



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## The Sympathetic Jewel

A man visited Tiffany's jewelry store in New York City. He was shown a magnificent diamond with its gleaming yellow light and many other splendid stones. But he observed one stone that was perfectly lusterless and said, "That has no beauty about it at all."

The friend who was with him put the stone in the hollow of his hand and held it there for a few minutes. When he opened it, the man said, "What a surprise! There is not a place on it the size of a pinhead that does not gleam with the splendor of the rainbow. What did you do with it?"

His friend answered, "This is an opal. It is what we call the sympathetic jewel. It only needs contact with the human hand to bring out its wonderful beauty."

How many lives there are that need only the warm touch of human sympathy to make them gleam with opalescent splendor.

Aquilla and Priscilla ran into Apollos, who needed to know the way of the Lord more perfectly. With love and kindness they touched him with the truth, and Apollos became a brilliant apologist for Christianity.

Saul of Tarsus was a much-feared persecutor

of the church, but a friend named Barnabas (son of encouragement), stood at his side and defended him to the other Christians. As you know, Saul the persecutor became the apostle Paul, touched by a messenger Ananias and an encourager Barnabas.

A confused Eunuch rode along, not understanding what he was reading. What a blessing that the Spirit urged Philip to join the Eunuch's chariot and to preach the gospel of Jesus to him. The confused man found answers and went on his way rejoicing.

The hopeless jailer, fearing the worst from the earthquake, thought to take his own life. But two beaten and imprisoned men, who knew the grace of God, cried out, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!" They kept him from taking his life by giving him the Lord Jesus Christ. That very hour, the man who had no hope, found great joy in Jesus.

Do you know a downcast and discolored soul you may touch? The warmth of your love coupled with the truth of the gospel can turn a dull soul into one of the lights of the world, like a city set on a hill. Don't hide your light under a basket.

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## Sunday Schedule

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday: Bible Classes</b>	<b>7 PM</b>

## Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart  
 Restoration Radio  
 Jim Waldron  
 Manuelito Children's Home



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of February 22

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1. What kind of house "dissolves"?
2. Despite serious charges against him, who answered his accusers with a cheerful defense?
3. The Bible speaks of those who are written in the book of life, those who are NOT written in the book of life, and the possibility of having one's name blotted out of the book of life. What are the promises or punishments associated with each of these? Give supporting scriptures.
4. According to an Old Testament passage what is never full?
5. What characteristics should motivate "all things" we do? (New Testament only)
6. Our winning over "the world" is based on \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What particular item of clothing is mentioned in regard to fishing?

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## Answers for week of February 15

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1. Who originally wanted to kill a man due to criticism of his own illicit relationship with another man's wife, but put him in prison instead?

**Answer: Herod the Tetrarch**

Matt 14:3 For **Herod** had **laid hold on John**, and bound him, and **put him in prison** for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. 5 And when he **would have put him to death**, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

Mark 6:17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. 18 For **John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife**. 19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: 20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

Luke 3:19-20 But **Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done**, 20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

2. What will eventually cover the man whose breasts are full of milk and also the man who never eats with pleasure?

**Answer: Worms.**

Job 21:22 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. 23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. 24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. 25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. 26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

In various translations, "Breasts" is otherwise translated "sides", "bowels", "pails", and "milk" is rendered as "fat". The true wording seems to be obscured in a variety of manuscripts. The mental image of a man with milk-filled breasts seemed unusual enough to get my attention and prompt me to concoct this question. But the meaning is clear. If one man dies and "easy" death after a life of prosperity and health, or if another dies in anguish after a life of want and hardship, they both share a common fate. They will die and reunite with the dust from which they came, and the devouring worms will cover them. It is appointed to all to die. Neither rich nor poor can cheat death. That is why it behooves each of us to be ready to go or ready to stay, ready to do His will.

3. What congregation was alive in "name only", but was considered dead by the Lord?

**Answer: The church located at Sardis.** Sardis had once been a great city, but had lost its wealth and power because of failure to post a watchman on the fortress walls. It is of interest that the church in this place is warned by the Lord to be watchful. They had a reputation that said they were alive. But Christ, the searcher of the hearts said they were dead. Seemingly they were not completely dead, for they are urged to strengthen what remained, and to watch to prevent the coming of Christ from catching them unprepared. A few worthy saints were in that church and were told that if they were faithful they would not be blotted out of the book of life. (Rev 3:1-6) "And unto the angel of the church in **Sardis** write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I

know thy works, that **thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.** 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

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4. Before Jesus was crucified, he suffered the indignity of being spat on. What other Bible character complained that young people had done the same to him?

**Answer: Job**

Job 29:1 Moreover **Job** continued his parable, and said, . . . 30:1 "But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. 2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished? 3 For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. 4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat. 5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;) 6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. 7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. 8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth. 9 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. 10 **They abhor me,** they flee far from me, **and spare not to spit in my face.** 11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me."

We notice in this passage that Job realizes how little intelligence and character is required to criticize and show contempt for older and wiser men.

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5. What group was gathered behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jews?

**Answer: The disciples**

John 20:19 - Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the **doors were shut**

**where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews,** came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

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6. Who were these people . . . Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag ?

**Answer: Princes of Babylon**

Jer 39:1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. 2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. 3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even **Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.** 4 And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

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7. In a certain town Paul raised a man from the dead and also left his cloak. He also speaks of having an open door to preach there but he left (uneasy in spirit) because he did not find a particular person there. Whom was he hoping to see?

**Answer: Titus. Troas was the place,** and Eutychus was the fortunate fellow who had his life restored after falling to his death from an upper chamber's window. Paul raised Eutychus from the dead at Troas - Acts 20:6 -9 A cloak was left by Paul at Troas - 2 Timothy 4:13. . . Door opened, uneasy in spirit and Titus missed at Troas - 2 Corinthians 2:12- Furthermore, when **I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.**

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*This last question is my favorite kind of question, because even if you find the answer right away, you have to verify the other qualifiers to really know if you have it. The more I can get folks to tie the loose ends together, the better I like it. Ken Thomas*

Welcome, visitors

**Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests**

**In nursing home** - William Miller (NHC)  
**Shut in** - Melissa Dickerson. Laura Singleton was in Harton Hospital this week but has moved to Manchester.

**Sick** - Doris Mason has been sick this week, coughing, etc. Marie Crowell did not feel well yesterday. There may be others sick but we are not aware of them at this time.

**Returned safely** - Nancy Harvey and Diane Hernandez had a long hard trip to New York for the burial of Florence Cartwright, but have returned safely.

**Fellowship Meal Today** - We will be eating pot-luck today after services. We invite all our visitors to join us at the house next door.

**Food Pantry** - Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food (including your own) please let it be known. We have distributed several items of food recently for needs that were presented.

**Appreciation** - We express appreciation for the work of Charlene Brandon for her work in cleaning the building until recently. Her back is giving her so much pain that she is had to give it up, but she has been faithful to do this necessary work. We also appreciate the fact that Diane Hernandez has agreed to take up this job.

**--HONKING HORNS--**

**"But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God"**  
 (1Cor.11:16)

A woman was having difficulty getting her car started after it stalled in traffic. The gentleman (?) in the car behind her insisted on expressing his impatience by blowing his horn every few seconds. Finally, worn out by his thoughtlessness, she walked back to his car and said, "I'm having some difficulty getting my car started. If you'll go and see if you can start it, I'll honk your horn for you!"

Some do more honking than helping in the church! There are more talkers than workers, and more criticizers than laborers. Those who do the most honking generally do the least working. They may never have preached a sermon, taught a class, led a song, or served as an elder or deacon: but they do know how it should be done. Such chronic objectors make suggestions on projects being discussed in business meetings. They say, "You go ahead and make the plans, and I'll tell you what's wrong with them!" It is much easier to criticize than to do the work.

Of course, anyone who drives much is going to be honked at now than then. Don't lose your temper. Maybe you need waking up. And, before you honk the horn, make sure you've tried to get the engine started.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb. 10:24)

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**Attendance and Contribution for the Week**

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Feb	15	17	26	24	17	\$625
Feb	8	14	30	18	16	\$847
Feb	1	20	31	25	17	\$514
Jan	25	21	30	18	12	\$719

Assignments	February 22	March 1
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
(center)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	Ernie Green
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason