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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

August 18, 2019

IS IT WRONG TO BE RIGHT?

Part 1: God is Always Right

Is it wrong to be right? Similarly, is it important to be right? Some are saying we are putting too much emphasis on being right. While that may be true in some individual cases, I believe the trend in the church is actually the opposite. Too many people are running away from a bold, clear, and distinct stand for God's Holy Word. The goal for Christians individually, congregations singularly, and the church as a whole must be balance. By balance we do not mean compromise. By balance we mean taking a strong, clear, bold, uncompromising stand for truth, but doing so with kindness, humility, love, and compassion. By balance we mean living out the faith, and teaching the Gospel with clarity and distinction even while doing so with a deep and passionate emotional conviction. It should not be one or the other. It should not be teaching the truth without deep passionate conviction. But, neither should it be deep passionate emotion without a strong emphasis on the truth.

The Bible is the truth. As such, the Bible will be considered the final voice, standard, authority, law, and rule regarding the question, "Is it wrong to be right?" Ultimately, finally, and logically, the way one answers the question under consideration comes down to whether or not one really believes the Bible is the final authority in all matters. This author knows, understands and believes with deep conviction, that the Bible is the final and complete authority. Let me tell you why.

There is a significant amount of convincing evidence to cause one to come to a reasoned acceptance of the fact that the Bible is from God. When one examines the provision, prophecy, and preservation of the ancient texts that make up the sixty-six books of the Bible he cannot help but be impressed. Impressed with the fact that more than forty authors, writing in different languages, living in different places, separated by distinctly different historical periods, writing their individual works, could produce a work of sixty-six books that present one unified whole. Consider further the fact that few, if any, of the authors saw all of the other books, none of the authors knew all of the other authors, and the process took between

fifteen hundred and sixteen hundred years to complete. This is remarkable to say the least. After all, such a process requires a Being capable of living at least fifteen hundred years to oversee the work.

The supernatural prophecies provided by God to Holy Spirit filled men give powerful evidence to the Divine origin of the Holy Scriptures. Prophecies of nations, such as those found in Ezekiel, Daniel, and many other passages show pinpoint predictions fulfilled in precise accuracy. Impressive prophecies concerning the Messiah give great strength to the collection of evidence piling up in favor of a divine origin of the Bible. These prophecies were fulfilled in exacting detail, and in astonishing numbers in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Prophecies of the Messiah such as are found in the books of Isaiah and Zechariah astound and amaze by their accuracy.

The preservation of this most wonderful work also gives strong testimony in favor of accepting the reality that the Bible is God's Holy Word (1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 Peter 1:22-25). The Old Testament has been preserved through The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Septuagint, and the Masoretic Text. The New Testament has been preserved through nearly six thousand ancient Greek manuscripts, some of which have been dated to a time very close to that of the original writings. Add to this the many ancient manuscripts in other languages, and the various versions and translations that have been produced in numerous languages and time periods, and it becomes clear to see that no other ancient work has been preserved to anywhere near the degree the Bible has. It is a wondrous work, a Divine document, and the absolute, firm, concrete, unchanging, final standard of authority in all matters (2 Timothy 3:15-4:4)!

The Bible is from God. It is breathed of God (2 Timothy 3:16). It was given to men by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:16-21). It is the revelation of the mind of God (1 Corinthians 2:1-16). It is that which lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:22-25). It is that which must be obeyed (1 Peter 1:22-25). The Word of God is the seed that saves the souls of men (Luke 8:11-15). It is the standard which must be heard and obeyed (Luke 11:28). It is the Bible the great and glorious Word of God, that produces faith in the hearts of men and women (Romans 10:14-17). The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit that the Christian must wield with skill, training, and accuracy as he goes into battle against our adversary the devil (Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 Peter 5:8-9). It is the Bible, the Word of God, that enables the new birth (1 Peter 1:23). The writer of Hebrews says, "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

August 19 - 1 Cor. 2
August 20 - 1 Cor. 3
August 21 - 1 Cor. 4
August 22 - 1 Cor. 5



August 23 - 1 Cor. 6
August 24 - 1 Cor. 7:1-19
August 25 - 1 Cor. 7:20-40



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Mary Anne Allen asks for continued prayers as the treatments will come in the following weeks.

Please keep **Lydia Wright** in your prayers. She will be undergoing surgery on August 29th.

Please remember little **Ruby Bradd**, a three year old with stage 4 cancer. As of Monday, the doctor's gave her a 10% chance of survival. So please remember to pray for this good family. If you wish to send a card, the address is Stephen & Ranae Bradd, 824 W. Main St., Clinton, IL 61727.

Please pray for **Dylan and Brian Johnson**, they are the nephews of Lori Rose's co-worker and friend, Connie Caudle. They were injured in a truck accident recently. One was in the ICU with bleeding on the brain and in critical condition, the other was taken off the breathing tube last week.

Please pray for **Andy Goodwin**, an elder at the Shelby church of Christ and a dear friend of Sandra Church and family. His cancer has returned and he is waiting on treatment options.

Please remember **Renee' Morgan**, Madelene Holbrook's niece, who is battling cancer. Please pray for her.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to Emily Workman and family in the death of Emily's Grandmother, **Virginia Kee**. The funeral was held this past Wednesday in Tennessee. Thanks for the cards and messages and, most of all, prayers during this time.*

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



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 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY NEXT DOOR IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS

Aug. 18 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex. Visitors are invited as our honored guests.

Aug. 21 - Auditorium Class - Creation Evidences from a Doctor's Viewpoint - Ian Quinn, Speaker.

Aug. 28 - Barry Hatcher will be here on Wednesday evening to present a Mission Report on the work in Indonesia. He will also be giving the Evening Invitation.

Sept. 28 - Youth Rally with Brother Joe Wells, editor of Kaio Magazine for teens and the host of the internet Bible Program — The Hey Joe Show.

AREA EVENTS:

Sept. 28 - A Young Ladies Day at the Charlotte Ave. church of Christ (for Middle School-College Ladies along with their mothers, grandmothers and all the Titus 2 Women in their lives. 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Speaker: Brittany Davis.

(See Bulletin Board for further information)

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **August**:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

(Please Note: August is school supply month at the SW Food Pantry. There is a list of items needed on the desk in the foyer.)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - August, 11, 2019:	135
Sunday Worship Service:	182
Contribution for August 4, 2019:	\$6,479
Daily Bible Readers:	37
Chapters Read:	737
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	149
Wed. Evening Bible Study:	116

Lord's Day Appointments For August, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For July:

Preparing Communion for August:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Mark Roy

Jesse Power Ian Quinn

John Allen

Grace Allen

Roger Allen

Mark Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - August 25, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Carl Cooper	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - John Allen	P.M. - Youth Lead Service	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Charley Belch	

Greeters for August:

Atha Clark & Mattie Pharr

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Aug. 25 ~ John Allen
Wednesday: - Aug. 28 ~ John Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - August 18, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Randy Warner	Morning - Mike Lundgren	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - John Allen
Song Leader - Clayton Workman	Evening - Jody Everett	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Justin Little	

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Sunday: - Aug. 18 ~ Gene Ruark
Wednesday: - Aug. 21 ~ Gene Ruark

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 10:50 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

DEACONS

Tim Allen
 Todd Hinson
 Steve Tesh
 Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
 Keith Warner
 Mark Minor
 Jason Allen
 Jody Everett

Gene Southern
 Shawn Thomason
 Mark Roy
 Adam Warner
 Jacob Woodbury