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Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

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

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Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

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David's Place in the Story of the Bible

A number of significant themes can be traced throughout the Bible. For example, the promise God gave to Abraham in Genesis 12 is repeated to Isaac, and again to Jacob. This promise plays a prominent role in understanding the Bible.

One of the major turning points in the Bible occurs in 1 Samuel 8. The prophet and judge, Samuel, appointed his sons to judge Israel, but they were corrupt. So, the elders of Israel approached Samuel with their concerns and asked for a king so they could be like the nations around them. Samuel was vexed by their request. He made his frustration known to the Lord, and the Lord said, "*Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them*" (8:7). Saul was the first man to rule over Israel. He failed.

David was the second king. One author notes that "The David story is the most extensively narrated single story..." in the Bible (Eugene Peterson, *Leap Over a Wall*, [New York: Harper One, 1997], 3). His name appears over 1000 times – more times than the name "Jesus," but not by much. Abraham's name appears 250 times, "Moses" 852 times, and "Jesus" 965 times. The significance of David's role in redemption history can be seen in the promise God made to him. In 2 Samuel 7 David proposes to build a house for the Lord, but the Lord promises to build a house for David. The Lord says,

I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:8-16).

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

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



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Psalm 89 takes for its theme the steadfast love of the Lord. An example of His steadfast love is found in the promise God makes to David:

You have said, I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne from all generations (Ps. 89:3-4).

Much more is said concerning David in this Psalm but the Poet also says,

I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness. I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips. Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me. Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies (Ps. 8:33-37).

Significant words to consider in Psalm 89 are: steadfast love, covenant, establish, faithful – all of which point to the promise God made to David (2 Sam. 7).

When you couple these two texts with other texts in the Old Testament relating to the kingdom (Isa. 2; Dan. 2, 7; Joel 2, Micah 2), a reader of the Old Testament cannot help but be instilled with some kind of expectation for a kingdom to come – related to David. This is precisely what we find in the New Testament, and Jesus of Nazareth is the One who fulfills these expectations.

The opening line in the New Testament reads like a title. Matthew begins: *“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham”* (Matt. 1:1). This line is followed by a highly structured genealogy that begins with Abraham, includes David, and ends with Jesus *“who is called Christ.”* I find it significant that the two names highlighted in the opening line are Abraham and David – two men to whom two significant promises are made (Gen. 12:1-3; 2 Sam. 7).

John tells the story of Philip introducing Jesus to Nathanael (John 1:43-51). Nathanael marvels at Jesus’ knowledge and says, *“Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”* There are many things Nathanael could have said about Jesus, but he highlights *“Son of God!”* and *“King of Israel.”* Why?

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, connects Jesus’ resurrection, ascension and coronation with being seated on David’s throne. He says of David,

Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption (Acts 2:30, 31).

Peter emphasizes the fact that this could not have been written about David because his grave was still with them. He concludes his sermon with these words, *“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified”* (Acts 2:36).

So, the significance of the massive narrative we find on David is not to be found in David alone. To get lost in the individual episodes recorded about his life would be to miss the point of the entire narrative relating to him. His significance is found in the role he plays in redemption history. God made a promise to establish David’s throne forever. Jesus Christ is the One through whom God fulfilled this promise.

Steven Lloyd (*Christian Worker*, Vol. 103, Num. 10 [Oct. 2017], 1,7)

Complete in Him

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principles and power” (Col. 2:9-10).

Since the earliest days of Christianity there have been those who sought to add elements to the gospel message which were not originally a part of it. Jewish Christians sought ways to include the requirements of the Mosaic Law – specifically circumcision (Acts 15:1; Gal. 1:7). Others proposed various elements of pagan religion and philosophy (Col. 2:8, 18-23).

Since the close of the New Testament there have been claims of new revelations (e.g., the Quran and the Book of Mormon) whether written or oral. More recently there have also been many who would delete significant parts of the gospel, like the necessity of baptism, the reality of hell, or even whether specific faith in Jesus Christ and the God of the Bible are essential to salvation.

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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 @ 10:00am 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

Oct. 22 Jeremiah 43-44; Romans 2-3

Oct. 23 Jeremiah 45-46; Romans 4-5

Oct. 24 Jeremiah 47-48; Romans 6-7

Oct. 25 Jeremiah 49-50; Romans 8-9

Oct. 26 Jeremiah 51-52; Rom. 10-11

Oct. 27 Lamentations 1-2; Rom. 12-13

Oct. 28 Lamentations 3-4; Rom. 14-15

Oct. 29 Lam. 5; Ezek. 1; Rom. 16; 1 Cor. 1

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



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **39 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **We had an outstanding Gospel Meeting.** Our thanks to **Dave Rogers** for presenting very challenging lessons, to **our visitors**, and to **each member here** who helped make it a success. Attendance was very good, ranging from 54 to 72. Monday and Tuesday attendance was 68 and 67, respectfully.
- ◆ **Our Spring 2018 Gospel Meeting will be March 25-28, with Rick Brumback.** Let's start planning today to make it great!
- ◆ **Ladies' Day @ Goldthwaite this Saturday.** See bulletin board for details.
- ◆ **Our Ladies' Day is only 13 days away!** Flyers are available at the exits.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ November 4—Ladies' Day w/ Lasha Dennis
- ◆ March 25-28—Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Rick Brumback

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ Nov. 4-5—Gospel Radio Network Lectureship @ Mt. Vernon (online at TGRN.org). *"The Gospel Is For All"*
- ◆ Nov. 12-15—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Foy Forehand
- ◆ Nov. 12-15—Schertz Lectures. *"Studies in the Psalms"*

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Many today would argue that heaven will be populated with adherents from all religions, not just those who confess Jesus as Christ. Several years ago one "Christian leader" was asked, "Will members of other religions (non-Christian) go to heaven?" His answer was a simple, "Of course."

During the middle of the 1st century, the church in Colossae was troubled by philosophers and deceivers (Col. 1:8) who sought to add angel worship (Col. 2:18) and rules of asceticism to the requirements of the gospel (Col. 2:20-23). Paul's answer to them was succinct and clear: *"You are complete in [Christ]."*

Jesus Christ is God revealed in human flesh (Jn. 1:1-3; Heb. 2:14-18; 1 Jn. 4:2-3). All of the fullness of divinity is in him (Col. 1:15; 2:9) – that is to say that Jesus is and was completely God, even while living in human flesh. He lacks no power, knowledge, or other attribute of the Creator.

Further, since Christians are in Christ (Gal. 3:27; Jn. 15:1-8), they partake from all of those divine attributes so that they are complete. That is to say that they receive every blessing, every source of help, every comfort, and every promise that is available from God. These are received by virtue of their being in Christ. Nothing else is required. Once faith, repentance, and baptism have been accomplished, forgiveness of sins is granted and fellowship with God and Christ is attained.

Note also that it is not only true that all we need is provided in Christ, but it is also true that we need all of those things that are so provided. We cannot dispense with any of Jesus' offered blessings. Some refuse to repent saying that they have done no wrongs therefore they do not need forgiveness of sin (see Rom. 3:23 and 1 Jn. 1:8-10). Others say, "Jesus yes, the church no." But Jesus died for the church and saved it (Eph. 5:25-27). The church is the body of which he is the head (Eph. 1:22-23). How can one have fellowship with the head but not the body of which it is an integral part?

If we are complete in Christ, it follows necessarily that we are incomplete apart from him. Every spiritual blessing is given to us through him (Eph. 1:3). Through knowledge of him we receive *"all things that pertain to life and godliness"* (2 Pet. 1:3). Without Jesus we can have none of those things.

Jesus is completely and perfectly God, and through him we can become completely reconciled to God. We do not need other prophets or saviors. We do not need to do anything other than those things commanded in the New Testament. He is all we need. But we desperately need him. Paul said, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* (Phil. 4:13). Conversely, he could also have said, "I can do nothing pertaining to salvation without him." He is the head of all principalities and power (Col. 2:10).

Michael Brooks (forthright.net)

Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Lisa Greer (5), Matthew Churchwell (7), Jo Maninger (12), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14).

October Anniversaries: Ryan & Caitlin Settles (7), Tre' & Christine Rayon (12), Rafe & Becky Smith (16), **Mike & Patti Bannister (27).**

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Oct. 8, 2017	Oct. 15, 2017
Bible Class	43	54
AM Worship	60	72
PM Worship	49	65
Wednesday PM	38	63
Contribution	\$2,102	\$,

	This Week: 10/22/17	Next Week: 10/29/17			
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	October 2017 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: M. & P. Bannister / Greer		
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith			
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Gene Bannister			
Communion	Don Smith*, Larry Petty James Thomas, Randy Huckaby	Randy Huckaby*, Jack Turner Hank Wheeler, Ryan Rudloff			
Closing Prayer	Ryan Rudloff	James Fuller			
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts			
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller	November 2017 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Churchwell Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Mike Bannister			
Scripture Reading	Allen Griffith	John Barnum			
Communion	Don Smith	Randy Huckaby			
Closing Prayer	Rafe Smith	Tom Wilcox			
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 25 Joe Dennis	November 1 Prayer Night	November 8 Rafe Smith	November 15 Don 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 October 22, 2017

Sunday Class **Romans 8:14**

Wed. Class **Old Testament History: Genesis 3:2**

The Cycle of Spiritual Growth and Transformation – Colossians 1:9-11

- I. **Transformation** (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:3-4).
 - A. Transformation is not instantaneous – it is a process (2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1).
 - B. It is a cyclical process which must be repeated as we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).
- II. **Paul's Prayer** (Col. 1:9-11).
 - A. **We must be "filled with a knowledge of His will".**
 1. "Filled with a knowledge of His will" is an intellectual knowledge.
 - a. Christianity is a religion that necessitates intellectual knowledge – a religion that is based on facts and evidences of those facts.
 - b. In this prayer, Paul desired that they would grow in a knowledge of the facts of NT Christianity and of what God's will was for them.
 2. We cannot do "His will" if we are unaware of what "His will" is.
 - B. **This knowledge must be held "in all wisdom and spiritual understanding".**
 1. How is it there are those who have an obvious knowledge of God's Word, but they have not been obedient to the Gospel of Christ?
 - a. Jesus answered these question (Matt. 13:11-15).
 - b. The simple answer is folks do not see because they do not want to see.
 2. It is not enough to know intellectually – there must also be that spiritual perception that understands divine truth, and receptivity which acts it.
 - C. **We must "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him".**
 1. Paul continues in this cycle accentuating the need to "walk worthy".
 2. The life of a faithful Christian is a life in which God and His Word can be seen in the activities of that life – a life that brings glory to the Lord.
 - D. **In accomplishing these three items, "being fruitful in every good work".**
 1. After learning God's will intellectually, comprehending its spiritual significance, and applying it to life – one will bear fruit in every good work.
 2. Fruit bearing is truly the heart and core of the transformation concept – it is transformation realized.
 - E. **The result will be that we will be found "increasing in the knowledge of God" and "strengthened with all might".**
 1. Here, Paul is speaking more of a relationship – fellowship.
 2. Our laboring in this process of transformation proclaims passionately our agreement with God.

Paul's Final Charge to Timothy – 2 Timothy 4:1-5

- I. **Preach the Word!** (4:1,2).
 - A. "Therefore" – tells us there is a close connection between what Paul had just said about the Scriptures (3:14-17) and what he said in these verses.
 - B. Paul begins with a "charge" to Timothy (and to each Gospel preacher).
 - C. Paul gave this "before (in the sight of) God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom".
 - D. "Preach the word".
 1. It is obvious that he meant the word of God, not the word of men.
 2. God commanded Timothy (every Gospel preacher) to always "be ready" (prepared and eager) to preach that word, "in season and out of season".
 - a. When it is convenient and when it is not convenient.
 - b. The Gospel preacher must always be prepared and eager to preach the word under any and all conditions.
 3. The faithful preaching of God's word includes several elements.
 - a. "Convince" – to prove with clear evidence, to convict with such power that one is convinced of his sin.
 - b. "Rebuke" – to severely and sharply charge one with sin and warn of the consequences of disobedience.
 - c. "Exhort" – to urge, encourage and to admonish.
 - d. He must do that, "with all longsuffering and doctrine".
- II. **Some Will Not Endure Sound Doctrine** (4:3-4).
 - A. The reason for the command in v. 2 was that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine".
 1. "Sound doctrine" – the healthy, wholesome teaching of the Gospel.
 2. God was saying that some people would no longer put up with the healthy, wholesome teaching of the Gospel of Christ.
 - B. And God describes them as having, "itching ears".
 - C. "They...turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables".
- III. **Do the Work of an Evangelist** (4:5).
 - A. First, the faithful Gospel preacher must, "be watchful in all things".
 - B. Second, the faithful Gospel preacher must, "endure afflictions".
 - C. Third, the faithful Gospel preacher must, "do the work of an evangelist".
 - D. Fourth, a faithful Gospel preacher must, "fulfill [his] ministry".