

| Assignments | February 11 | February 18 |
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| Song leader (SS) | Wayne Gannon | Tim Waldron |
| Announcements | Joe Green | Junior Conner |
| Songleader - Worship | Tim Waldron | Wayne Gannon |
| Scripture reading | Mason Fisher | Daniel Green |
| Opening prayer | Lee Rose | James Mason |
| Table service (center) | Tim Waldron | Joe Green |
| (center) | Ken Thomas | Nick Graham |
| (outside) | Cole Gordon | T J Waldron |
| (outside) | Junior Conner | Daniel Green |
| Closing Prayer | James Mason | Lee Rose |

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

William Miller is now in NHC. Yvonne Griffith had successful knee surgery. Rosemary Messick has been very sick since Wednesday with flu, as well as blood pressure problems. Remember the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Bible Bowl Results

Our Bible Bowl participants came in first for the fourth month in a row. Only one contest remains, and it will be at Central/McMinnville on March 4. Genesis 22-25 will be the texts.

Friday Night Singing, Feb.16 - Rivergate/ Nashville

Thanks to Wayne and Tim

Wednesday afternoon I was returning from the lectures at Freed-Hardeman. Due to the terrible wreck and fire at Hickory Hollow, I 24 was shut down, and I had to go several miles out of the way to get to Beech Grove Wednesday night. Thankfully, Wayne Gannon was willing to teach on short notice and Tim Waldron extended the invitation.

Ken Thomas

Ken's Schedule

Ken Thomas has an increased class load this semester. I have been asked to teach math three mornings a week at Remington College, a private career-oriented school in Donelson, in addition to teaching math on Tuesday and Thursday nights for Volunteer State Community College. If anyone at Beech Grove needs to contact me, call Judy at 615-444-9901, ext. 295, and she will be able to locate me.

In March I am scheduled to do a Wednesday night series for Green Hill in Mt. Juliet. This is a follow-up on last year's series there.

July - Coming Soon!

Our gospel meeting this year should be really special if we work at it. Hopefully our neighbors in the Beechgrove mailroutes are learning more about the church here and what we believe through the House to House - Heart to Heart mailings, and we will be able to tailor the July mailing so it will emphasize our meeting.

Jeff Brown and others in the congregation on Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, are making plans to help us make contact with every home in our area, and to try to set up evangelistic home Bible studies. They have emphasized that this is OUR effort, and they are just adding helpers to help us cover the area efficiently. Plan to attend the meeting, but also plan to work with us on Saturday, July 21 before the meeting begins.

Record of our attendance:

| Date | Classes | AM | PM | Contrib. | Wed. |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 01/14 | 23 | 44 | 14 | \$710.00 | 20 |
| 01/21 | 20 | 34 | 19 | \$624.00 | 16 |
| 01/28 | 13 | 34 | 24 | \$555.25 | 22 |
| 02/04 | 21 | 29 | 27 | \$616.50 | 20 |
| Goals | 35 | 45 | 36 | | 35 |

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Let Us Not Be Weary in Well Doing



There once was a lady who became frustrated with her flower garden. She bought the best seeds and planted in the best spot. She watered the right amount and "talked" to the flowers often, but no blooms.

The particular flowers she grew were vine flowers that grew up the old wooden fence in the back yard. The vines looked healthy and green, but no blooms.

She became frustrated because she had labored so hard without any reward. Interestingly enough, an invalid man, who lived in the house behind her, called one day to tell her how much he loved her beautiful flowers and how much joy they had brought to his life.

All the blooms came out on the other side!

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name..." (Hebrews 6:10).

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Ronnie Crocker, Soul Snack, Waycross, Georgia

Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 11, 2006

1. Jesus on the cross expressed anguish with words that asked why God had forsaken him. What biblical writer indicated that he felt God had forgotten him?

2. In a single chapter the prominence of the Israel (if obedient to God) or the downfall of Israel is described with terms that might be heard when a coin is tossed to determine which football team will have first chance to receive the ball. What are the words that were used in the description I have described?

3. Background: In the New Testament we read of Saul's traveling companions who fell to the ground when a bright light shined around him (and seemingly blinded him), but they did not hear the message that he heard.

Question: In the Old Testament who had a vision but his companions did not see it? They trembled and hid, however. Who DID see the vision?

4. Spiritual exercise includes a type of "walking". What kind of walking is an antidote to fleshly lust?

5. Living in the Spirit is to be accompanied by _____ in the Spirit.

6. What event marked the time the fellers stopped their usual work? Also, what is a feller based on the context?

7. What king of Judah and his "warriors" attempted to flee their enemies under cover of darkness using a gate between two walls? Also, why did they go this way?

Answers for week of February 4, 2007

1. The Bible has several passages that have the expression "not to . . . but to" Find the verse that

contains "not to . . . but UNTO" as it relates to the people who were eyewitnesses of the resurrection. Then explain why the contrast is significant in that context.

Answer: The quote is from Acts 10:41: "**Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God,** even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead."

Larger context:

Act 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

The **significance of the contrast in this context is that although God sent Jesus openly to be seen of all people during his life, when He was resurrected Jesus only appeared to select individuals who would then serve as witnesses to the fact that Jesus was resurrected.** The witnesses would then proclaim forgiveness of sins through Jesus (v.43), as Peter was doing to Cornelius at that time.

2. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but UNTO" as it relates to the reward of the righteous.

Answer: (2 Tim 4:8) "Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and **not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**"

3. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to thinking about ourselves.

Answer: Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to**

think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

This passage teaches us to avoid the haughty attitude and to assess ourselves soberly (seriously). The person who has an exalted opinion of himself is not able to seriously consider his own faults.

4. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to the apostle Paul's procedure as he spread the gospel and converted people to Christ?

Answer: 1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ sent me **not to baptize, but to preach the gospel:** not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

While some were debating based on the teacher they most admired, Paul indicated that he feared that his converts might think he had baptized them in his own name. That is why he emphasized the fact that he recalled the names of only a few people whom he had baptized. When he said that Christ had not sent him to baptize, he was not discrediting or devaluing baptism. (If it were not important, why would it matter whose name was attached to it??). But Paul's principle task was to preach the truth of the gospel, the message of the cross. Others could baptize folks after he had taught them, but Paul had his focus on changing the hearts and turning them to Christ. The power of God to save was not dependent on human eloquence, but in the message itself.

5. Find the two verses that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to Jesus' life of service and sacrifice.

Answer: (Mat 20:28) "Even as the Son of man came **not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life** a ransom for many."

(Mark 10:45) For even the Son of man came **not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.**

6. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to Jesus' response to those who would listen but be unwilling to believe.

Answer: (John 12:47) And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for **I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.**

7. Find the passage that contains the expression, "not tobut to" as relates to the foot problems of a king.

Answer: 2 Ch 16:12-14 speaks of Asa who did not turn to the Lord to help him, but leaned **ONLY** on the ability of the doctors. It is always appropriate to ask God to provide healing within His will. When we depend solely upon the medical profession we sometimes forget the God who made our bodies. (Don't be like Asa!)

2Ch 16:12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease

[was] exceeding [great]: yet **in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.** 13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds [of spices] prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

8. Where is the verse that contains "unto thee . . .but . . .not unto me" and accuses the Hebrews of not following the will of God in regard to an event that was to happen after six years?

Answer: Jeremiah 34:14 - At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold **unto thee**; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: **but your fathers hearkened not unto me**, neither inclined their ear.

This is a clear example of wilful disobedience for personal benefit economically at the expense of another man's labor.