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### Sunday:

Bible Study .....9:45 AM  
Worship .....10:40 AM  
Care, Inc. Service ..... N/A  
Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class ..... N/A  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

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Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

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## Distorted and Contrived Religious Terms #2

Part one of this article addressed terms found in the Scriptures but which are given distorted meanings by men. Now we turn to part two, which deals with contrived (improvised, invented) terms unknown to the Scriptures and are used to convey false religious ideas.

### Contrived Religious Terms Unknown to the Bible

**Denominations.** This is a word widely used to describe the various divided groups found in the world of "Christendom." During the expansion of the Reformation, a number of churches were formed, all adhering to their particular creeds. Though the relationship between these churches was contentious, as time passed this changed to a cautious acceptance, and eventually became an "agree to disagree" alliance. So the word "denominations" became a charitable way of saying they were divided. However, the concept of divisiveness is contrary to the teaching of the New Testament. The apostle Paul was clear on this matter. "*Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*" (1 Cor. 1:10).

**Protestant.** Beginning during the reformation movement, this word was used to describe non-Catholic churches, for they were "protesting" the flaws of Roman Catholicism. Over the years this term became a fixed expression to describe the anti-Catholic view of these churches. To this day it is common to hear people being asked, "Are you Catholic or Protestant?" Though the Lord's church should protest all that is wrong, the term "Protestant" cannot be used to describe the church. The church of the New Testament is neither Catholic nor Protestant.

**Join (The Church).** "Joining the church" is an expression describing someone becoming a part of a particular denomination. In most instances the acceptance of a person into a church's fellowship is determined by a vote of its members. Such a concept reveals a lack of understanding of how one becomes a member of the church. This practice is akin to joining a social group or civic organization and is foreign to the teaching of the New Testament. No one can "join" the Lord's church. Rather, lost people are "added" to the church when they obey the Gospel. "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*" (Acts 2:41). "*Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved*" (Acts 2:47).

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Let us know if you want to study  
the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.

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**Sinner's Prayer.** Most denominations teach that an alien sinner is saved from sins by believing in Christ and then praying what is called the "sinner's prayer." People are told they must express their faith by praying for salvation. However, the Scriptures teach nothing of the kind. Rather, praying for the forgiveness of sins is meant for Christians when they commit sin. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). The New Testament contains no examples of alien sinners being told to pray to have their sins forgiven. To be forgiven of sins, a non-Christian must believe in Christ. *"...For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins"* (John 8:24). They must also repent of sins. *"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent"* (Acts 17:30). They must then confess faith in Christ. *"...And with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"* (Rom. 10:10). They are then to be baptized in water. *"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins..."* (Acts 22:16).

**Millennial Reign.** The millennial reign refers to a future, so-called, one thousand-year reign of Christ on earth. Most denominations believe that when Christ returns He will set up a literal, earthly kingdom over which He will rule for one thousand years. To the contrary, when Jesus comes again, the earth will be destroyed. *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up"* (2 Peter 3:10). Also, the Scriptures plainly teach that the closest Jesus will come to the earth is in the clouds. *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them [the resurrected dead] in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:17).

**Rapture.** This word refers to a so-called rapturing up of the saved (both dead and living) to be with Christ

when He comes again, and is based on a misuse of 1 Thessalonians 4:17. It is taught that this "rapture" is to last for seven years. At the end of the seven years Jesus and those raptured will then live on earth for a one thousand-year millennial period. Of course, no such teaching is found in the word of God. To the contrary, when Jesus returns, it will be immediate, with no seven-year delay. And at that time all those who ascend to be with Christ will at that moment go to be with God. *"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power"* (1 Cor. 15:24).

**Saved – Cannot Be Lost.** It is taught by most denominations that once people are saved they can never be lost. This doctrine is sometimes referred to as "perseverance of the saints," suggesting that the saved will persevere to the end. However, the Bible clearly teaches that the saved can be lost. Paul told the Galatians, *"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace"* (Gal. 5:4). Timothy was told, *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith..."* (1 Tim. 4:1). The writer of Hebrews said, *"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God"* (Heb. 3:12). In fact, the apostle Paul said that even he could be lost (1 Cor. 9:27).

**Infant Baptism.** This is the practice of the majority of churches wherein water is either sprinkled or poured on small infants, and is sometimes referred to as "christening." Such a practice is the spinoff of the belief that all children inherit the sin of Adam, often referred to as "Adamic sin." However, that children are born guilty of sin is contrary to Biblical teaching. Jesus Himself said, *"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God"* (Mark 10:14). Additionally, to be a subject for baptism there are several prerequisites. First, one must be able to believe in Christ (John 8:24). Sec-

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### Television

In Search of the Lord's Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

### Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

### Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org  
Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

### God's Plan for Redeeming Man

**Hear** Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

**Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

**Confess** Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

**Repent** of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)  
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

**Live faithfully** (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

### Bible Reading Schedule

[video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/](http://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/)

**Mar. 28** Hebrews 12—13; Psalm 88  
**Mar. 29** James 1—3; Psalm 89 (video)  
**Mar. 30** James 4—5; Psalm 90  
**Mar. 31** 1 Peter 1—3; Psalm 91  
**April 1** 1 Peter 4—5; Psalm 92  
**April 2** 2 Peter; Psalm 93 (video)  
**April 3** 1 John 1—3; Psalm 94 (video)  
**April 4** 1 John 4—5; Psalm 95

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

(2 Timothy 2:15)



### Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ May 1—**Cherokee Day** (see bulletin board)
- ◆ May 2-6—**Focal Point** at San Marcos
- ◆ May 9-12—**Gospel Meeting** at Bangs
- ◆ June 27—July 1—**Junior Camp**
- ◆ July 18-23—**Senior Camp**

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ond, one must be able to repent of sins (Acts 17:30). Third, one must be able to confess faith in Christ (Matt. 10:21). However, since infants are not capable of doing any of these things, they are not subject to baptism.

**Eucharist.** The Catholic Church teaches that the communion emblems become the body and blood of Jesus. This practice is called the “Eucharist.” It is believed that when the priest prays over the bread and fruit of the vine they actually become the body and blood of Jesus. This is based on an erroneous view of what Jesus said in Matthew 26:26-28. When instituting the Lord’s supper, of the bread Jesus said, “*this is my body.*” Then, of the fruit of the vine He said, “*this is my blood.*” From this it is claimed that the emblems change into the literal body and blood of Jesus. However, such an interpretation is obviously false. When the Lord said, “*this is my body*” and “*this is my blood*” He was not speaking literally, for as He spoke these words He was in his fleshly body and His blood was still flowing through His veins. Since it was impossible for the “bread” and “fruit of the vine” to be Jesus’ actual body and blood, this must be understood figuratively. The bread and fruit of the vine were only emblematic of His body and blood of Christ.

**Christmas – Easter.** These are terms commonly used of the celebration of the birth and resurrection of Jesus. However, they are both founded on the traditions of men and have no Biblical basis. In fact, the actual dates of Jesus’ birth and resurrection are unknown. As to Christmas, many do not realize that this is a special mass devoted to Christ (“Christ-**mas**”) and that such an observance was not known for hundreds of years. As to Easter, the earliest record of such observance was also unknown for many years. Though the King James Version has the word “*Easter*” in Acts 12:4, this is a term that was arbitrarily and incorrectly inserted. The word here is *pascha*, and simply refers to the Jewish Passover. It should be kept in mind that the Scriptures place no emphasis on setting aside a time to observe either the birth or resurrection of Jesus. However, by way of contrast, it is important to know that the only observance regarding Jesus is the remembrance of His death in the Lord’s supper (Matt. 26:26; Acts 20:7).

*Jon Gary Williams* (Seek The Old Paths, March 2021)

## Celebrate

“Rejoice with those who rejoice...” (Romans 12:15)

## Records

	Mar. 14, 2021	Mar. 21, 2021
Bible Class	42	31
AM Worship	58 + [15]	38 + [10]
PM Worship	40 + [15]	34 + [6]
Wednesday PM	27 + [8]	35 + [13]
Contribution	\$2,115	\$1,664



# Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work," (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 3/28/21	Next Week: 4/4/21		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p><b>March 2021</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      John Barnum  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      McCaghren  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      McCaghren</p> <p><b>April 2021</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      James Fuller  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Bannister  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Bannister</p>	
<b>Greeters</b>	—	—		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Maninger	Randy Huckaby		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum, Daniel Edwards Chase Churchwell, Don Smith	Ken Maninger, Kyle Duaine Ryan Rudloff, Ryan Settles		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rafe Smith	Tom Wilcox		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	—	—		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: Dex Dennard		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Propst	Mike Bannister		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	—	—		
<b>Communion</b>	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Chase Churchwell		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	March 31 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Video	April 7 Prayer Night	April 14 James Fuller	April 21 Rafe Smith

## Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

### Studies for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday Class ..... I Corinthians 14:26  
 Wed. Class ..... Leviticus 10:10

#### Obeying God

God call Israel to be a holy nation. To be God's people, they (we) must obey God.

- I. **Disobedience: A Blasphemer** (Lev. 24:10-23).  
 The son of an Israelite woman and an Egyptian man "blasphemed the name of the LORD and cursed" (v. 11). He was taken before Moses, and God told Moses that he must be stoned by "all the congregation" of Israel (v. 14).
  - A. First, it demonstrated how the Israelites discovered what was to be done with transgressors.
  - B. Besides that, this example illustrates two truths for Israel.
    1. God intended for His laws to be obeyed.
    2. Being only a partial Israelite (by blood) did not excuse anyone who lived among God's covenant people from keeping His covenant laws.
  - C. God expects men to obey Him, and He punishes them when they do not.
- II. **Disobedience: "Profane Fire"** (Lev. 10).
  - A. What did the two priests do wrong? They disobeyed God.
  - B. God's holiness demanded that He be honored with strict obedience by His people.
    1. They could not plead ignorance; they knew exactly what God required.
    2. They might have offered other excuses, but no excuse they offered would have been accepted by God.
  - C. A kind of postscript to this story is found in the last 5 verses of Leviticus 10.
    1. Moses discovered that the goat of the sin offering had not been eaten by the priests.
    2. The good news found in this postscript is that not every failure in keeping God's commands is regarded by God as a capital offense.
    3. What was the difference between the two failures to obey? The first was defiant; the second was inadvertent.
- III. **The Disobedience of People Today.**
  - A. We need to learn to obey God!
  - B. Many people disobey God today.
    1. Some refuse to obey His commands relating to becoming a Christian.
    2. Some refuse to obey God's instructions concerning worship.
    3. Some fail to keep God's commands concerning living the Christians life.
  - C. All people will be judged by whether or not they have obeyed (2 Cor. 5:10).

#### The First Great Group of Parables (Mt. 13:1-53; Mk. 4:1-34; Lk. 8:4-18)

- I. **The Parable of the Sower – and Explanation** (Mt. 13:3-23; Mk. 4:3-25; Lk. 8:5-18).
  - A. This first parable serves as an introduction to the entire sermon.
  - B. The parable is found in all three synoptic Gospel Accounts.
  - C. It provided a key to all parables.
    1. It was a key to understanding why parables were necessary.
    2. It also provided a key to understanding parables in general.
  - D. In Jesus' agricultural society, farmers would walk across their field with a sack of seed, grabbing handfuls and throwing them across the ground.
  - E. Four types of soils, each representing the condition of the human heart: the hard path, the shallow soil among the rocks, the soil were the weeds grow up with the seed and choke it out, and good soil that produces abundantly.
  - F. Essentially the soil is the same. The difference is how one hears and obeys.
  - G. This secret (mystery) of the kingdom is not something that needs to be figured out; it is something needing to be revealed.
  - H. The principle of v. 12 applies to a number of areas.
  - I. The parable was the tool Jesus used to conceal the kingdom from many of His listeners.
  - J. We are fortunate that Jesus gave us His own interpretation of the parable. He will identify these four main types of people:
    1. Path: People who have no desire for the word of God.
    2. Rocks: People who fall through trouble or persecution.
    3. Weeds: Choked out by the competition of the weed seeds.
    4. Good Soil: These are people who receive the word through hearing and obedience. And they produce a bumper crop!
  - K. Jesus gives us three requirements for fruit-bearing:
    1. A pure and good heart.
    2. We must hold on to the Word for dear life.
    3. Perseverance.
  - L. Luke 8:16 = Matthew 5:14-16.
  - M. "Take heed how you hear." This is the crux of this passage.
- II. **The Parable of Silent Growth / the Seed's Spontaneous Growth** (Mk. 4:26-29).
  - A. This parable, found only in Mark, naturally follows the parable of the soils.
  - B. This growth is mysterious.