

Today's Sermons

Morning: "Building A Happy Life – Part 2" (Matthew 5:1-12)

Evening: Singing Service

BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)



11. Who spoke about becoming someone's enemy because he told the truth?
12. Who made the angels?
13. Will the faithful become angels?
14. Can angels sin?
15. Are angels greater than men?
16. Is it right to worship angels?
17. What New Testament writer used the expression, "verily, verily," about twenty-five times?
18. Who bore in his body "the marks of the Lord Jesus"?
19. Who said: "Let the dead bury the dead"?
20. How many questions in the Bible?

Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions

Did you get them all?

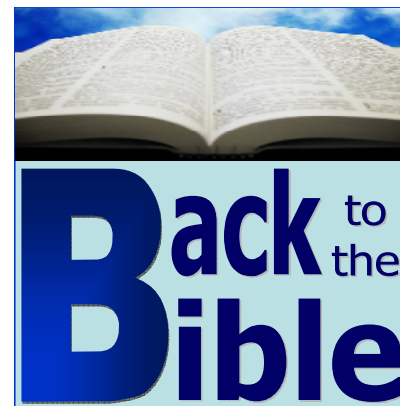
1. **Sharon.** Song of Solomon 2:1.
2. **Paul and Peter.** Galatians 2:11-21.
3. **Paul.** Acts 21:13.
4. **Psalms 23.**
5. **Should.**
6. **Gamaliel.** Acts 22:3.
7. **"The faith."** Galatians 1:23.
8. **Galatians 1.**
9. **The law of Moses.** Galatians 3:24-25.
10. **No.** Galatians 4:10-11.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	31
Sunday AM Worship	40
Sunday PM Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Study	32
Daily Bible Readers	13
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Building Fund	\$87,668

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Times of Services:

Sunday

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

AM Worship:....11:00am

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

Wednesday

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

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

"Back to the Bible"

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14th Annual Lectureship

Thought Provoking

Questions From the New

Testament – Part 2

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SLAVE OF CHRIST

by Mark McWhorter

In the First Century the Romans had many slaves. According to one resource, a Roman of any significance would have a minimum of ten slaves. Slaves were imported from all parts of the world.

A slave of a high ranking Roman would actually have more respect in society than a low ranking freeman. It was even possible for a slave of a wealthy individual to marry a free woman (the woman might actually move up in society by doing so). Slaves of powerful and wealthy Romans would always pronounce in public who their owner was in order to gain respect and honor. The slave would actually be happy to pronounce such if the owner was a nice and benevolent master. Such slaves would be buried in nice tombs. And the slave would make sure that the owner's name was on his tomb, even if his wife and children's names were not there.

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Prayer List

Jewel & Linda Wyatt
Mark Cox
Katy Long
Mike & Joy Osborne
Danny & Vicky Martin
Clayton Winters
Bubba Cannon
Shannon Rash
Lindy Hiatt
Trina Martin
Donna Reeves (kidneys)
Jim & Amanda Winters
Mandy Cretsinger (sinus)
Mary Nell Osborne
Pete Graybeal
Edgar, Dorothy Wilcox & Family

Joyce Holms
Cathy Ellison
Doris Edwards
Kiana Miller
Jack Anderson Family
Everette Morefield
Eugene Kidder
Francis Melton
Jean Miller
Leroy & Minnie Kennell (travel)
Thanks for Answered Prayers
Gladys Holden
Khela Domanque
Jayden Searce Family
Tonya Hudler

Linda Miller
Hazel Campbell
Adriane Osborne
Avery Richter
Savannah Bedenbaugh
Nancy Cannon
Mable Vannoy
Pete Pless
Tom, Kaleb & Laneice Davis
Reuben Price
Steven & Jessica Winters
Harold & Doris Hammons
Trish West
Sherry Rutherford
Jesse Matkins & Family



Announcements

PREACH N' EAT - Pot Luck Fellowship Meal
Following Morning Worship, March 6

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING
Following Evening Worship, March 6

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS
Following Evening Worship, March 6

SONG SERVICE
Margate Rehab, March 14, 6:30 pm

Knowing this about First Century slaves helps us understand why Paul told the Corinthians to glory in Christ if they were going to glory in anything, 1 Corinthians 1:31 and 2 Corinthians 10:17. As the servants of Christ we should be happy to pronounce that we belong to the most wonderful Master in the universe. We live for him, do his bidding, and obey all his commands. We are his willing slaves. And he blesses us beyond what we can appreciate.

The only difference between our proclaiming Christ and the slaves of the First Century proclaiming their master is that in most instances the world does not fully understand and appreciate our declaration. This is why it is so important to do good works and show the love of brethren. That way the world sees the love of Christ and hopefully is enticed toward Christ.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can. And be happy and courageous in declaring that you are a slave of Christ

A Slave's Name

Owner's of slaves in the First Century gave names to their slaves. The name many times came from the name of the slave's country or birth place. The name could also be one of those that was frequently used in that country. Or the name given could be from the place of purchase. And finally, the name would many times come from the captor, if the slave was acquired in war.

There is a great spiritual war going on all the time. 1 Corinthians 10:3-4, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." Ephesians 6: 13-17 talks about the armor of the Christian soldier. Satan is in a constant war with God. The objective for Satan is to capture the souls of men and women, and take them to hell with him.

Individuals who submit to Jesus in this war become Christians. They are agreeing to become spiritual slaves. They acknowledge that they now belong to God. And it is interesting that they take on the name of Christ. God gave prophecy regarding this name hundreds of years before Christ, Isaiah 56:5; 62:2; 65:15.

Study your Bible. Learn what is necessary to take on the slave's name, Christian.