

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)



1. Who said to whom: "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"
2. What relation was David to Ruth?
3. Who killed the giant with a sling and a stone?
4. Who said: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain"?
5. There are about 275 quotations in the NT from the OT. Are any of these from the so-called Apocryphal books?
6. Whom did Paul call "a child of the devil" and an "enemy of all righteousness"?
7. Why was Uzza smitten?
8. Why were Nadab and Abihu smitten?
9. Why were Ananias & Sapphira smitten?
10. Who were to move the ark?

### Today's Sermons

Morning: "Offended By Jesus"

Evening: "Questions and Answers"

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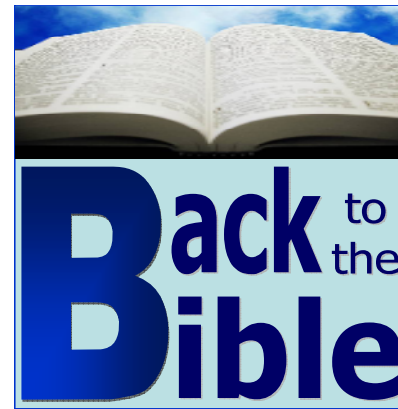
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## Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions

91. **About 400 years.**
92. **Ten.** Mary Magdalene; 2 women; 2 disciples going to Emmaus; Simon Peter; the ten; the 11 with Thomas; 500 brethren; 7 disciples at Sea of Galilee; James; apostles at ascension.
93. **Three.** James 2:23; 2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8.
94. **27.**
95. **Nine.** Luke 17:11-19.
96. **3 years and 6 months.** James 5:17-18.
97. **Fiftieth.** Leviticus 23:15-19.
98. **1189.**
99. **Psalm 117.**
100. **Two.** John 11:35. **90.** Esther 8:9.

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#### Sunday

Bible Study:..... 10:00am

AM Worship:....11:00am

PM Worship:.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

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Sunday:.....7:30am

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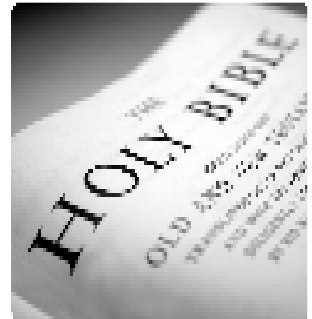
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## TAKING THE WHOLE OF SCRIPTURE

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"Hermeneutics" is the science of interpretation. The word is derived from the Greek mythological character, "Hermes," the messenger of the gods and the interpreter of Jupiter. Through the years there have been a number of Bible scholars who have taken the time and effort to set forth, in writing, a systematic approach to the study and interpretation of the scriptures. The most notable works are D.R. Dungan's Hermeneutics, and Clinton

Lockhart's Principles of Interpretation. Both of these books are still in print, and I recommend them for your consideration. Hermeneutics, then, is the science of interpreting the Scriptures. When one properly studies a particular passage in God's word, he is said to "exegete" the passage. "Exegesis" simply means to lead out, or draw out of. It is the application of the principles of hermeneutics in bringing out the meaning of any particular

passage. We could very likely write on the science of interpretation with all its varied principles and take a year or more to do so. But there is one important principle we want to address in this week's bulletin. The Psalmist put it this way: "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them" (Psalms 139:18, emphasis mine, TW). A fundamental principle involved in the interpretation of the scriptures is the need to take the whole of God's word into consideration in our search for truth. It is the "sum" of God's word which must be obeyed, not just a portion thereof. Call it what you will, whether a "balance" of scripture, or as Paul put it, the "whole council of God" (Acts 20:27), the end result is that we cannot pick and choose from scripture as we would food from a cafeteria line.

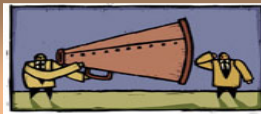
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# Those Needing Our Prayers:



*“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).*

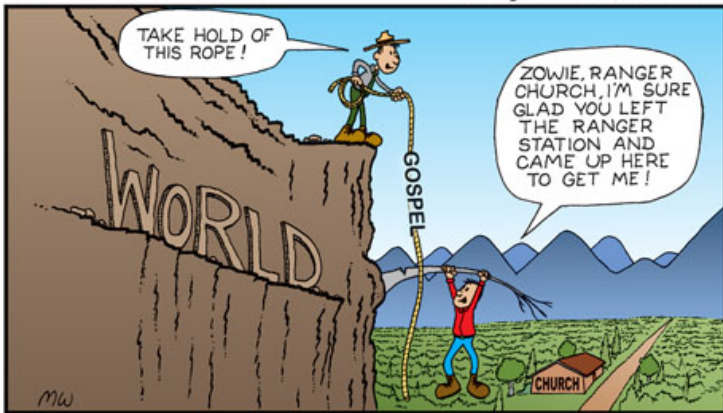
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## RANGER RESCUE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!  
 — ISAIAH 52:7 KJV



Now, let's apply this principle to the scheme of redemption. God's plan for man's salvation is not to be found in any single passage of scripture. If I would learn what I must do to be saved, I must carefully examine the whole of God's word to determine what it takes to receive forgiveness of sins. To take any single passage to the neglect of others will certainly spell doom for the sincere but misled soul. The late William Cline once wrote, "The Bible does not lend itself to false doctrine for it is balanced in its content, complete in its message, and perfect in every way." The mistake of isolating one passage and pressing it to the exclusion of others is a failure to respect the truth presented by the Psalmist. The Bible plainly teaches that men must "hear" the word. "How shall they believe in him whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14). The Bible also teaches that men must "believe" (Heb. 11:6, Jno. 3:16, Jno 8:24). But the Bible likewise teaches that men must repent (Acts 2:38, Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30-31). In addition, the Bible teaches that men simply must confess, with the mouth, that Jesus is the Son of God (Rom. 10:9-10, Matt. 16:16- 18). Finally, the Bible teaches that "baptism doth also now save us" (1 Pet. 3:21, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16). In view of the obligatory nature of each of these commands, why is it that most of the protestant denominational world elevates "faith" above, and often to the exclusion of, all other commands? Is there not some way we can "harmonize" these passages, and, by taking the "sum" of God's word, come to a conclusion that does not "pit" one passage against the other? Indeed there is. If "faith" saves, and most certainly it does, then what role does "repentance" play in the process of salvation? Is it essential? To deny its essentiality is to indict our Lord and Master, for He Himself stated, "except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish" (Lk. 13:3). The question we must ask, therefore, is "What KIND of faith saves a man from his sins?" Taking the "sum" of God's word, we can only conclude that the faith that saves is a faith that INCLUDES repentance. Men have sought to "get around" the force of this argument by suggesting that repentance precedes faith. But if repentance is produced by godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10), how can repentance be generated without faith in God?

What about confession? If we must confess "with the mouth Jesus as Lord" (Rom. 10:9-10), what is the relationship between saving faith and this "good confession"? Once again, the faith that saves is a faith that INCLUDES the good confession. What, then, shall we do with baptism? If baptism "doth also now save us" (1 Pet. 3:21), what relationship does faith sustain to this act that "also now saves us"? Before you ignore, dismiss, or reject the words of Peter, ask yourself this question. When Peter said that "baptism doth also now save us," what was he saying it, baptism, saves us from? The context shows that just as the water saved Noah from the wrath of God against a sinful world, so also baptism saves us from God's wrath. The KIND of faith that saves is the KIND of faith that INCLUDES baptism. If not, why not? A further examination of what baptism accomplishes should prove to any honest soul that a man is not saved from his past sins until he is immersed into that watery grave "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Please take a close look at Romans 6:3-5. When a person is baptized he enters "into Christ" (verse 3), he enters into the "death" of Christ (verse 3), he is "buried...into death" (verse 4), we are "raised to walk in newness of life" (verse 4), and the "body of sin might be done away" (verse 5). If men would put aside their bias and human opinions, and make an honest effort to study and apply some of the fundamental principles of interpretation, much of the division could be resolved. Unfortunately, false teaching will always exist, and error will continue to take its toll upon the religious world. Peter has warned us, "But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1). Jesus warned us to "beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Such errorists will always exist. Hence the ever increasing need to not only study, but to "handle aright" the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). The American Standard Version of 1901 has this interesting foot note on this passage. It reads, "holding a straight course in the word of truth." The only safe course to follow is to take the sum of God's word. Anything else is wrought with danger and destruction.