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New Testament Christianity

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Since my earliest days of being a Christian, I have been thrilled with New Testament Christianity. Going back to the Bible for the rule of faith and practice is truly the ancient path.

When the priests found the book of the Law in the temple in Josiah's day (2 Kings 22), they read it before the king. When he heard the words Moses wrote by inspiration, he became humbly penitent and tore his clothes in anguish. Josiah knew that Judah was not keeping God's commandments.

Josiah began a campaign of repentance by destroying the idolatrous, by removing what was sinful, and by restoring the righteous practices in God's Law (2 Kings 23). His example of faithfulness to God ought to remind us of our need to remove what is sinful and to restore what is righteous. This is repentance, and it is what the restoration principle is all about.

When we turn to the New Testament and examine everything we are doing today carefully according to its teachings, we imitate Josiah and

please God. New Testament Christianity reaches to the Scriptures of the new covenant ratified by the blood of Jesus for its rule of faith and practice. Whatever is instructed in the New Testament, a faithful Christian seeks to do; and whatever is not ordained there, it removes.

Our task today is to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; and abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-23, NKJV).

New Testament Christianity is not merely a belief system; it is a way of life built upon trust and love toward the Lord Jesus and seeking to please Him in all respects. We are crucified with Christ, and the Lord Jesus must live in us by faith (Galatians 2:20).

It is out of this love and trust that our commitment to service and to worship arises in a life of purity and sacrifice. Let us all be New Testament Christians.

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Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
 Restoration Radio
 Jim Waldron
 Manuelito Children's Home



Bible Search

(Wording is based on KJV)
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Questions for week of June 1

1. Who judges that what he does is always right (even when the Lord knows better)?
2. What two instances of agricultural arson are found in the Bible?
3. In most areas of activity we think of God as doing things "instantly", etc. But one area stands out in which our maker is said to be slow. What is that area? (I found six passages that answer the question!)
4. Find those things in which the Psalmist wanted speedy action from God.
5. When plans were discussed for Israel's taking over the "promised land" what reason was given for God not driving other people out of that land suddenly?
6. What very short passage speaks of a hungering and thirsting soul?
7. At least four different substances are mentioned as being bottled in scripture. What are they? (If you find more, let's hear about it!)

Answers for week of May 25

1. What Old Testament prophet speaks in one verse of a God in the midst of Jerusalem with might, a God of salvation, love, and rejoicing in song?

Answer: Zephaniah in 3:17

Zephaniah 3:16 In that day it shall be said to **Jerusalem**, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. 17 The **LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.** 18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. 19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they

have been put to shame. 20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

2. Where are destruction and fulfillment contrasted?

Answer: Matthew 5:17 - Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am **not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

3. Who had several children in hopes that her husband would overcome his hatred for her and that he would eventually love her?

Answer: Leah. The names of her children carried meanings that indicated her hope that Jacob would eventually love her. She had become Jacob's wife as a result of deception when Jacob thought he was marrying Rachel. But she continued to try to win her husband's affection by bearing his sons.

(Gen 29:31-35) "And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. {32} And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben [*see, a son*]: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; **now therefore my husband will love me.** {33} And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because **the LORD hath heard that I was hated**, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon [*hearing*]. {34} And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, **Now this time will my husband be joined unto me**, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi [*joined*] {35} And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah [*praise*] and left bearing."

(Gen 30:17-21) "And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. {18} And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar [*an hire*] {19} And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. {20} And Leah said, God hath endued

me with a good dowry; **now will my husband dwell with me**, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun [*dwelling*] {21} And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah."

4. What "non-English" word was said as part of a healing of one who could not hear and also who could not talk plainly? And how is it translated?

Answer: "Ephphatha" which means "be opened".

(Mark 7:32-35) "And they bring unto him one that was **deaf, and had an impediment in his speech**; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. {33} And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; {34} And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, **Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.** {35} And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain."

(Of course Jesus did not speak "English", but this word is not translated into the English in KJV.)

5. For what reason were people sometimes carried in their beds and laid in the street?

Answer: For healing by Jesus

(Mark 6:53-56) "And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. {54} And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, {55} And **ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick**, where they heard he was. {56} And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, **they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.**"

Questionable Answer: So that Peter's shadow might come over them (with the hope of being healed). In this case **it is not said clearly that the sick were "carried on beds"**, but rather that they were laid on beds and couches after being "brought forth".

(Acts 5:14-16) "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) {15} Insomuch that **they brought forth the sick**

into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. {16} There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

Notice: No money was collected. There was no eighteen-wheel truck with Peter's name emblazoned as a healer, no paid advertising to draw a crowd. . . just the knowledge that there were others who had been genuinely healed, and a desire to receive the same. There's a difference in the healings of New Testament days and the publicity stunts of today.

6. What TOWN is associated with the ascension of Jesus?

Answer: Bethany

From Parson's Bible Atlas:

Bethany (Mount of Olives)[BETH-uh-nee; "house of unripe figs"] A village on the E slope of the Mount of Olives, notable as the hometown of Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Simon the Leper. Here Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, and near here, he ascended to heaven. Located about 2 miles (3 km) E of Jerusalem, at the site of the present-day village of al-Azariyeh, an Arabic derivation of the Latin, Lazarium.

(Acts 1:9-12) "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.** {10} And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; {11} Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. {12} Then **returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.**"

(Luke 24:50-53) "And **he led them out as far as to Bethany**, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. {51} And it came to pass, while he blessed them, **he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.** {52} And they

worshipped him, and **returned to Jerusalem** with great joy: {53} And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen."

You will notice that Jesus led the apostles OUT of Jerusalem to the town of Bethany. After he ascended, they RETURNED to the city of Jerusalem.

7. Name three activities, all listed in one verse, that will cause a person to be poor and not have anything but ragged clothing?

Answer: Drinking, gluttony and drowsiness (sleeping)

Proverbs 23:21 - For **the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.**

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Sister Jackie Hafer passed away at St. Thomas Hospital on Tuesday night. Her funeral was Friday in Manchester. Our deepest sympathy is expressed to her family members. Wayne Gannon's brother, Robert, passed away early last Sunday. His funeral was this past Wednesday. Our deep sympathy to Wayne and others in the family.

Kim Bryant, Junior's daughter is in Manchester Hospital with a large clot in a vein. They are trying to use blood thinners to dissolve it. Melissa Dickerson is still fighting MRSA . Jesse Dickerson has been sick but seems better. Remember sister Green's brothers, Arlin and Jerry Mesick who have cancer. William Miller at NHC (on dialysis), Laura Singleton (shut-in

For the record:	05/04	05/11	05/18	05/25
Bible Study	22	16	20	18
AM Worship	31	25	25	31
PM Worship	28	22	28	30
Wed. Bible Study	19	18	15	21
Contribution	\$725	\$551	\$660	\$766

at home). Donna Gordon had surgery on her foot Wednesday. Ann Conner is doing better getting used to her new knees, but she is still having eye problems. Lady Ruth Reed still needs our prayers.

We had a good time together in our fellowship meal last Sunday, but several were missing due to family sickness. Thanks to all who helped prepare for the meal.

We have had several visitors lately, some coming several miles to be here. We always are glad to have visitors, and all need to make them feel at home.

Notice about Communion Supplies

Important notice: with the proliferation of grape juice based beverages in the stores it is becoming more difficult for members to be assured that they are getting 100% grape juice rather than a less expensive mix of juices. To avoid any confusion and uncertainty, the church will be providing a stock of juice that can be depended on to be pure "fruit of the vine" for communion.

Some might think that it does not matter that much, but there is no difference in allowing regular leavened bread for the unleavened bread than to knowingly have something other than "fruit of the vine" on the Lord's table.

Assignments	June 1	June 8
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Steve Miller	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	Andy Miller
(outside)	Daniel Green	Wayne Gannon
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		