



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Plan of Salvation

### Plan #1

Announced by the apostles, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to new believers in Christ who asked what they must do:

### Acts 2:36-38

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ -- this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

### Plan #2

On the back page of a tract, sinners were urged to pray this prayer to be saved. This prayer is not found in the Bible; nor were alien sinners commanded to pray for their forgiveness.

### The Sinner's Prayer:

"O' Lord, I accept that I am a sinner and that Jesus died for my sins. I now accept Him into my heart as Lord and Savior asking for your mercy and forgiveness in His name. Amen."

We are happy with plan #1 and thankful to the God of all grace for it. We cannot recommend Plan #2 at all, but will change our minds when this prayer can be shown to us in the Bible.

Written by Jon Quinn and adapted for this bulletin by Ken Thomas.

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### 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 August 9

(Bulletin was not published August 2)

### Fruity Questions

1. Where are children referred to as fruit from the mother?
2. What is the connection between fruit and an instrument for felling trees?
3. Prove that fruit of the vine specifically refers to the grape. (Not watermelon, strawberry, tomato, etc.)
4. How is a change of attitude toward sin connected with "fruit"?
5. Where is Christian character described as fruit?
6. Where is fruit used in regard to sinful life?
7. What is the source of the fruits of righteousness?
8. Where is fruit used to describe the reward of manual labor (working with the hands)?

### Answers for week of July 26

#### "Fractional questions"

1. What fraction is associated with the gift of Abraham to Melchizedek?

**Answer: 1/10.** The tithe is a direct reference to one tenth, as a comparison of interchanged words show in the Hebrews passage. Gen. 14:20, Heb: 7:2.

Leviticus 27:32 And concerning the **tithe** of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the **tenth** shall be holy unto the LORD.

A point of interest. The Genesis account seems ambiguous. . . did Abraham give to Melchizedek, or Melchizedek to Abraham?? The account in Hebrews makes it clear that Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, and Levi also gave (representatively) through "father Abraham".

Gen 14:18-24 - And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him **tithes** of all. 21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. 22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the

LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, 23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: 24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Heb 6:20 - Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Heb 7:1-10 - For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave a **tenth part** of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the **tenth** of the spoils. 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: 6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received **tithes** of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. 7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. 9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth **tithes**, payed **tithes** in Abraham. 10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

2. What fraction is associated with a language mixed with Jewish speech?

**Answer: 1/2.** The language had become mongrelized by the children of those Jews who had married foreigners from Ashdod.

Neh 13:23-25 In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: 24 And their children spake **half** in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made

them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

**3.** What fraction is associated with a dance for a king?

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Herod offered the daughter of Herodias any request up to one-half of his kingdom after she had danced before him.

Mark 6:19-28 - 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. 21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; 22 And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. 23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the **half of my kingdom**. 24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. 25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. 26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. 27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

**4.** What fraction is associated with self-seeking shepherds?

**Answer: "a quarter"**. This is silly question for the week. Of course in this context a quarter is not a fraction  $\frac{1}{4}$ , but refers to the fact that these greedy people looked to materially benefit themselves from every direction and in every way.

Isa 56:10-12 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his **quarter**. 12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to

morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

**5.** What fraction is associated with a description of a seriously wounded man?

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{2}$

Luke 10:30 -And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him **half dead**.

**6.** What fraction is associated with a tribe of Israel and its inherited land?

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{2}$  (many references possible)

Num 34:14 - For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance; and **half the tribe of Manasseh** have received their inheritance.

Josh 21:25-27 And out of the **half tribe** of Manasseh, . . . out of the other **half tribe** of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; . .

**7.** What fraction is associated with a child custody dispute?

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Solomon proposed cutting the child in two and giving half to each mother. The real mother objected and got the child. 1 Kings 3:24-26

**8.** What two fractions are used in measuring the "meat offering" of flour and oil that accompanied animal sacrifices?

Answer: First, to clarify, the expression "meat offering" is best understood as "food offering" and refers to flour or meal, and oil. (Drink offering refers to wine.)

Actually there are 3 sets of fractions associated with the animal sacrifices **Num. 15: 1-12** If it were a:

(1) **Lamb** -  $\frac{1}{10}$  ephah of flour,  $\frac{1}{4}$  hin of oil (**Num.15:3-5**),

(2) **Ram** -  $\frac{2}{10}$  ephah of flour,  $\frac{1}{3}$  hin of oil (**Num. 15:6-7**),

(3) **Bullock** -  $\frac{3}{10}$  ephah of flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  hin of oil (**Num. 15:8-10**)

According to notes in Nave's Study Bible, the best modern estimates of equivalent measures are: Ephah (seems to be about the same as a deal)- a bushel; Hin - about  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  gallons liquid.

Other similar references:

Lev.23:13; Ex.29:40; Lev.6:1, 14-23.

## Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Aug	2	12	24	11	6	\$541
July	26*	15	40	60	42	\$954
July	19	15	24	24	13	\$729
July	12	17	20	15	8	\$406

If anyone did not get a copy of House to House this week, extras are in the back of the auditorium. Thanks to the people in the Jacksonville AL congregation for their extraordinary service to get the mailing ready after we had missed the deadline.

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### Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

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Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune. Drew Thomas is now out of the Marines and is living in Mt. Juliet trying to get back to civilian life.

Richard Thomas (Ken's daddy) is doing well and gaining strength at home.

Assignments	August 9	August 16
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Junior Conner
(outside)	Steve Miller	T J Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		

James Mason had an endoscopy Wednesday, but did not have results back at the time of this printing.

Sister Rose has been out due to sickness, but still managed to get to church recently.

Kristen Toops went to the Shelbyville Hospital ER with abdominal pains this week, but she was able to get out for Wednesday night service this week.

We had good support from area congregations for our meeting. We also had some members who did not miss a service despite physical problems they had to deal with.

Jessie Pearl Green had a surprise birthday party at Joan's house, and a large crowd of friends and relatives had a chance to gather. It is amazing that the secret was kept as well as it was.

Ann and Junior Conner were traveling again this past week. Joe and Michelle Green were out of the state on a trip last week.

Ken and Judy Thomas were invited by their son Chris to enjoy a weekend at Cuba Landing on the Tennessee River with his boss's family and their family. They plan to worship Sunday at a nearby congregation, but will be away from Beech Grove.

**Thanks to Paul Parsley for preaching in Ken's place. Paul is a member at New Union, but has some roots at Beech Grove. He also serves as an assistant principal at CCCHS.**