



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Wrong Room

On June 6, 1981, Doug Whitt and his new bride, Sylvia, were escorted into their hotel's fancy bridal suite in the wee hours of the morning. In the room they saw a sofa, chairs, and table, but no bed. Then they discovered the sofa was a hide-a-bed, with a lumpy mattress and sagging springs. After a fitful night's sleep they woke up in the morning with sore backs. The new husband went to the hotel desk and gave the management a tongue-lashing.

"Did you open the door in the room?" asked the clerk.

Doug went back to the room. He opened the door they had thought was a closet. And there, complete with fruit baskets and chocolates, was a beautiful bedroom! *

How often WE miss out on life's greatest blessings because we are looking in "the wrong room." We often look for happiness and fulfillment in the world. But, we're looking in the wrong place!

The world offers many pleasures... Some are acceptable to God and some are not. A beautiful sunset, the majesty of mountains, brightly colored flowers, inspiring music, etc. are great blessings to man. But some are sinful in God's sight. These are the "pleasures" of which John writes: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

The greatest blessings in life – things like peace, love, forgiveness, and hope -- are NOT found in the world; they are found in Christ! "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

And Jesus is the DOOR through which we must enter to receive these truly great and lasting blessings (John 10:7-9). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Our SIN is that barrier that keeps us from the abundant life now and eternal life to come. But Jesus died on the cross as payment for our sins (Ephesians 1:7). If we will submit our lives to Him in faith (Acts 16:30-31), repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confession (Romans 10:9-10), and baptism (immersion) in His name (Acts 2:38), then our sins are washed away by His blood and we are found in Christ, where all spiritual blessings are enjoyed! And, if we will live faithfully to Him, He will lead us to eternal life (1 John 1:7)!

Have YOU been looking in the wrong room? Enter through the Door of Life on God's terms and you'll find, by God's grace, the greatest blessings of all.

Won't you?

-- David A. Sargent, Minister, Church of Christ at Creekwood
Mobile, Alabama 36695 * As told by Leland Botzet

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works and Evangelism:

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



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of March 1

1. Where is a passage in which a man complains to his mother about the conflict in his life and the fact that men cursed him despite his lack of participating in loans for interest?
2. What kind of "stir" is caused by grievous words?
3. Whose "habitation" will be a dry, "uninhabited" land that is salty?
4. What factor enabled a student's understanding to surpass that of all his teachers and the men of old?
5. When do the wicked perambulate on every side? (Get a dictionary if you don't know what perambulate means!)
6. Give a reference in both Old and New Testaments that describe death as sleep.
7. Who ran into the tabernacle and grasped the altar in a vain attempt to avoid execution?

Answers for week of February 22

1. What kind of house "dissolves"?

Answer: Our earthly frame, our body in which we live.

2 Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Because of this, we need to consider another scripture. 2 Peter 3:11-12: 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Another answer also allowed: **A palace.**

Nahum 2:6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

2. Despite serious charges against him, who answered his accusers with a cheerful defense?

Answer: The apostle Paul. At least two passages indicate such, Acts 24 and 26.

Before Felix, Acts 24. (The charges begin in verse 5, the

cheerful reply begins in verse 10.)

5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: 6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law. 7 But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, 8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him. 9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so. 10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

Before Agrippa, who knew there was no valid charge against Paul, Paul seemed "happy" to reply.

Acts 26:1-3 "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: 2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: 3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently."

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.

Answers:

1. Those who are written in the book of life:

a. Jesus will confess his name before his Father, and before his angels.

b. Judged out of the books.

c. Will enter the holy city.

Phil 4:3 - And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose **names are in the book of life.**

Rev 3:5 - 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.

Rev 20:12 - And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and **another book was opened, which is the book of life:** and the **dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books**, according to their works.

Rev 21:27 - And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are **written**

in the Lamb's book of life.

2. Those who are NOT written in the book of life:

- a. Will worship the beast.
- b. Will wonder at the beast.
- c. Will be cast into the lake of fire.
- d. Will not enter the holy city.

Rev 13:1-9 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.** 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Rev 17:8 - The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose **names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Rev 20:15 - And whosoever was **not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

Rev 21:27 - And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are **written in the Lamb's book of life.**

3. Having one's name blotted out of the book of life:

- a. Jesus will not confess before his Father, and his angels.
- b. His place be taken out of the holy city, and of the things written in this book (Revelation).

Rev 3:5 - 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.

Rev 22:19 - And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and

from the things which are written in this book.

4. According to an Old Testament passage what is never full?

Answers:

1. Hell and destruction . . Prov. 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied

2. The sea. . . Ecclesiastes 1:7 - All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

The following added info was sent by Randal Matheny.

Hell is the word "sheol" in Hebrew, meaning here probably the place of the dead. "Full" probably speaks of appetite, as we talk of eating and being full. So NET Bible: "As Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so the eyes of a person are never satisfied." JFB say of this verse that "Men's cupidity is as insatiable as the grave." Burton Coffman gives this on the verse: "Harris rendered this, Hell and destruction are insatiable. Sheol, however, is best understood as a name for the realm of the dead. It is the equivalent of Hades. Death itself is never satisfied. We encountered this same pair of names in Prov. 15:11. DeHoff applied the second line here to the lusts and appetites of the body. 'Gambling is a growing vice. One drink of alcoholic beverage calls for another, and another, etc. Committing adultery, "just this one time" never works out that way.'"

5. What characteristics should motivate "all things" we do? (New Testament only)

Answer: Do what you do motivated by

a. Charity (love) - - 1 Cor 16:14 - Let all your things be done with charity. (See also 1 Cor. 13:13)

b. Desire to avoid murmuring and dispute - - Phil 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

c. Intending to build up - - 1 Cor 14:26 - Let all things be done unto edifying.

d. An orderly decent manner - - 1 Cor 14:40 - Let all things be done decently and in order.

e. Desire to live honestly (honorably) - - Heb 13:18 - Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

f. An overall pattern of good (uncorrupt, grave, sincere) - - Titus 2:7 - In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, . . .

g. The Lord's "name" (authority) . . . Colossians 3:17 - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

h. Temperance in all things so we can win the prize . . . 1 Corinthians 9:25 - And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

6. Our winning over "the world" is based on _____.

Answer: Being born of God. Of course this is not possible without faith in Jesus Christ. Only those who believe have the power (ability) to become children of God.

1 John 5:4-5 - - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

(Compare John 3:1-5)

However, there are warnings for those who "overcome the world" by being "born of God". We must avoid the entanglements of the world (moral pollutions), while being assured that we can overcome the anti-christ through the "greater power" that overcomes the world.

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

7. What particular item of clothing is mentioned in regard to fishing?

Answer: fisher's coat - John 21:1-7 "After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise showed he himself. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. 7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea."

Welcome, visitors

Heavy snowfall covered the area Sunday morning, and this bulletin has been revised to reflect changes. We were unable to assemble this morning but are planning to meet for the evening service.

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 was back in services Wednesday Jessie Pearl Green had surgery this week to remove her gall bladder. She is recuperating at Joan Dennis' house.

Sympathy - Wayne Gannon's brother-in-law, Vanice Black, has passed away after being seriously sick and in the hospital.

Fellowship Meal - We had a good turnout last Sunday. It was a good mid-winter break.

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.

Bible Bowl - Our final contest this season was postponed due to snow. It is planned for Morrison at 2:00 PM next Sunday. Best wishes to our teenaged participants.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Feb	22	19	30	24	18	\$602
Feb	15	17	26	24	17	\$625
Feb	8	14	30	18	16	\$847
Feb	1	20	31	25	17	\$514

Assignments	March 1	March 8
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Steve Miller	Daniel Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
(outside)	Ernie Green	Tim Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose