

4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:18



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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship..... 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey.....

Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten
Cherokee Home for Children
Food Pantry
Gospel Broadcast Network
Gospel Chariot Missions
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

Welcome to our 2011 Fall Gospel Meeting The Great Plan of God With Guest Speaker Jason Rollo



The Bible tells us that God is the creator of this world (Gen. 1:1) and His creation now stands as a testimony to fact that He is (cf. Ps. 19; Rom. 1:20). But another amazing fact we need to give attention to is not just that God designed this wonderful world in which we live, but He also designed a plan where by we could be reconciled to Him after we sinned. Sin would separate man from God (Gen 3:22-24; Isa. 59:1-2) and its cost or wages would be death (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1). While man was powerless to design a way whereby he could be saved (Jer. 10:23), God lovingly and graciously sent His Son into the world for man's salvation (John 3:16; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Heb. 5:9). God determined that those who would be in one place, one Body, the church, of which Christ is the head (Eph. 1:22-23), savior (Eph. 5:23), and owner (Acts 20:28) would be saved (Eph. 1:3-6). This plan of reconciling men unto Himself in the church of Christ was part of God's eternal purpose (Eph. 3:10-11). **This truly is a great plan designed in the very mind of God, revealed to man in His Word, and worthy of our consideration (Eph. 3:3-7).** I hope you can join us each time this week (or study along with the audio recordings) as we invite Jason Rollo of Lovelady, Texas, to help us look at what God's Word says about this great plan.

Schedule:

Sunday, Oct. 23 @ 9:45 AM
The Great Promise (Gal. 3:8)
Sunday, Oct. 23 @ 10:40 AM
The Great Conversion (2 Cor. 5:17)
Sunday, Oct. 23 @ 6:00 PM
The Great Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
Monday, Oct. 24 @ 7:00 PM
The Great Distortion (1 Tim. 4:1)
Tuesday, Oct. 25 @ 7:00 PM
The Great Equalizer (Heb. 9:27)
Wednesday, Oct. 26 @ 11:00 AM
The Great Savior (John 14:6)
Wednesday, Oct. 26 @ 7:00 PM
The Great Reward (2 John 8)

Bring your Bible and let us study God's Word together!

We are recording all of the lessons presented this week and they will be available on CD and online, free of charge. To request a set of CDs or an individual sermon, please indicate such on an attendance card. For online audio or bulletin information please visit us at www.4thstreetcoc.org



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



*The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!*
Psalm 28:7, ESV

Psalm 24: The Pathway to Mercy

By Jason Rollo

Psalm 24 is a short, but powerful psalm. The setting surrounding this inspired work seems to involve the historical event of the Ark of the Covenant's procession into Jerusalem. The broader application of this Psalm, being the prophetic imagery of Christ ascending into glory not long after His triumphant resurrection from the dead. With this background in mind, the reader should approach this Psalm from both an immediate context and a prophetic context.

The Glorious Kingdom

The Glorious Kingdom of God (24:1-6) as used in this article has a two-fold meaning. First, we are referring to the fact that "everything" belongs to God. Second, we are referring to God's People (i.e., the Nation of Israel in the Old Testament and the Church in the New Testament).

The Greatest King

In this section, the Psalmist is describing the Greatest King—God (24:7-10). In one sense, the Psalmist is likely describing the fact that God alone is worthy of man's adoration and worship, especially in the context of the Ark approaching Jerusalem (Psa. 113:1, Mat. 4:10). Yet, is this the "only" sense in which the Psalmist is speaking? We think not. Again, the text should be considered with both the historic and prophetic view in mind. The immediate context does not need to be ignored, but then again, the prophecy pertaining to the Christ is also to obvious to ignore.

The last term in this psalm is the word "Selah." This term likely carries with it the idea of pausing, particularly as it relates to meditation and reflection upon that which was just stated. Without question, the reader should pause and meditate on the inspired depths of this psalm.

There are perhaps countless lessons that could be derived from the powerful and wonderful Psalm 24. However, the following lessons are points of emphasis that are given as a matter of summary as well as for use in teaching and practical application:

1. Everything belongs to God (24:1).
2. Man is God's special creation and he is on earth for a purpose (24:1).
3. God used creation not evolution as His means of bringing things into existence (24:2).
4. Christ truly is the only One Who is worthy to enter God's Holy Place (24:3).
5. Man, through Christ and because of Christ, is able to also enter God's fellowship and presence through faith and obedience to God (24:3).
6. Christ lived a sinless and perfect life (24:4).
7. Christ was found faithful in His obedience to the Father. He fulfilled all righteousness through perfect obedience and sinless perfection. Christ is our perfect example (24:5).
8. Through Christ's sacrifice, obedient believers are counted as righteous (or right) before God. God's grace is extended to all, but only those who obey the stipulations of that grace will procure it (24:5).
9. Christ freely submitted to the will of the Father while on earth. He forever showed what "seeking first" means (24:6).
10. Men, who will be found faithful, must seek God. God desires to be found and God can be found. God desires all men to be saved. However, only those who "seek" God first in their lives will please Him (24:6).
11. God is the "King of glory." Men should worship God for Who He is - they should praise, honor and glorify His majestic name forevermore (24:7, 9).

Television

The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish)
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB

Gospel Broadcasting Network
Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org

Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on
Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

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)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)

Sun: Jeremiah 1-2 1 Thess. 5

Mon: Jeremiah 3-4 2 Thess. 1

Tue: Jeremiah 5-6 2 Thess. 2

Wed: Jeremiah 7-8 2 Thess. 3

Thu: Jeremiah 9-10 1 Timothy 1

Fri: Jer. 11-13 1 Timothy 2

Sat: Jer. 14-16 1 Timothy 3



The Inspiration And Authority Of The Scriptures

By Jason Rollo

Is murder wrong? What about rape or theft? Are such actions evil? Would you consider kidnapping or sodomy to be wicked? If you answered, "Yes" to any of these questions — which any decent person would do — then the next question would be, "why?" Why is murder, rape, theft, kidnapping or sodomy considered to be wrong? What makes them wrong? The answer is two-fold:

1. God exists, and
2. A source of authority — the Bible — exists.

While substantial proof could be given for God's existence and the Bible's inspiration — as opposed to the Koran, the Book of Mormon, etc. — such is not within the scope of this article. Instead, we want to look at the fact of the Bible's inspiration and authoritative nature.

The Bible Is From God

There is one book, and only one book that can guide men today, and that book is entitled, "Holy Bible." The term "Holy" is from the same Greek word from which we derive words like "saint" and "sanctified." It means, "set apart, separated." The word "Bible" refers to the books or writings that are set apart — Scripture! The word "Bible" is from the Greek biblos, which simply means "book." The "Holy Bible" is composed of 66 books that God — through His marvelous care and providence — set apart for man's use in understanding how to live.

The 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament are all "inspired" of God. By inspired, we mean that all of these books, and only these books are from God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 3:16). The word "inspiration" is derived from two Greek words, theos ("God") and pneuma ("spirit or breath"). Hence, "God-breathed." The Bible is Scripture breathed out from God. God revealed His message to certain men who, in turn, penned the words of the Bible through inspiration (2 Sam. 23:2; Jer. 1:9; 2 Pet. 1:16-21; Rev. 1:10). We are not only able to understand these words (Eph. 3:3-5), but we are also able to obey them (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9).

While God used individual personalities, various set-

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Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Please join us each time. Last week **39 contacts** were made.

Meeting Notes

- ◆ Remember the **potluck lunch today** following the morning worship assembly in the fellowship hall. **We hope you can join us, especially if you are visiting with us.**
- ◆ The **Wednesday ladies class** will be moved to 11 AM and **opened to all** that can make it (male or female) and we will have a **lunch following** that class. There is still a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for items that are needed for that lunch.
- ◆ See front page for all meeting times...hope to see you here and invite your friends/neighbors/etc.

Mark Your Calendars...

- ◆ October 28-29— Back to the Bible Lectures in Hamilton.
- ◆ November 6-9—Gospel Meeting at Rising Star with Darwin Hunter.

Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Jim Moore (03), Lisa Greer (05), Matthew Churchwell (07), Sarah Evetts (12), Jo Maninger (12), Seth Smithey (13), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14), Cassie Freeman (23), Peggy Dudley (25).

October Anniversaries: Freda & James Womack (19), Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25), Patti & Mike Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Oct. 9, 2011	Oct. 16, 2011
Bible Class	59	55
AM Worship	80	78
PM Worship	54	56
Wednesday PM	47	46
Contribution	\$1643	\$1543

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 10/23/11	Next Week: 10/30/11		
Sunday AM:			October 2011 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Don & Darlene Smith Clean Building: Ryan & Priscilla Smithey Keep Grounds: James Fuller November 2011 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Ryan & Priscilla Smithey Clean Building: Jim & Peg Moore Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey	
Greeters	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family		
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Garrett Barnum		
Communion	Jim Moore*, Don Smith Michael Fuller, John Barnum	Ken Makuta*, Matthew Churchwell Allen Griffith, Michael Bickford		
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	James Thomas		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Matthew Ochoa		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	Don Smith		
Scripture Reading	Michael Bickford	James Fuller		
Communion	Jim Moore	Ken Makuta		
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Jim Moore		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 26 Meeting	November 2 Jim Moore	November 2 Don Smith	November 9 Allen Griffith

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 October 23, 2011

Sunday ClassGospel Meeting
 Wednesday Class.....Gospel Meeting

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things and numerous circumstances to bring about the different books of the Bible, each book serves as a piece of the puzzle, and when all the books are brought together, we have the complete view of God's wonderful portrait of inspiration! The fascinating thing is that God addressed specific problems and issues facing people at the time of writing, while giving modern man everything he needed as well.

Thank God for His inspired Word, for without it we would be hopelessly lost without a pattern to guide us in this temporal world! Let us never forget that our personal opinions and thoughts do not change Holy Writ.

The Bible Is Right

Brother Marshall Keeble — a faithful black gospel preacher of yesteryear — often said, "The Bible is right! The Bible is right!" His assessment could not be more correct. Taking for granted that we are speaking of an accurate translation of the Holy Scriptures, men today need to realize that God's Word is right and that it alone is the sole source of authority for understanding how to live in this world. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Jn. 8:32). He further said, "Sanctify them by thy truth: thy word is truth." (Jn. 17:17). A few verses later, we find, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." (Jn. 17:20). Thus, Jesus forever says,

1. Men are able to know (understand and obey) the truth;
2. God's word (as opposed to any other source) is truth;
3. People are able to believe on Jesus (and for that matter on any topic of religious truth) through the writings of inspired men as given in the Bible.

Therefore, when a person rejects the teachings of the Bible, that person is rejecting the very teaching of God! To reject the teaching of God is to judge oneself unworthy of eternal life (Acts 13:46; Jn. 12:48). Men and women need to realize that when they reject the commands of God's Word, they are rejecting the very message of God Himself. Whether it is baptism, the Lord's Supper, women's role in the church, etc., God's will has been legislated and must be followed. The real question one must ask is, "Am I fully heeding God's Word?"