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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

### Wednesday:

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

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

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Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

## Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

## Works We Support:

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

## Isaiah 11:6-9 – The Wolf and the Lamb

*There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.*

*His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

*“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”*

*“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:1-10)*

It is no wonder that Isaiah has been called the Messianic Prophet. His writings are filled with prophecies concerning the coming Messiah, His Kingdom, and His Reign. This passage is one of the many where Isaiah records that in the Messiah's Kingdom things will be abundantly different than they were under the Law of Moses or even during the times of the Patriarchs.

Let's first notice some of the misunderstandings surrounding this passage. Henry Morris in *Back to Genesis* (1994) claimed that this context "...describes conditions on the earth in the coming kingdom age after Christ returns to Earth." Mr. Morris is not alone in this misconception. Those who believe in Premillennialism claim that this passage is describing the so-called One Thousand Year Reign of the Messiah upon this earth. There are several reasons why this cannot be the case.

Our Premillennial friends fail to recognize that we are now living in the Kingdom age. It is not something out in our future. Jesus is right now reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:15 and Rev. 17:14). Since Jesus is now reigning as King, then He must have a Kingdom. You cannot have a king without a kingdom.

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*“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” Matthew 1:22,23*



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Our friends also misunderstand the nature of kingdom. Jesus said that His Kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36). In essence, Jesus said that His Kingdom is a Spiritual Kingdom and not a worldly kingdom. Misunderstanding the nature of the Kingdom has led many to think that this passage is to be understood literally. While the context itself is clearly figurative, Isaiah describes lions eating straw. This is clearly symbolic.

Jesus taught that when a person is born again, he enters the kingdom (John 3:1-5). Paul tells us that we are delivered from the power of darkness and translated in the Kingdom of Christ when we are redeemed by the blood of Christ (Col. 1:13). The Bible also teaches that when Jesus returns the second time this will terminate His Kingdom reign, not begin it (1 Cor. 15:24-25).

Here is the clincher, Paul quotes Isaiah 11 in Romans 15:12 and applies it to the Gentiles being a part of the kingdom now; not sometime in the future!

So, if this passage does not teach what so many claim; then what does it teach? In reality it is one of the most beautiful passages describing the Church Age, which corresponds to the Kingdom Age. During the Reign of Christ, which is happening right now, Jesus brings peace and harmony to those who follow Him. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6). Jesus tells us that we are blessed if we are peacemakers (Matt. 5:9). The Hebrews writer tells us to follow after peace with all men (Heb. 12:4).

In reality, this passage extols the beauty of the One called simply the Branch. The Branch will come forth in unbecoming circumstances. Jesus is the Branch. He was born in a manger (Luke 2:7). His triumphant entry into the Royal City, Jerusalem, was upon the colt of a donkey. He was rejected and despised (Isa. 53), and yet He was the One who would fulfill this wonderful prophecy in Isaiah.

In sum, this prophecy is a symbolic statement concerning the Reign of King Jesus, which began as recorded in Acts Chapter Two and continues until Jesus returns the Second Time. During His Reign, He brings peace to all those who obey Him (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

Kerry Clark (Christian Worker, Vol. 102, Num. 11 [Nov. 2016], pp. 4-5)

## Can God Repent?

God's Word declared, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart" (Gen. 6:5-6). If God cannot sin, and in fact, cannot be tempted to sin (cf. Jas. 1:12), how can it be said He "repented?"

To add to this difficulty, Scriptures also affirm God does not repent. Moses wrote, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Num. 23:19). Again, "And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent" (1 Sam. 15:29).

How can it be true that God does not repent, yet He does repent? This seeming difficulty is resolved when one studies the context. Just as in most any language, the same word can have different connotations, depending on its usage (context). The English word "like" can be used in the sense of comparison (e.g. "The snow looks like a beautiful white blanket"), but also can be used in the sense of favoring something (e.g. "I like ice cream"). The context determines its understanding.

God does not sin and consequently does not repent in the sense of having done wrong. However, if an action of God is conditional, being based upon man's obedience or disobedience, then God repents in the sense of changing the blessing or punishment, depending upon man's choice of action. Regarding Genesis 6:6, Bob Winton observed,

We are told of God's reaction to the evil that filled the earth. The Bible plainly states that God does not change and does not repent (Num. 23:9; 1 Sam. 15:29). If God is immutable, then in what sense does he repent of anything? It is obvious that since he cannot commit sin or do anything that is evil in any degree, he does not repent in the same way that man repents. *'And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it*

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### Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

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

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:30am 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

<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Romans 7-9</b>
<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>Romans 10-12</b>
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Romans 13-14</b>
<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>Romans 15-16</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1-3</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 4-6</b>
<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 7-9</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10-12</b>

*"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)



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not' (Jonah 3:10). Malachi 3:6 says that God changes not. He remains unchanged through the ages. But when he determines to punish man, if that punishment is conditional, he will change his intended action if man meets the conditions involved. That was the case with the Ninevites of Jonah 3:10: "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not" (Commentary on Genesis).

God is said to "repent" in the sense of changing evil (punishment), into a blessing, or a blessing into evil (punishment).

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. (Jer. 18:1-10)

God would bless or punish Israel based upon conditions. If a nation was to be destroyed because of their evil, yet turned from their evil, God would repent of the evil (punishment) He was to bring upon them. Also if they turned from good to evil practices, God would repent of the good he intended to bring upon them.

### Conclusion

God does not sin and consequently does not repent in the sense of having committed wrong. God does not repent of an action if the action is said to be immutable. Yet, if a reaction from God is conditioned upon a man's or nation's action, then God changes (repents) in His response upon a man or nation.

*Billy Bland* ([Christian Worker](#), Vol. 102, Num. 11 [Nov. 2016], pp. 1,7)

## Celebrate

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

**November Birthdays:** Susan Bridges (1), Canyon Edwards (6), Linda Jimenez (8), Tammy Rudloff (8), **Emilee Evetts (13), Randy Huckaby (15), Terry Teague (17)**, Christy Edwards (24), Marcia Turnbull (24).

**November Anniversaries:** Gene & Barbara Bannister (6), **Jack & Judie Turner (18)**.

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



## Records

	Oct. 30, 2016	Nov. 6, 2016
Bible Class	54	50
AM Worship	77	64
PM Worship	68	41
Wednesday PM	41	34
Contribution	\$1,905	\$1,678

# Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 11/13/16		Next Week: 11/20/16		<b>November 2016</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Ken Maninger <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Mike & Patti Bannister <b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
<b>Greeters</b>	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	John Barnum Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Allen Griffith		
<b>Communion</b>	Tom Wilcox*, Allen Bland Hank Wheeler, Jack Turner	James Fuller*, Don Smith Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Thomas	Gene Bannister		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Jaceten Evetts	Ian Barnum		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		<b>December 2016</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> Gene Bannister <b>Prepare Communion:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Clean Building:</b> Huckaby / Bland
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Tom Wilcox		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Allen Griffith	Hank Wheeler		
<b>Communion</b>	Tom Wilcox	James Fuller		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Smith	James Thomas		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	November 16 Joe Dennis	November 23 Allen Griffith	November 30 Tom Wilcox	December 7 Prayer Night

## 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 November 13, 2016

Sunday Class ..... **Romans 3:7ff**  
 Wed. Class ..... **What Does It Mean to be Just a Christian?**

#### Who Is Jesus – His Life – The Virgin Birth

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

The records of Jesus' life and ministry cause controversy from the very beginning.

Though the NT is filled with miracles surrounding the person of Jesus – none seems more offensive to modern man than the virgin birth.

The arguments against the virgin birth are many – ranging from that it was borrowed from pagan mythology to exegetical arguments.

The real problem is that people will not accept the miraculous.

Behind the problem of the miraculous are certain assumptions about the reality of God the Creator.

- Creation is the unique event to beat all unique events.
- What defies logic is that a host of "theologians" grant the creation but deny the virgin birth!

#### I. The Law of Causality.

A. Perhaps the most ironclad law of nature is the law of causality – effects require sufficient causes.

B. Doesn't Christianity assert a universe that comes from nothing?

1. Yes, with reference to the absence of a *material* cause – but there is a *sufficient* cause and an *efficient* cause for the universe.
2. There is a God who has within Himself the power to create.

C. The question of the virgin birth is not so much a philosophical question as it is a historical question.

1. If God has within Himself the power to create – we cannot rationally object to the virgin birth on the grounds that it could not happen.
2. Thus, the real issue is not *could* it happen – but *did* it happen.

#### II. The Birth of Jesus.

A. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way (Matt. 1:18 ESV).

B. Matthew tells us not only what happened – but how it happened.

1. Matthew focuses sharply on the extraordinary character of Jesus' birth – while also capturing the agony of Joseph's alarm.
2. Joseph was the first hard-core skeptic of the virgin birth – until an angel visited him and made him a convert to the "delusion."
3. The road from Jesus' conception to His birth was surrounded by angels. Then the angel said to them, "... For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

#### Thanksgiving – Psalm 34 – "The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me"

A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. (see 1 Samuel 21:10 – 22:1)

#### I. Blessing the Lord (1-3).

- A. The writer announces his intention to bless God continuously (1-2).
- B. The writer calls upon others to join him in magnifying the Lord (3).

#### II. He Answers Our Prayers (4-7).

- A. Other reasons for wanting to express his gratitude to God.
- B. The writer is mindful of how God has delivered him in the past (4).
- C. He is also mindful of how God treats all others who trust in Him (5).
- D. David remembers his plight and his dire need (6).
- E. Figuratively, the Lord's army surrounds him to protect him (7).

#### III. He Meets All Our Needs (8-10).

- A. An appeal is made for anyone interested to experience the goodness of God and see if He is not the highest and best of all refuges (8a).
- B. *Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!* (8b).
- C. *Oh, fear the LORD...! There is no want to those who fear Him* (9-10).

#### IV. Let Me Teach You (11-14).

- A. The writer now becomes a teacher, explaining the fear the Lord (11).
- B. *Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?* (12). A rhetorical question expecting a positive answer.
  1. To live long on the earth and have a good life – three traits needed:
    - a. *Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit* (13).
    - b. *Depart from evil and do good* (14a).
    - c. *Seek peace and pursue it* (14b).
  2. This type of life has rewards in this world and in the world to come.

#### V. He Protects Us (15-22).

- A. The Lord ceaselessly watches over His people (15).
- B. God turns from the wicked and judges them (16).
- C. But the troubled righteous man will see the Lord come to his rescue (17).
- D. There is a special empathy that God has for the godly man who is pushed down and persecuted (18).
- E. Trouble multiplied by troubles may come to the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all (19-20).
- F. Evil will eventually destroy the wicked man, but the Lord redeems the soul of His servants (21-22).