



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Profitable Bible Study — Seven Guidelines

Mike Riley

Profitable Bible study involves more than just opening to a chapter and reading the words on the pages. The following are seven guidelines to help us make the most of our study of God's word:

\* Set aside a regular time — Unless we schedule a specific and uninterrupted time for Bible study, we will more than likely neglect Bible study.

\* Before we start reading — Let's ask God for help in understanding the text.

\* Carefully think about what we are reading — Not all of the Bible's treasures lie like pebbles on the surface. To mine the gold, we have to dig.

\* Seek to understand what the author was communicating to the people who first read the book or letter before we decide how to properly apply it today.

\* Write down at least one truth or principle we can put into everyday practice.

\* Try different translations of the Bible — If we find ourself skimming over familiar words, a new translation might focus our mind on a passage in a new way.

\* Let's not get discouraged — Some parts of the Bible are more interesting than others, and some we may not understand immediately. But there's enough that we can understand, revolutionizing our life if we apply it.

Let's read Proverbs 2:1-9 with the above guidelines in mind. Then try studying again tomorrow, remembering that the Bible's treasures are found by those who dig for them.

When reading God's Word, take special care  
To find the rich treasures hidden there;  
Give thought to each line, each precept clear,  
Then practice it well with godly fear.  
—Anonymous

### Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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### 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 June 14

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This week we are having a variety of questions related to "bear"

1. Where is a wicked ruler compared to a bear?
2. What four things can the earth not bear?
3. What man said that a proposed punishment was more than he could bear?
4. Name TWO PAIRS of men who were so wealthy that their home area could not "bear" them.
5. What women heard that they were both going to bear a son.? (Those sons were begotten by the same father.)
6. What priest warned that the land of Israel could not bear the words of Amos?
7. Under what condition did a woman bear iniquity but her husband did not?

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## Answers for week of June 7

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1. What ruined a river for use as drinking water?

**Answers: 1. Being turned to blood. Exo 7:17-21**  
"Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river. 19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the **Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood** throughout all the land of Egypt."

Psa 78:44 And had turned their **rivers into blood**; and their floods, that **they could not drink**.

**2. Being trampled in by animals** (symbolic of those people who spoil things for others while having what they have need of. - Ezek 34:18-19 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And **as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled** with your feet.

3. Wormwood -- Revelation 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and **many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter**.

4. Bitterness - Exodus 15:22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. 23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were **bitter**: therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, **What shall we drink?**

2. Who besides Jesus walked on water?

**Answer: Peter.** Matt 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And **when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.**

3. What did the souls under the altar in Revelation have in common with the blood of the sin offering in Old Testament practice?

**Answer: They were under or at the bottom of the altar.**

(Rev 6:9-11) "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw **under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:** 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that

dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

(Lev 4:25) "And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall **pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.**"

4. According to scripture, what is the difference in what husbands and unmarried men "care for"?

**Answer: A husband cares for things of the world to please his wife, the unmarried care for things that belong to the Lord, to please the Lord.**

(1 Cor 7:32-35) "But I would have you without carefulness. He **that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: 33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.** 34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction."

5. What two opposite conditions are both said to be "nothing"?

**Answer: circumcision and uncircumcision**

1 Corinthians 7:19 - **Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing**, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

It interests me that God told Abraham that the neglect of circumcision among his descendants would be a breach of the covenant with God.

Gen 17:14 - And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

In Exodus 4 we learn that Moses had neglected to circumcise his son, and almost lost his life for it. But by the time Paul wrote the church at Corinth, circumcision was no longer a sign of covenant relationship. Obedience to God's commands was made the priority. Spiritually, it was the "heart" that needed circumcision (cleansing), and that operation

was performed by God in the removal of their sins Rom 2:28-29 - For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Col 2:11-12 - In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

6. Who would have been hungry, having taken nothing to eat for two weeks?

**Answer: Those on board ship with Paul, as he was being transferred as a prisoner to Rome.** They had been in a severe storm in the Sea for 2 weeks and had not eaten. Just before being shipwrecked Paul encouraged them to eat.

Acts 27:33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, **This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.** 34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you. 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. 36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat. 37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

7. What plan to kill someone would have left the intended killers very hungry if they kept their word?

**Answer: The more than 40 conspirators who wanted to kill Paul.** They asked the chief priests and elders to send for Paul as if to examine him once more . They planned to ambush him on the way to this 'trial'.

Acts 23:12 And when it was day, certain of the **Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 And they were more than forty** which had made this conspiracy.14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, **We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.**

# In

By Mike Benson

Can we be sure of our salvation ( 1 John 5:13)?  
The Bible answers in the affirmative. One reason we can have assurance is because all spiritual blessings are IN Christ. Paul wrote, “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).

Consider a few logical thoughts and questions based upon this passage:

1. How many spiritual blessings are in Christ? (All).
2. How many spiritual blessings are out of Christ? (None— Ephesians 2:12-13).
3. Is forgiveness of sins a spiritual blessing? (Yes).
4. How many sins are forgiven in Christ? (All— 1 John 1:9).
5. How many sins are forgiven outside of Christ? (None).
6. How many saved people are in Christ? (All).
7. How many saved people are outside of Christ? (None).
8. How does one get “into” Christ where all spiritual blessings reside? “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27; cf. Acts 2:38).

Since all spiritual blessings are IN Christ, and since forgiveness of sins is a spiritual blessing, since only saved people are IN Christ, and since baptism is the point at which one is placed INTO Christ we can be certain about our salvation! Whether immersion took place ten minutes ago or five decades ago, it matters not. Salvation and security are found IN Jesus.

Dear reader, are you in Christ?

Are you saved?

Are you sure?

Have you been baptized ( 1 Peter 3:21)?

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### Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
June	7	16	20	22	18	\$596
May	31	25	37	15	18	\$623
May	24	17	28	24	15	\$694
May	17	18	29	22	17	\$799

## Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Remember Laura Singleton and Anna Curl in prayer.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas in the US.

Nita Summers, wife of John, (preacher at Smith Grove), NHC McMinnville.

Stephen Fisher, Ben Renegar’s son-in-law who suffered a stroke. Joe Nichols who is again taking chemo.

**Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors. If you have any questions why we do as we do, feel free to ask.**

**Food Pantry** - Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food please let it be known.

**Roof damage** on our house and shed next door is to be repaired with a metal roof

**Our Gospel Meeting** is scheduled for **July 26-29. Leroy Dedmon** will be preaching in the meeting.

**Worldly events draw big crowds and money. Let us as Christians be as eager to spend for the spread of truth as the people of the world who spend much time and money pursuing pleasure that does not last**

Assignments	June 14	June 21
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Daniel Green	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	Joe Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Daniel Green

***If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner***

