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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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Continuity in the New Testament, pt. 2

Joshua Cantrell

The Gospel According To Luke

Luke's Gospel was written primarily for the Greek nation. Luke is showing Jesus as the "Son of Man." Out of the four Gospels, Luke is the only one who is a physician. When you read his book he will emphasize medical aspects the other writers do not (the woman with the issue of blood, Jesus "sweat drops" of blood). While God is ultimately the author of scripture, he allowed the writers to use their professions, and personalities in writing their books. Luke reveals that Jesus does sit down with Tax collectors, and sinners, but he never condoned their behavior. He always challenged their hearts and minds to change. The same principle is seen today, Jesus accepts us how we are. He also demands that we change. Our minds have to be renewed (Rom. 12:1-2).

Luke will challenge those who read it to "Step outside" the box of the ordinary. Jesus was not restricted by the traditions and beliefs of man. He did things that were not normal. Luke shows us that whether a person is a man or woman, they each have equal value in the heart of God. As recorded in Luke 15, Jesus takes the time to address the criticism from the Pharisees and Scribes of his day (Lk. 15:2). He talks about a Sheep, Coin, and a Boy. Each of these is lost, and when they are found. In this context, Jesus is not emphasizing how they got lost. He is showing that they have value to God, lost or not. Luke throughout this book will highlight principles like this to show us that God values the lost, and he does the saved. Whether a person is lost, or not, they still hold adequate value to God. God values souls, and we must value souls as well.

This thought is consistent with the other gospel writers and the entire New Testament. From the Gospels to the Epistles, they each show the value of souls to God. In the book of Romans, Paul will show us that both Jew and Gentile have the same problem, sin. Thus, they both have to come to God the same way, therein lies the Gospel (Rom. 1:16-17). Jesus wanted those to whom he preached to accept the message. This message was the only one that would save their souls.

The Gospel According to John

John's Gospel will show Jesus as the "God-Man." Jesus is 100% God, and also 100% man. He is the hypostatic union (a combination of divine and human nature). John will give us Miracles emphasizing that point (Water to Wine; Nobleman's son healed; the Impotent man healed; the Feeding the five thousand; Jesus walking on the water; Blind man healed; the Resurrection of Lazarus). John does not want the reader to just be amazed at the "miracles," but ultimately wants each person to be converted to Christ. The purpose of these miracles was to confirm the word, increase our faith and show that God is with Jesus.

The Gospel of Jesus is similar to the other Gospels in that it contains similar accounts associated with the trials, and the resurrection of Jesus (Jn. 18-19). The book gives us great comfort in knowing that Jesus fulfilled the will of the Father despite the many efforts from opposing forces. Jesus will often emphasize "I must be about my Father's business," (Lk. 2:49). That truth is displayed throughout the book of John. Within the canon of scripture, John is one of the great defenses of how it should be accounted for within the Bible. Again, though each book has a different audience, the overall emphasis is to show that Jesus is the Lord of Heaven and Earth. Canonicity is only allowed to prove what God has said. The reason

the Bible only contains sixty-six books is that's how many are God-inspired. No other book in the world can claim "inspiration." The Bible is the only book that can hold such a position.

Acts Of The Apostles

The book of Acts begins with Jesus appearing to his Apostles. From the Gospels, we learn that Jesus handpicked these men (Mt. 10), and trained them to Preach the Gospel (Mt. 28:1-20). After Jesus' resurrection, he would be on earth for forty days. There he "shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts. 1:3). Paul records, "And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." (1 Cor. 15:5-6). Jesus never intended to be with them forever. For the Holy Spirit to come, Jesus had to return to Heaven (Jn. 14-16). The Apostles were to wait for power (Mk. 9:1), and the promise to the Holy Spirit (Lk. 24:46-48). This was to take place in the city of Jerusalem (Isa. 2:1-2).

The Book of Acts shows us the establishment of the church. The Prophets often spoke of the "Lord's house." This was not a physical kingdom upon the Earth, but an earthly one where Jesus alone would be our king and the High Priest (1 Tim. 6:15; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 9:11-15). The Apostles began in Jerusalem, but upon persecution (Acts 4-5) the church was able to spread further. The book of Acts gives us the conversion of Saul, who would go on to write most of the New Testament. He was indeed a chosen vessel for God (Acts. 9:15). One of the great truths found in this book is the conversion of the first Gentile convert, Cornelius (Acts 10:1-2). Peter had to be told three times to go Preach the Gospel of the Gentiles (Acts. 10). Upon doing so, Cornelius and his house received a "special" baptism. This baptism is not for us today. We are baptized into the water for the remission of sins (Acts. 2:38).

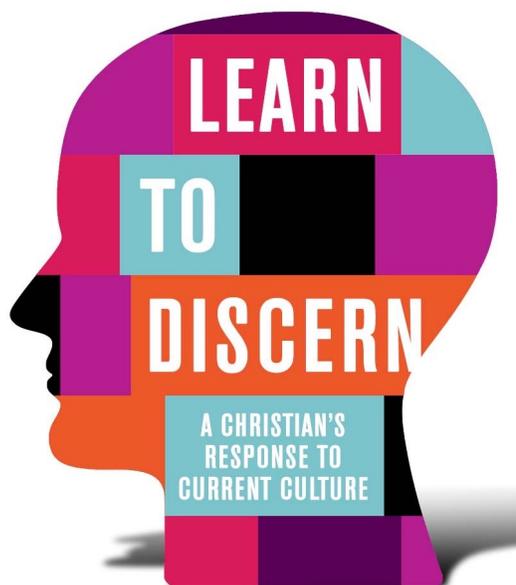
Throughout the book we read about the three missionary journeys Paul went on. Establishing congregations for our Lord. He taught them about proper leadership (Elders and Deacons). Showing them God had a plan for each congregation. Paul had good results in some places, and not so much in others. It did not deter him from his mission of doing the Lord's word. Paul ultimately goes to Rome to appeal to Ceaser as a slave. There this life would come to an end (1 and 2 Timothy).

Conclusion

The Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, and the Apocalypse show that the Canon of Scripture is in harmony with the rest of the Bible. Much of what the Prophets predicated plays about in the Gospels and the book of Acts. These are what we call "wonderfully made." This study and class have changed the way I view the Bible and my relationship with God. I am forever thankful to have been a part of it.

YOUTH SEMINAR

September 16-18, 2022



- Friday, 7:00 pm *"Current State of Affairs"*
- Saturday 9:30 am *"Absolute Truth"*
- "Moral Relativism"*
- "Importance of One's World View"*
- Sunday, 9:30 am *"The Family"*
- Sunday, 10:30 am *"The Church"*



Register on our website or use the QR code.



Joe Wells

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
 Dorothea Lauther - surgery recovery
 Brenda Mask - health
 Darlene Thompson - covid
 Olivia Smith - tests

PRAYER LIST

Ron & Judy Ford - health
 Bernetta Green - health & strength
 Bobby Simpson - health
 Margaret Coone
 Annett Phillip - health
 Vanessa Palmer - health
 Wayne Shearer - health
 Bill Long - cancer treatments
 Geny Johnson - health
 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

Prayer requests & Updates

Olivia Smith had episodes of blacking out and was brought to the ER. She is home resting
Joyce Burbage has been moved to Bridgewalk Health & Rehab on Harden (address is posted on the board)



Virginia Walker
 received her eternal reward
 on August 15, 2022

"Bless are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
 "Blesses indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest
 from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"
 Revelation 14:13

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

AUGUST

Designated Elder - David Anderson

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 Song Leader/Prayer Tucker Sweeney
 Devo Stacey Paulin
 Closing Prayer George Davis

Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Not One Stone Shall Be Left... Vince Daugherty
 Matthew 24:1-35

6:00 P.M.

That Day and Hour ... Vince Daugherty
 Matthew 24:36-51

10:30 A.M.

Song/prayer before class Frank Hamby
 Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 A.M. Song Leader Jason Hendrix
 Scripture reading/Prayer Lou Van Allen
 Lord's Table Terrance Dindy, Jr.
 Closing Prayer Wayne Shearer
 Open/Close bldg (both) David Deal
 Greeters Stewart/Waldon
 Attendance cards (both) Colby/Ellis

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader Jason Hendrix
 Scripture reading/Prayer Mike Van Allen
 Lord's Table Terrance Dindy, Jr.
 Closing Prayer Kyle Bingle
 Greeters Stewart/Waldon

Wednesday, August 24 2022

Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 Song Leader/prayer Andre Medley
 Devo Bobby Shuemaker
 Closing Prayer Jeff Stewart

Upcoming Events

August

18-25 - PTP
 18 - Kahoot Challenge
 21 - Teachers' meeting
 25 - Kahoot Challenge
 26 - SING at Orange St.
 27 - Ice cream social
 28 - Fellowship in-service
 (service team 3)
 31 - Quarterly challenge

September

4 - Youth Group reading
 party (team 4)
 5 - Labor Day
 7 - Ladies' class, 10am
 13 - FSOP ladies class
 16-18 - Youth Seminar
 17 lunch- (team 1)
 18 - Potluck Meal
 (team 2)

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

July 31 (building fund) \$7,587.50
 Aug 7 \$7,302.00
 Aug 14 \$6,064.00
 Contribution Average \$6,428.45
 Weekly budget \$7,663.43

Congratulations to
Joshua and Daniela Cantrell
who were married on Tuesday,
August 9, 2022
 Bridal Shower details to come



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

BEGINS AT 9:00AM

FINDING CONTENTMENT IN THE CHAOS

IF POSSIBLE, REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME BY CALLING THE OFFICE (863) 682-4702 OR USING THE QR CODE



Join us for
LADIES DAY

Psalm 6

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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*Seek the Lord, all you humble
of the land, who do His just
commands;
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the
Lord.*

Zephaniah 2:3



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