Sister Wilma Roman, First Lady
Church of God, Washington, DC

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
8:30 A.M.

Gospel Spreading Reception Hall
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By Rachael
Age 16
Upper Marlboro

EASTER TRIVIA

What is the significance of the Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny?

There is no story in the Bible about an Easter Bunny. Neither is there a passage about young children painting eggs or hunting for baskets overflowing with Easter goodies. Real rabbits certainly do not lay eggs.

While spring once symbolized new life and eggs symbolized fertility in ancient times, Easter eggs came to represent Jesus’ emergence from the tomb and the resurrection. Nevertheless, associating the egg with the resurrection came about during the 15th century as Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany. The first Easter Bunny legend was documented in the 1500s. By 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published. The legends of the Easter eggs and the bunny were brought to the United States in the 1700s, when German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country, according to the Center for Children’s Literature and Culture.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs in soon followed. Eventually, nests became decorated baskets and colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and other small gifts. While Easter isn’t at all about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs as such, these things are nice to have at Easter time. So enjoy the chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs at Easter time, but don’t forget the real celebration of Easter!

Easter Joy

By Joanna Fuchs
www.poemsource.com

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We’ll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.

ANSWERS TO MARCH HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Salvation (Psalm 62:1).
- God alone is his rock, salvation, and defence (stronghold) (Psalm 62:2).
- Psalm 62 verses 1-2 and verses 5-6. The only distinction is that in verse 1 David said that his **salvation** comes from God while in verse 5 he says that his **expectation** (hope) comes from God.
- Trust Him and “pour out our hearts before Him” (Psalm 62:8).
- If riches increase do not set your heart upon them (Psalm 62:10).
- “Take heed; and beware of covetousness...” (St. Luke 12:15).

- Power and mercy (Psalm 62:11-12).

ANSWERS TO MARCH FILL-IN THE BLANKS

- My **mouth** shall **speak** of **wisdom**; and the **meditation** of my **heart** shall be of **understanding** (Psalm 49:3).
- The **law** of thy **mouth** is better unto me than **thousands** of **gold** and **silver** (Psalm 119:72).
- Whoso keepeth his **mouth** and his **tongue** keepeth his **soul** from **troubles** (Proverbs 21:23).
- How **sweet** are thy **words** unto my **taste**! yea, **sweeter** than **honey** to my **mouth** (Psalm 119:103)!
- My **mouth** shall **speak** the **praise** of the LORD: and let all flesh **bless** his **holy name** for ever and ever (Psalm 145:21).
- Set** a **watch**, O LORD, before my **mouth**; **keep** the **door** of my **lips** (Psalm 141:3).
- For the **LORD** giveth **wisdom**: out of his **mouth** cometh **knowledge** and **understanding** (Proverbs 2:6).

APRIL HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- What scripture in St. Matthew fulfills the prophecies of Zechariah 9:9 that Jesus would enter Jerusalem upon a colt?
- Where did the two crowds that accompanied Jesus originate? What did they shout?
- What event did God use at both Jesus’ death and His resurrection?
- When did the women go to Jesus’ tomb? Why?
- What message did the angel have for the women?
- What message were the women to give Jesus’ disciples?
- How did the women respond when Jesus greeted them?

APRIL FILL IN THE BLANKS

- O LORD our LORD, how excellent is thy _____ in all the _____! Who hast _____ thy _____ above the _____.
- The _____ declare the _____ of God; and the _____ sheweth his _____.
- They shall _____ of the _____ of thy kingdom, and _____ of thy _____;
- Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy _____ give _____, for thy _____, and for thy _____.
- For the LORD God is a _____ and _____: the LORD will give _____ and _____: no good thing will he _____ from them that walk uprightly.
- But we _____ the _____ of God in a _____, even the hidden _____, which God _____ before the _____ unto our glory:
- Which none of the _____ of this world _____: for had they _____ it, they would not have _____ the Lord of _____.



Sunday School Lessons for the Month of April

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder David Green. He was a teacher of the junior boys class between 1994 and 2000 at the Church of God Sunday School, Newport News, VA.



LESSON 14 – April 7, 2019 SUBJECT: A Growing Confidence

GOLDEN TEXT: “ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming” (II Thessalonians 2:8).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

LESSON DISCUSSION

There were members of the church at Thessalonica who had a misunderstanding about Christ and the resurrection of the dead. This caused quite a dissention among the believers, as some were deceived into believing that the dreadful Day of the Lord, or the tribulation period, had come. Paul’s letter to them was for their comfort. They should not be troubled by this misapprehension of Christ’s return and the future judgment upon unbelievers (See II Thessalonians 2:1-2).

Paul corrected their perspective of the *day of Christ*, which is the future millineum, which was yet to come (See II Thessalonians 2:2). He explained that before that day came, there would be a period of worldwide *apostasy* or abandonment of divine truths and beliefs. The *man of sin* or the *anti-christ* will then be revealed as the *son of perdition*, or one who destroys (See II Thessalonians 2:3). He will come to power, exalting himself above God, empowered to perform signs and wonders to deceive the world into believing he is God (See II Thessalonians 2:9). The anti-christ will be overthrown by Jesus, (See II Thessalonians 2:8) and they that were deceived by him will follow him to their own destruction. His followers will perish because the love of the truth was not in them (See II Thessalonians 2:10).

Today, we must always be looking for Christ’s return. St. Matthew 24:44 says, “*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man commeth.*”

LESSON 15 – April 14, 2019 SUBJECT: A Growing Resolve

GOLDEN TEXT: “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” (II Thessalonians 2:15).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.
3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.
4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.
5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Paul opened up by letting the Thessalonian saints know how thankful he was that they were called to salvation through the gospel that he preached (See II Thessalonians 2:13-14). He encouraged them to stand fast in the truth, and not be influenced by every false teaching they encountered. By giving them everlasting hope in Jesus Christ, Paul prayed that they would be comforted by the Father and the Son, established and strengthened, firm in their faith, through their actions and their words (See II Thessalonians 2:17).

Paul, requested prayer for himself and his fellow missionaries. He prayed that the gospel of Christ would continue to be preached freely because of wicked men who did not believe in their ministry (See II Thessalonians 3:1-2). He did, however, assure them that he had confidence in them, and that they would obey the godly instructions he left for them to follow (See II Thessalonians 3:4). He also prayed that their hearts would follow God’s love, and wait patiently on Jesus to see them through.

Proverbs 23:23 says, “*Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding*”. If we remain steadfast in the truths of Jesus Christ, we will never be swayed by every wind of doctrine that comes along.

LESSON 16 – April 21, 2019 SUBJECT: Remember the true Gospel

GOLDEN TEXT: “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
St. Matthew 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
Amen.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Believers at the Galatians church were overwhelmed by false doctrine. Paul wrote to the saints there because he was disturbed by the fact that they had forgotten what he had taught them concerning the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ and His resurrection (See Galatians 1:6-7).

The truth of Christ’s resurrection from the dead was not only witnessed and declared by an angel, but also by the women who were at the tomb where His crucified body had been laid (See St. Matthew 28:1-5). Upon learning that Christ had risen from the dead, and the sovereignty where all power was given to Him in both heaven and earth, the angel instructed the women to tell this glorious news to His disciples (See St. Matthew 28:7).

The Great Commission of the Church is to talk about the risen Savior to every nation in the world, baptizing them (baptism representing the death, burial and resurrection of Christ), teaching them, and keeping them in memory of everything He had commanded them to follow (See St. Matthew 28:18-19). If we do this, Jesus promised He would be with us always, even to the end of the earth (See St. Matthew 28:20).

LESSON 17 – April 28, 2019
SUBJECT: The Source of Paul’s Gospel

GOLDEN TEXT: “But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:11-12).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

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11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews’ religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:
14 And profited in the Jews’ religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace,
16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.
19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord’s brother.
20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.
21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;
22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:
23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.
24 And they glorified God in me.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Before his conversion, Paul was a supporter and enforcer of the Mosaic Law and its requirements, He persecuted Christ’s church because of it (See Galatians 1:13). Now as a transformed believer, his teachings were not patterned to please man or to gratify the Gentiles to whom he was sent (See Galatians 1:10). He declared himself taught by the divine revelation of Jesus Christ. Also, in comparison to the prophet Jeremiah (See Jeremiah 1:5), Paul also stated that he was predestined from birth to perform a special mission to the gentiles (See Galatians 1:15-16).

After his transformation, Paul spent three years in Arabia and Damascus before moving on to Jerusalem. During those years he studied and meditated on the special purpose that Jesus had for his life. Upon his arrival in Jerusalem, he abided with Peter fifteen days. During this period of time Peter learned that this former persecutor of the church was now a minister of Christ. This action was designed to divert any suspicions concerning his change (See Galatians 1:17-18). When the saints of the churches of Judea heard of Paul’s transformation, they glorified God that His power saved a miserable wretch and turned him into a profitable servant (See Galatians 1:23-24).

Romans 8:28 states, “*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*” God had a divine purpose and calling for the lives of all believers, even before the foundation of the world.



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