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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Continuity in the New Testament

Joshua Cantrell

When reading the Bible we learn about the God of Heaven. The Bible is the all-inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God is not someone who is detached from his creation, he loves us and cares for us. That is seen in each book of the Bible. The Bible begins with God (Gen. 1:1) and ends with Jesus (Rev. 22:21). The Bible begins by showing what God did for man and ends with what God extends to man. The Old Testament prophets looked forward to the day we have before us. When we can become justified because of the sacrifice of Jesus (Rom. 5:1). Each of these books in the New Testament plays a significant role in our salvation and shows the harmony they possess in the canon of scripture. Each book plays a major role in showing the spread of the Gospel, and the structure of local congregations. While each congregation is autonomous (having the freedom to govern itself or control its affairs). They still are under the authority of Christ and his word.

To understand if a book plays in constituting the New Testament canon scripture, it's appropriate to define our terms. When discussing the Canon of scripture, we are determining if a book should, or should not be included in the Bible. God ultimately is the author of scripture and has the right to determine if a book should stay. Each book that is currently in the Bible is the result of God wanting it to be there. It did not get in by accident, God specifically placed each book in the Bible. There are no mission books or missing pages from the Bible. We have everything that pertains to life and Godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). The New Testament books for our discussion will further prove the Bible is the all-inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The Gospels

Because Gospels are so different in their audience, their presentation, and their application. Many take the position they do not belong in the Canon of scripture. Upon a proper understanding of scripture, we come to see how they all are in harmony with the life of Christ. While the Gospels do vary in many ways, they are also similar. I picture the Gospels as if you are at a sporting event, each cameraman has a different view of what's going on. Yet, when put all the videos together, you get a clear picture of what is going on. The same principle should be applied to the Gospels. Each writer has a different camera, but upon putting them all together. We get a clear picture of the event that unfolds.

We read and learn about the life of Christ, the establishment of the church, and the spread of the Gospel. The Church of Christ was to have it beginning in Jerusalem, then in Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the Earth (Acts. 1:8). Persecution was not going to stop the spread of the Gospel but sent it around the world. Paul declared "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister." (Col. 1:23). The Gospels give us the foundation needed for understanding the rest of the New Testament.

The Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew's Gospel is primarily written to the Jews, addressing the Kingdom of God. It begins with the genealogy of Jesus Christ (Mt. 1:1-18). The only other Gospel that includes the genealogy in Luke (Lk. 3). Matthew begins by showing us that Jesus is from the lineage of Abraham, then David, and ultimately to his father and mother. It's important to note, that while Joseph and Mary are the earthly parents of Jesus, they are not the parents of God. To suggest that they are the parent of God is to suggest that God has an origin, to which he does not (Jn. 1:1-3). The prophet Isaiah reveals that a virgin would conceive a son (Isa. 7:14). They would call his name Emmanuel (Mt. 1:23).

Matthew's Gospel does not give us much about the childhood of Jesus. Apart from his birth there is not much revealed about his childhood. Matthew goes into the baptism of Jesus (Mt. 3), with his earthly ministry to follow. The "Be-Attitudes" are only contained in the book of Matthew. As well as the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7). Jesus in chapter 10 will pick his Apostles, and the rest of the book shows Jesus training these men, strengthening their faith to preach the Gospel to the world (Mt. 28:18-20). Again, this book belongs in the canon of scripture because of the overwhelming harmony it brings with other gospel writers.

When Jesus walked with men he showed them that there was indeed a better way. Before his coming into the world the Jews believed they were saved because of their heritage. Jesus shows us that he was going to save them, not because of heritage, but grace. This is

a theme throughout the New Testament (Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 2:11-12; Tit. 3:5). Man is only going to be saved when they exercise obedient faith, in view of what God has done through Jesus. The grace is provided for us, but we must access it through faith in the Gospel.

The Gospel According To Mark

Mark's Gospel was written for the Romans. The book begins with the ministry of John (1:1-8), afterwards, Mark immediately goes into the Ministry of Jesus. Mark is going to show us that Jesus is the servant of God who wanted to do the will of the Father. This is a good lesson for us today as well. Our goal as Christians is to do the will of our Father in Heaven. Mark is more of the "action-packed" style of writing. He shows us just how busy the life of Jesus was. Upon completing one task, Jesus goes into something else. Reading about Jesus' life gives us a better appreciation for how busy he was.

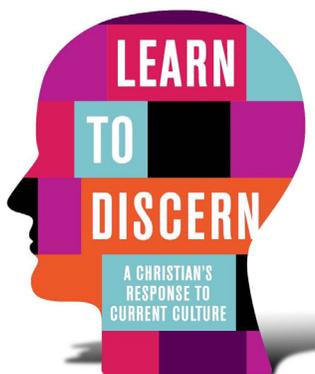
Many of the miracles Jesus does in the book are also shown in the other Gospel accounts as well. Here are a few: The Baptism of Christ (Mt. 3:13-17; Lk. 3:21-23; The Paralyzed man at Capernaum (Mt. 9:1-8; Lk. 5:17-26); The Calming of The Storm (Mt. 8:23-27; Lk. 8:22-25); Jesus walking on water (Mt. 14:13-23; Lk. 9:10-17; Jn. 6:1-15); The Roman Trial (Mt. 27:11-31; Lk. 23:1-25; Jn. 18:28-19:16; The Resurrection (Mt. 28:1-10; Lk. 23:5-24:12; Jn. 20:1-18). These few examples not only show the goodness of God, but the harmony of the Scriptures. While different in many ways, the canon of scripture is perfectly placed upon those who study and read it (2 Tim. 3:15).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YOUTH SEMINAR 2022

September 16-18, 2022

Guest speaker: Joe Wells
Pre-register on our website



LADS to LEADERS

KICK OFF to the New Year!
August 14, 2022 after morning worship



If your child is interested in participating in Lads to Leaders or if you would like to be a program leader, please make plans to attend. Topics and plans will be discussed.

POTLUCK LUNCH!

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health
 Jim Turner - health
 Brian Smith - heart health
 Debbie Bush - struggles
 Sharon M. Washington - health
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health
 Janie Wise - health
 Virginia Walker - health
 Dorothea Lauther - surgery recovery
 Bill Long - cancer treatments
 Geny Johnson - health
 Darlene Thompson - covid

PRAYER LIST

Ron & Judy Ford - health
 Bernetta Green - health & strength
 Bobby Simpson - health
 Margaret Coone
 Annett Phillip - health
 Vanessa Palmer - health
 Wayne Shearer - health
 Jimmy Sweeney - shoulder rehab
 George Davis - surgery recovery
 Brenda Mask - health
 Casey Potvin - covid
 Bitsy Thomas - injury

(Please update the office of any changes)

The **EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS** prayer requests are emailed every week and posted on the bulletin board. Please let the office know if someone's status on that list needs to be updated or if a person needs to be removed from the list

Pray for our Shut-ins

Joyce Burbage Carol Eason

Sundays at 5:45 pm

Prayer time for evangelism efforts

Sundays at 5:45 pm

Pew packers in auditorium

Remember!

Current newsletters from our missionaries are posted on the bulletin board. Previous newsletters can be found on the missionary bulletin board in the back hallway.

SFA church directory is now available on the *Instant Church Directory App.*

Privacy and safety is an absolute factor! To access the app, your email address **must** be registered with the office to verify identity. If the office does not have your email, access to the directory will be **denied**.

If you need assistance or more information about it, please see Rick Kenyon.



Congratulations to **Kyle and Amanda Faneuf!**

They have been granted guardianship of **McKinley**

Please continue to pray that full custody will be awarded.

welcome

Gene and Brenda Boles have expressed their desire to place membership with the South Florida Avenue church of Christ.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

AUGUST

Designated Elder - David Anderson

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 Song Leader/Prayer Andre Medley
 Devo Vince Daugherty
 Closing Prayer David Deal

Sunday, August 7, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Are you plugged into God?... Joshua Cantrell
Ephesians 3:14-16

6:00 P.M.

Lord, Teach us to pray ... Joshua Cantrell
Luke 11:1

10:30 A.M.

Song/prayer before class Terrance Dindy, Jr
 Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 A.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Lou Van Allen
 Lord's Table Wesley Brunson
 Closing Prayer Jeff Bingle
 Open/Close bldg (both) Sheumaker
 Greeters Nona Williams
 Attendance cards (both) Peyton/Landan

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Andre Medley
 Lord's Table Wesley Brunson
 Closing Prayer David Deal
 Greeters Fife

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Announcements David Anderson
 Song Leader/prayer Kyle Faneuf
 Devo Josh Cantrell
 Closing Prayer Phil Fife

Upcoming Events

August

4 - Kahoot Challenge
 6 - N. Lakeland VBS
 5-7 -WWCC teens retreat
 7 - Pizza party for readers
 9 - FSOP ladies class
 10 - 1st day of school
 14 - L2L kickoff lunch
 14 - Elders, deacons, preachers meeting

August

18-25 - PTP
 27 - Youth group ice cream social



~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

July 17 \$6,284.75
 July 24 \$7,602.00
 July 31 (building fund) \$7,587.50
 Contribution Average \$6,412.03
 Weekly budget \$7,663.43

While standing more than 4,500 feet at the top of the Smoky Mountains, I looked at just a small piece of the awesome beauty God has created on this earth. I saw trees that no man planted that have been growing for probably hundreds of years. Seeing clouds sitting on the mountains, I wondered what Moses' mountaintop experience must have been like. The Almighty God created these mountains effortlessly, just as He effortlessly created me. If He has the might to do this, how much more is He able to tackle the problems that arise in our life. Let's climb the mountaintop and commune with God whenever we feel life is too overwhelming, when we have burdens weighing us down, to ask for wisdom as we face life or just to say,

“Thank you God!”

God is awesome, mighty, and powerful. (Psalm 90:1-2; 148:1-14)

Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning.

Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

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Return Service Requested

*It is a fearful thing
to fall into the
hands of the living
God.*

Hebrews 10:31



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