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# Preface

Pastor Rice is a USAF retired systems engineer turned Baptist Preacher who brings a fresh practical and Biblical look at what the Bible says. Weekly messages preached at Good Samaritan Baptist Church are condensed into



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*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;  
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns  
and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Colossians 3:16

## Msg #2201 A Three Day Rant

What The Bible Says

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The Holy Bible has 1,189 chapters, 31,101 verses, and if you read it through in 2022 you will average 3 ¼ chapters, 85 ¼ verses, per day and have read Genesis 1-11 before the first Monday sunset. My sweet wife and I did that aloud and, bless her heart, she listened to my “six-day creation” rant after every “*it was good ... the evening and morning were the X<sup>th</sup> day*”, my “anti-evolution” rant with every “*after his kind*” mention, and my “Ps.33:6 - all the hosts of heaven were created VERY GOOD and Lucifer was there!” rant at chapter-1 verse-31! And that was just in the first chapter, this went on for three days.

In 3:15, despite the listed order, the promised Messiah with a bruised heel would stomp Satan's head. On Sunday, reading four chapters we discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> dispensation wherein the first born man became the first first-degree murder. And then there was the half hour dissertation proving that “sons of God” did not produce giants, were not angels, and that it was most certainly Adam, Seth, and his eight offspring present when “*the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD.*” Further it happens now as it happened in Job 1:6 that “*Satan came also among them!*” Don't be a misguided Nephilim lover!

There was a rant about the “science-so-called” evolutionist who flatly deny the world flood. They can produce a genetically modified pig that has no Alpha-Gal protein, but they cannot genetically modify a dog into a Clydesdale horse, or a lizard into a bald eagle! Follow the science, indeed! The different languages did not evolve here, and Abram, his dad, and his gggg-grandfather Eber, all went to Noah's funeral. What an interesting three days, wish you coulda been here, ... without COVID.

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## Msg #2202 Worship At Calvary

What The Bible Says

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“Worship” first occurs in the Holy Bible in Genesis 22:5 and involved the sacrificial offering of an only begotten son. Previous the same Hebrew word was used when Abram “*bowed<07812> himself to the ground*” and then Lot “*bowed<07812> himself with his face toward the ground*” (Gen.18:2, 19:1), but here Abram purposely sets out to worship saying, “*I and the lad will go yonder and worship <07812>, and come again to you*” (22:5). Worship involved Faith in God, Obedience to God, Sacrifice, Cost, Fear of God, and a Physical Action. Further notice in this instance that the place of worship was specified and not of Abraham's choosing, it involved the whole family, and it involved, as an integral part, the sacrifice of his only begotten son. It behooves a believer to examine his worship, *bow himself to the ground* showing his submission and surrender, and be sure he includes these attributes of true worship.

In verse 14 the place of this worship, emphasized in verses 2, 3, and 9. is given the name, “Jehovah-jireh,” meaning “*In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*” Indeed it was seen. That place, where Abraham would have sacrificed his only begotten son, and God did sacrifice his only begotten Son, that place where David dropped off the head of his enemy Goliath (1Sam17:54) and God bruised the head of his enemy Satan (Gen.3:15), that mount that eroded off the backside of Mount Moriah and took on the shape of a skull, came to be called Golgotha. There they crucified the King of glory (Matt.27:33, Mrk.15:22, Jn. 19:17). Nineteen-hundred years after it was titled “*In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen,*” it was seen. Nineteen hundred years after it was seen, we worship there, ... at Calvary.

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## **Msg #2203 The Church, God's Camels?**

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The epic chapter describing how a bride is secured for Isaac, Abraham's only begotten son, mentions camels eighteen times. The curious Bible student would suppose camels might be a significant aspect of the quest for a bride for the Father's Son. Camels are unclean in that they don't chew their cud, but they do have a cloven hoof which cleans itself from the dirt and muck of this world, and is also ideally suited for desert terrain. Its ugly nose can close out sand but suck in the hot desert air. Its beautiful eyelashes filter dust when those huge eyes squint through storms of life. Exaggerated knees are stable in desert sands and made for kneeling. The hump(s) hold a passenger high above the desert floor, and its ability to go for days without water make it ideal for existence in desert wilderness.

The camels that carried the father's eldest servant across the desert on a quest for a bride for his only begotten son are easily likened to the churches that carry the Holy Ghost into this hostile world on such a quest. The oddities of the camel might be likened to the oddities of the church that thrives in a hostile world. The servant made the camels to kneel at the well where men seek living water. Both the Holy Ghost and the soul winning church are refreshed by willing recipients of So-Great-Salvation, just as Rebekah draws water for the servant and his camels.

Eager to be the bride, without delay Rebekah rides the camels across the desert, quite like the church is to carry the bride of Christ above this vile world. When Isaac announces, "The camels are coming," the bride lighted off the camel, and unites with the Bridegroom. Chapter close ... what an awesome parallel.

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**Msg #2203a Why 38 comes after 37, before 39**

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I am sure every Bible student has pondered, “Why does Genesis 38 come after 37 and before 39-50?” The answer pops right off the 38<sup>th</sup> page of John G. Butler's book “Joseph – The Patriarch of Character.” Joseph, as God's stupendous foreshadow of our Lord Jesus Christ, is set in harsh contrast to the very seed-line of the Messiah found in Judah. The first-Adam, seen in the blundering, sin-filled, first-born-NOT, connivings of the generations of Jacob (Gen 37:2) through Judah, is thereby set in stark contrast to the Second-Adam, the Messiah, played by the character of Joseph. He was rejected by Israel, played here by the 10 sons of Jacob, rejected by the world, played here by Egypt, overcame all temptations, played here by Joseph vs Potiphar's wife, went through cruel trial and death, played here by a prison stint, but was resurrected to be the Saviour of the world, played here by Joseph's saving Egypt from famine, and eventually being the Saviour and Redeemer of Israel, played here by Israel himself. Shallow commentators think Joseph a portrayal of Christ only because he forgave his brothers! Shallow indeed.

Genesis 38 depicts the seed-line of Messiah through the fourth-born of Jacob (1Chron.5:1-3a, Gen.49:3-8), Judah, who took a Cannanite wife. Judah's firstborn was wicked enough to be killed outright by God, his second-born blatantly rejected the seed-line responsibility altogether and was slain by God, and his third-born was reserved, kinda like a remnant might be. Then Judah himself fathers his own grandson? Who would likewise be a fourth-born? But was still in the seed-line of Christ, despite an ongoing “scarlet thread” struggle for a first-born position? Tamar's travail might even depict a coming Great Tribulation. This chapter is now marvelous to behold, and marvelously fits right between 37 and 39-50! God's chapter 38 and Butler's page 38 nailed it.

A Second Essay for week #3 - Jan 16, 2022

## **Msg #2203b Chickens Come Home to Roost beta**

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In -passing, John G. Butler's book "Joseph – A Patriarch of Character" draws from a quick character study of Joseph's father, Jacob, the Bible principle, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal.6:7). From the womb Jacob was a "heel grabber," trickster, deceiver, supplanter and liar. He tricked his older brother, deceived and lied to his own father, hoodwinked his father-in-law about how all those cattle came out ringstraked and spotted (he added those ringstrakes and spots with skin dyes from sapling bark), and then lied to his wives about how God gave him a vision about ringstraked and spotted cattle breeding better! His life is an ongoing saga that illustrates that chickens always come home to roost. When Jacob wrestled with a man at the river, seeking a blessing, the man asked the same thing his father had asked him previously, "What is your name?" Although the reaping principle was somewhat fulfilled when Laben deceived him with Leah in Rachel's stead, the ultimate lesson of sowing and reaping comes in the close Jacobs life. Just like Jacob lied to his father, Isaac, about Isaac's favorite son, Esau, Jacob's sons lied to him about his favorite son, Joseph. Just like Jacob used Esau's raiment to deceive his father, his sons used Joseph's raiment to deceive him. Just like Jacob spilled the blood of a kid of the goats to crown his deception, his sons use the blood of a kid of the goats to crown theirs. Just like Jacob's deception took his father to the edge of his grave, his sons deception kept him mourning to the edge of his. Generally, one reaps more than they sow. God is good, God is Just, and whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap.

A Third Essay for week #3 - Jan 16, 2022

## Msg #2204 Chickens Come Home to Roost

What The Bible Says

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Jacob's name change was dramatic. Abram's and Sarai's were positional, Paul's for his conversion, but Jacob had, and needed, a major change in his character. He illustrates the Bible principle, "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (Gal.6:7). From the womb Jacob was a "heel grabber," trickster, deceiver, supplanter and liar. He tricked his older brother, deceived and lied to his own father, hoodwinked his father-in-law about how all those cattle came out ringstraked and spotted (he added those ringstrakes and spots with skin dyes from sapling bark), and then lied to his wives about how God gave him a vision about ringstraked and spotted cattle breeding better! When Jacob wrestled with a man at the river, seeking a blessing, the man asked the same thing his father had asked him 20 years previous, "What is your name?" This time Jacob got it right. Although the reaping principle showed itself when Laben deceived him, the ultimate lesson of sowing and reaping comes in the close Jacob's life. Just like Jacob lied to his father about his favorite son, Esau, Jacob's sons lied to him about his favorite son, Joseph. Just like Jacob used Esau's raiment to deceive his father, his sons used Joseph's raiment to deceive him. Just like Jacob spilled the blood of a kid of the goats to crown his deception, his sons use the blood of a kid of the goats to crown theirs. Just like Jacob's deception took his father to the edge of his grave, his sons deception kept him mourning to the edge of his. Watch the use of his old name in lieu of his new name in all the rest of the book; it is insightful. Whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap.

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## **Msg #2205 Jude the Brother of James**

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The same year that Peter wrote, “Shortly I must put off this tabernacle,” and Paul wrote, “I have finished my course,” Jude details the coming apostasy and exhorts us to “earnestly contend for the faith.” Apostasy is abandonment, desertion, and departure from Bible truth: any church that would open their pulpit to a priest, a woman, or a sodomite is apostate. There go all catholics, protestants, and inclusive charismatics. Ungodly men crept in unawares turn grace to lasciviousness (see dictionary), deny their Creator, and deny his Only Begotten. They will meet the same end as the unbelievers of the mixed multitude of Exodus, the fallen angels in darkness (Matt.25:41) and the sodomites going after strange flesh. These filthy dreamers suppose they are more noble than Michael the archangel, but are vile and corrupt to the core. They mirror religious but wrong Cain (baby baptizers), Balaam trying to curse Israel for gain, and/or Core thinking he can do a better job than the man of God. They are diseased leperous spots, empty clouds, twice dead trees, and raging waves. While their modernist ecumenical scholars pour through Alexandrian libraries looking for a Septuagint book of Enoch, they completely miss the miraculous prophecy that the 7th from Adam knew, “Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all...” John was to write that more clearly thirty years after Jude set down his pen! (Rev.19) Close your reformed catholic ecumenical bibles and commentaries, open your authorized Bible and reread Jude. Mockers and apostate churches abound, separate from them, memorize John 3:16-18,36,5:24 and the Roman-Road and be a soul winner with compassion, or just one who knows the terror of the Lord, but be a soul winner! He will keep you from falling, and He is coming soon.

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## **Msg #2206 Rampant Herd Mentality**

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It has been said, “If I could see God, then I would believe.” Actually twelve tribes of Hebrews, in a million man march, did see God Almighty, and yet within the year, they fashioned a graven image, and worshiped it as their god. They literally saw all of God's ten commandments, written by him on two tables of stone, dashed to the ground and broken.

Copies were made, and so were copies of copies of copies of copies, but ecumenical modernist “scholars” tell us the copies are not the words of God! And so “Christendom” slides off into perdition clutching their NIV, ASV, ESV et al. copyright “Not Inspired” copies, believing every evolutionary theory and being “inclusive” to every moral degeneracy. People are quite like a herd of cattle following along and lowing in unison. It is sad and sobering how herd mentality overtakes people. Whether it be masks and shots, towers reaching heaven and graven images or modernist bibles. Satan knows how to leverage herd mentality, and make otherwise thinking people believe and follow a lie. Now and again one breaks from the herd and discovers the truth. The world hates these non-conformists, especially when they stand on a soap-box and cry, “The emperor has no clothes!”

God always has a remnant. It saddens me to pass a family walking down the street in God's fresh air (Upstate-NY) wrestling to keep their kids in face masks. *“And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger”* (Jud.2:12). It rejoices me to know the Truth, and to have accepted him as my Lord and Saviour. People need the Lord.

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## **Msg #2207 Valentine Condolences**

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Happy Valentine's Day and my sincere condolences on the loss of your significant other. The upcoming spring time begins with Valentine's Day and rich memories, or sincere pursuits, of being in love, being significant to someone, and being secure in that relationship. God created man in his image and likeness with a deep seated passion for those three. We are designed to love and to be loved, to give significance to someone and be significant to someone. We have peace and joy in our lives when we have genuine physical, emotional, and spiritual security in such a relationship. When our love, or our significance, or our security is shaken, unstable, or broken it cuts to the very core of our being. When you buried your loved one, when "till death do us part" parted, you were crushed, and broken and deprived temporarily of all of those core essentials of life.

I write on this threshold of spring time so that you and others will know and muse, in deep thought, close attention and contemplation about what you buried. But I write also to assure you that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ loves you with a selfless, everlasting love. Although you are but a spec in humanity which is but a spec in his universe you are so very significant to the Creator's only begotten Son. In his love and in his significance he has made the promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." What you buried in this short life time is but a frail taste of what our Lord holds out to us in every day, for all eternity. Real joy and everlasting peace comes when we reciprocate his love, his significance, and his security. Happy Valentine's Day.

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## **Msg #2208 Living the New Nature**

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It is remarkably easy and certainly insightful to list out a dozen failures Israel had under a conditional covenant. A preacher once told me, “Thank God I wasn't grafted into that branch!” In Christ we have an unconditional covenant: saved by grace through faith, not of works, quickened and sealed by the indwelling Holy Ghost. Israel's failures can still provide some on-point lessons for us.

When Israel was trapped between the Red sea and the advancing Egyptians they doubted God (Exod.14:10-12). When God surrounds us with closed doors we should do what God told them, “Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD” (vr.13). Closed doors can change our direction, change our will, deal with others, and magnify God ... if we'd stand still long enough. At Marah's bitter water they murmured (15:24). As on Calvary, God used a tree to make the bitter, sweet. He also made a state-law (statute) and an authoritative rule (ordinance) about murmuring; all this was to “prove them” (vr.25). But in Sin they murmured again, for hunger this time. God gave manna from heaven, but then they kept manna overnight, and looked for it on the Sabbath day (16:2-4, 19-20, 23). Then at a rest stop called Rephidim they again thirsted and this time chided! (17:1-2).

At Sinai all ten commandments were broken with wrong worship done with wrong motive, wrong methods, wrong message, wrong music, and wrong morals! (Exod.32). After Sinai they complained until they kindled God's anger (Num.11:1-2), then remembered flesh pots, fell a lusting, and complained about manna (vr.4-6). God gave them meat till they puked (vr.31-34). Alas, at Kadeshbarnea they refused to trust the LORD their God (Num.13-14). Our old nature is ugly and loathsome: be sure you are living in a new one. Praise His Holy Name.

An Essay for week #8 - Feb 20, 2022

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## Msg #2209 Satan's Holding Device

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A vice is “A holding device attached to a workbench with two jaws to hold a workpiece firmly in place;” it is also a “moral weakness;” it is also “a specific form of evildoing.” Honest Christians understand how Satan uses the jaws of these holding devices to attach a person to his workbench and keep them in bondage with a moral weakness via a specific form of evildoing. Many Christians have rationalized away their vice, or their children's vice, and pacified the addiction supposing, “It is not that bad.” In my twenty-three years in the military I classified five of Satan's most powerful holding devices with the acronym, WWW.DG: Wine, Women, Weed, Drugs, and Gambling. Our government now sanctions and approves each of these vices. It seems our society has added a couple more through the internet. Let's address the third W that is now accepted because of a vaping craze.

I do not here speak against a Christian vaping because it may be harmful to health, or costly, or fulfilling the lust of the carnal flesh, although those deserves consideration. I reprove a Christian for vaping because it is a SIN; it is a vice; it is a fulfilling of the unfruitful works of darkness. The Bible says, “*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them*” (Eph 5:11). For a Christian vaping is sucking exotic, mind altering, euphoric, addictive chemicals into the temple of God. The Bible says, “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*” (1Cor.6:19-20). John 8:31-32 can get you free from Satan's vice.

An Essay for week #9 - Feb 27, 2022

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**Msg #2209a Satan's Hold is Broken Song**

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**I'm So Glad Jesus Set Me Free!**

Chorus

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set me Free!

V1

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus set me free!

V2

I'm on my way to heaven, shouting victory.

I'm on my way to heaven, Satan leave me be!

I'm on my way to heaven, Come and go with me.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set me Free!

V3

I read my Bible daily, so Jesus I can see.

I pray to my dear Saviour, this world I want to flee.

I gather with believers, like Him I want to be.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set me Free!

Chorus

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set

## Msg #2210 Wine Women Weed Drugs & Gambling

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Proverbs 31 gives a king's word about women, wine, work and a wife. It is the “thus saith the Lord” prophecies that his mother taught him and it brings light on the first two “W”s of the five vices we exposed last week, wine and women (from acronym WWW.DG). King Lemuel writes “*Give not they strength unto women, nor they ways to that which destroyeth kings*”(Prov.31:3).

Solomon already described “the simple ones... void of understanding” who are seduced by the harlot, “yea many strong men have been slain by her... Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (Prov.7:1-27).

The Bible word “*fornication*” expresses illicit sex, or any sin which is “*foreign*” to God's plan for human sexuality. Our society now wallows in all such vile foreign use of sex. In the New Testament *fornication* is translated from the Greek word “*porneia*” which ties straight to today's common sin of pornography. It is foreign to sexual purity, it is fornication.

A vice latches onto ones life before they know what is happening. A Christian is without excuse, God's word gives ample warning about all five WWW.DG vices. What modernist preachers say about a little wine is a lie; read what King Lemuel says in Prov.31:4-7. Know that God says, “*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. ... Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder*” (Prov.20:1, 23:31-32). God calls for abstinence.

Locked in Satan's vice people say, “I can quit anytime!” They can't. Only the Truth, in person, can set a Christian free from vice (Joh.8:31-32).

An Essay for week #10 - Mar 6, 2022

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## Msg #2211 A Christian Set Free

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When a soul is converted, justified, indwelt, quickened and baptized into Christ, they are saved from the penalty of sin. They are also saved from the power of sin, and will one day be saved from the very presence of sin. In the mean time Satan knows how to use a vice and hold man in bondage to sin. Jesus said, *“I am the Truth... And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (Joh.14:6, 8:32). On the subject of bondage he went on to say, *“Verily, Verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin”* (8:34). A born again believer has no business being in that bondage when they have the key that “opens prison doors, sets the captives free.” We have exposed Wine, Women, and Weed as vices that can hold a Christian on Satan's workbench and inhibit their growth. They are part of Satan's memorable vice pack – WWW.DG. Our government is today promoting and exploiting the vices of drugs and gambling. All vices start out small but not innocently. Hard drug addiction, at epidemic levels, amply illustrates the completely destructive nature of any vice. Don't suppose a promise to tithe on lotto winnings justifies a gambling sin (Prov.20:21). Again let the scripture be reiterated, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ... What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”* (Joh.8:34, 1Cor.6:19-20). You can be free of Satan's vice and become a minister of reconciliation (2Cor.5:17-19).

An Essay for week #11 - Mar 13, 2022

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## **Msg #2212 Saints at Phillipi Rejoicing**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When the Apostle Paul writes a letter of encouragement to close friends and co-laborers in Christ, it promotes genuine rejoicing. Nineteen percent of New Testament joy and rejoicing is found in his letter to the saints of Phillipi. Paul remembered how the Holy Ghost forbade his going to Asia and sent him to Phillipi, he remembered Lydia's salvation testimony, and the Phillipian jailer who framed up the children's song, "Acts sixteen, verse thirty-one, tells you just what must be done ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (3x) and thou shalt be saved!" For good reason Paul's remembrance and prayer for them was made with joy (1:3-4). The gospel bound him to these saints at Phillipi and he lists four distinct ways it did. First is the fellowship they had in the gospel, "from the first day until now" (vr.5). Fellowship comes with a common bond, a common goal, and a common effort. The richest, most Biblical fellowship comes from a shared gospel preaching goal and calling. Next, Paul has great confidence in that gospel which he expresses in the continuation of his sentence (vr.6). Then he makes this a run on sentence when he adds the jail time associated with the gospel, the defence of that gospel, and the confirmation of the good news of the gospel (vr.7). In short, and in introduction, the rejoicing that a believer has is all wrapped up in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In 1828 Noah Wedster defined joy as, "the passion excited by acquisition or expectation of good," and its verb, rejoice, as "experiencing joy in a high degree." Remembering ones salvation, meditating in the simple gospel that was received, and looking to where that gospel message will take them, is indeed "an acquisition and expectation of good." Rejoice evermore.

An Essay for week #12 - Mar 20, 2022

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## Msg #2213 Abound More and More

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Paul, teaching the Philippians about joy and rejoicing, records, "I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." In the most interior part of Christ is his seat of pity and kindness. That is where Paul was coming from with his tenderness and his compassion. Longing after people from the bowels of Jesus Christ would cause love to abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. Love abounding in knowledge comes from the three 'R's, Reading, Reading, and Rereading. It is sad when one does not know how to read, sadder when they know how but don't. Ban TV, video, and internet until you can read three chapters and a psalm/proverb every day of the year. That would get the Bible read in a year and Psalms & Proverbs read twice. Read out loud... read with someone else... be accountable. Abound more and more in knowledge.

Satan, the world, and your neighbor will tell you, "Don't judge!" But your Bible tells you to abound more and more in judgment. Why? 1) to approve things that are excellent; 2) to be sincere; and 3) to be without fault. (Phil.1:10). Righteousness is the quality of ALWAYS being right. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the praise and glory of God would certainly start with the fruits of the Spirit from Gal.5:22. Three installed, LJP, three for others LGG, and three instilled FMT. That fruit needs to be sown (James 3:18, 2Cor.9:9-10), branches need purged (Jn.15:2), and sometimes we need chastened (Heb.12:11). *"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;... Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."* (Phil.1:9, 11).

An Essay for week #13 - Mar 27, 2022

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## **Msg #2214 Rejoice in Gospel Preaching**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Lets suppose that anyone with some level of reading comprehension might read two sentences of Philippians 1:12-18 and understand, and even list, seven ways the gospel goes out because of the “things” that happened to the imprisoned Apostle Paul. Now, lets suppose that those who have been gloriously touched by that Gospel, been justified, indwelt, and quickened by its power could comprehend and explain with Bible verses five crucial ingredients to that life changing gospel: 1) All have sinned and all are condemned; 2) One cannot save themselves, no works will do it; 3) Christ died FOR us; 4) Salvation is a gift, and 5) One must pray and ask to receive that gift (Jn.3:16-18,36, 5:24, Rom.5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10). Next, a reasonable Bible student, who knows to be a minister of reconciliation, because old things are passed away and behold all things are become new, could list Paul's three reasons why we labor in that ministry: 1) We must all appear and give answer; 2) We know the terror of the Lord, (Where their worm dieth no and the fire is not quenched); and 3) The love of Christ constraineth us (2Cor.5:9-21). I don't mean to be cynical here but now take the “things” which happened in life, and list out seven ways they “have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.” When my list comes up a little short, I'll suppose I am not being a diligent minister of reconciliation, nor effectively fulfilling my Lord's commission, “As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you” (Jn.20:21 cf. Acts20:21). Paul emphasizes to the Philippians that the spread of the gospel is what causes the greatest rejoicing in a Christian's life. This year we might continue to focus on John20:21 but also include John 20:22.

An Essay for week #14 - Apr 3, 2022

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**Msg #2215 Before Easter**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

It would be remiss for a Christian to walk through this week of Christ's passion without examining the events of each day. Events begin in Bethany six days before Passover as detailed in John 12. In their Sabbath day's "holy convocation" the chief priests consulted (vr.10-11) ... Oh how they hated the Son of God. On Palm Sunday the multitude cried "Hosanna to the son of David," but as they heralded him as Messiah and King they only considered him "Jesus the prophet of Nazareth." Many do that today.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month the Passover lamb was separated from the flock and examined until the 14<sup>th</sup>, when it was slain (Exod 12). Our Passover Lamb was "separated from the flock" in that triumphal entry on Palm Sunday (Mt.21, Mrk.11, Lu.19, Jn.12). He entered the temple and overthrew the tables of money changers (Mt.21:12). After cursing a fig tree on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, he was back in the temple teaching early in the morning and he again cast out the money changers (Mrk.11:12-15). On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, early, Peter notices the cursed tree, and Jesus teaches them, "Have faith in God" (Mrk.11:20-22). "He taught daily in the temple" during this three day examination of the Passover Lamb (Lu.19:47, 22:53), and on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, he washed feet, initiated the Lord's Supper, and prayed in the garden. On Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib, that fickle and impassioned multitude cried, "Let him be crucified" (Mt.27:22). Its important that one understand all that was in the week of his passion. The day of his resurrection shines so much brighter when we know how and why he died. In an Easter Sunrise service we will begin a Resurrection celebration, but we dare not miss these accounts that led up to his resurrection.

An Essay for week #15 - Apr 10, 2022

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**The Seven Days Before Christ's Arrest, 48 recorded events.**

	<i>Events</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
101	Discourse on Divorce		Thr 7 <sup>th</sup>	19:2-12	10:2-12		
105	Parable of vineyard laborers	Shilo?	Thr 7 Abib	20:1-16			
106	Foretold death and resurr.		Thr 7 <sup>th</sup>	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	
107	James and Johns Ambitions		Thr 7 <sup>th</sup>	20:20-28	10:35-45		
108	Healing 2 blind men	Jericho	Thr 7 <sup>th</sup>	20:29-34	10:46-82	18:35-43	
109	Zaccheus the publican		Thr 7 <sup>th</sup>			19:1-10	
110	Parable of pounds		Fri 8 Abib			19:11-28	
111	Jesus arrives at Bethany	Bethany	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>				12:1
112	Anointing by Mary		Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	26:6-13	14:3-9		12:2-9
112b	Plot to kill Jesus & Lazarus		Sat 9 Abib				12:10-11
113	Triumphal Entry		Sun 10 Abib	21:1-11	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19
113a	Cleansing temple	Jerusalem	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	21:12-17	11:15-19	19:45-48	
114	Cursing the barren fig tree	Mt Olives	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	21:18-19	11:12-14		
115	Cleansing temple	Jerusalem	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	21:12-17	11:15-19	19:45-48	
116	Fig tree withered, in and out	Mt Olives	Tue 12 Abib	21:20-22	11:20-26	(21:37-38)	
117	Christ's Authority Questioned	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
118	Parable of 2 sons	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	21:28-32			
119	Para of wicked husbandman	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19	
120	Para-Marriage of kings son	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	22:1-14			
121	Question of tribute	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	
122	Sadusees ? Resurrection	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
123	Lawyer ? great command	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	22:34-40	12:28-34		
124	What think ye of Christ	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
125	Woes to Scribes	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	23:1-36	12:38-40	20:45-47	
126	Lamentation over Jerusalem	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	23:37-39			
127	Widows mite	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>		12:41-44	21:3-4	
128	Greeks Seek Jesus	Temple	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>				12:20-50
129	Prophecy of end of world	Mt Olives	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	24:1-51	13:1-37	21:5-36	
130	Parable of 10 Virgins	Me Olives	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	25:1-13			
131	Parable of Talents	Mt Olives	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	25:14-30:			
132	Last Judgment	Mt Olives	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	25:31-46			
133	Plotting of Rulers w Judas	Jerusalem	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	26:1-5,14-16	14:1-2,10-11	22:1-6	
134	Jesus in retirement???	Bethany???	Added to	fit good fri	into errant	tradition!	
135	Preparation for Passover	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	22:7-13
136	Arrival at upper room	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:20	14:17	22:14	
137	Strife for prominence	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>			22:24-30	
138	Washing Feet	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>				13:1-20
139	Paschal Supper	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>			22:15-18	
140	Betrayer declared	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:21-35
141	Lords Supper Instituted	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:19-20	1Cor11:23-5
142	Peter's fall foretold	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>			22:31-38	13:36-38
143	Farewell Discourse	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>				14:-16

	<i>Events</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
144	Prayer of Jesus	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>				17:1-26
145	Jesus and Peters confidence	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:30-35	14:26-31	22:39	18:1-3
146	Garden Gethsemane	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:40-46	
147	The Betrayal	Jerusalem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	26:47-50	14:43-45	22:47,48	18:4-9
148	The Arrest	Jerusalem	Midnight	26:50-56	14:46-52	22:49-53	18:10-12

## An Easter Sunrise Service

Hymns From “*Soul Stirring Songs & Hymns*” Sword of the Lord Publishers, 1972  
 Scriptures from The Word of God, The Holy Bible, The Authorized Version, 1611

Early Morning Meeting On The Shores of Seneca Lake NY

Trumpet Solo Opening “Christ Arose”

Opening Prayer:

Hymn #29 (key of C) At The Cross

Scripture Reading John 19:18-42

Hymn #30 (key of C) Nothing But The Blood

Scripture Reading John 3:16-18, 36

Prayer:

Hymn #31 (key of E) He Lives

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-8

Hymn #33 (key of C) Christ The Lord is Risen

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-9

Hymn #34 (key of G) I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12

Hymn #36 (key of G) Christ Arose

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Prayer:

Hymn #37 (key of C) There'll Be No Dark Valley

Scripture Reading 1Thes 4:13-18

Hymn #38 (key of ??) Hallelujah We Shall Rise

Scripture Reading 1Cor 15:50-58

Prayer:

Dismiss for break-fast break before Worship Service

## **Msg #2216 The Resurrection Sunday Calendar**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Christ, our Passover Lamb, arose from the dead on the Sunday after the Jewish Passover. The crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ was on Passover, which that year fell on a Thursday. Catholics are deceived about a Good Friday crucifixion because they suppose that all Sabbath Days are on Saturday. Also, Zealots trying to force-fit 72 hours into a sepulcher refuse to count accurately "six days before the Passover" and Cleopas' "today is the third day since these things were done" (Jn.12, Lu.24). They close their Bibles and build fancy deceitful charts and calendars, but the Passover on which Jesus died was on the 14th of Abib (Ex.13:4,23:15,39:18, Deut.16:1) (Called Nisan by modernists). God's days of the week start with the "evening and the morning" (Gen.1:5,8,13,19,23,31), so at sunset on the 13th the Passover began, and on sunset of the 14th "a high Sabbath day" began (Jn.19:31, Lev.23:4-8), marking the first day of the feast of unleavened bread (Ex.12:17, 23:15, 34:18, Le.23:6).

Six days before Passover is the 8<sup>th</sup> of Abib and it was a Friday (Jn.12). On the 10th of Abib the lamb was chosen (Exod.12:3). Our Passover Lamb was chosen in a triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, the 10th of Abib, and the next Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, was Resurrection Sunday. It was three days since the crucifixion was done (Lk.24:20-21). Do the math, keep your Bible open, don't let the deceivers with fancy charts and alternate agendas deceive. Hallow a Wednesday night Lord's Supper and worship knowledgably on both Sundays. Incidentally, Roman sun worshipers once had a holy day for solar vernal equinox but the Roman pagan holy-day, Easter, was "born-again" when they mandated it to be the Sunday after the Jewish Passover, deemed Resurrection Day. So please don't cut off your neighbor's head if he calls Christ's Resurrection Day "Easter."

An Essay for week #16 - Apr 17, 2022

Brother Reese, Thanks for writing. Christ was in the "heart of the earth" at his death in the 9th hour on Thursday the 14th of Abib and was thus there Thursday, Friday and Saturday which fulfills the sign of Jonas the prophet. Those that insist on a full 72 hours in the tomb have to twist, explain away, and tiptoe around too many scriptures for their theories to be supported. I love them, but cannot agree with them. God Bless your studies. Pastor Ed Rice 4/21/2022

## Msg #2217 Your Cross-Eyed-Bear

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

You can choose to live in Philippians 1:21, “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain ...*”, or in Philippians 2:21, “*For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s ...*”, but you cannot live in both. Choose wisely, grasshopper. The imprisoned Apostle Paul was teaching the Philippians how to rejoice in adversity when the subject came up. He was rejoicing because the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was being preached on every hand because of his trial (1:18), and now he revels in the real meaning and purpose of his life, ... and death.

I have sketched a little cartoon of a cross-eyed-bear in the margin of my Bible at chapter 2 verse 8, “*And being found in fashion as a man, (Christ) humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*” The little bear cross references me to two more bears in Matthew, two in Mark, and two in Luke, all being scriptures speaking things like, “*Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple*” (Luke 14:27, the other five Gospel reference are easily found by a ready Bible student, but the sketch of a cross-eyed-bear should be done in pencil until one gets the cartoon perfected). I've sketched three cross-eyed-bears in Paul's letter to the Galatians, and the whole tenor<sup>1</sup> of his references there, and here in Philippians, is captured in Galatians 2:20, “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*” So, where are you living, ... and where are you dying?

An Essay for week #17 - Apr 24, 2022

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<sup>1</sup> A “tenor” is not just an adult male that sings pretty high, it is “a settled, prevailing habitual course of a person's life, and the general meaning or substance of an utterance.” (via Antony Lewis's WordWeb 8, Princeton University, 2015).

## Msg #2218 Becoming Gospel Truth

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the closing verses of Paul's first chapter to the Philippians he drives home that “for me to live is Christ, and for you to live is the gospel.” In verse 25 he is confident that he would hang around for their abundant rejoicing in Jesus Christ, and in verse 27 he exhorts, “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ.” Noah Webster, in 1828, says your “*conversation*” is “your general course or manner, your general deportment, especially as it concerns your morals.” For your conversation to “*become*” the gospel of Christ, he says it will need to “pass from one state or condition to another by a change, by receiving new properties or qualities of character.”

In this day I will see someone and immediately talk about the weather. “Lord, help me to let that small talk become the gospel.” ... Lord knows how. Tomorrow someone will want to talk about how bad it is getting in this world; “Lord, help that conversation to become the gospel.” ... This nation will face the judgment of a Righteous Judge, so will you and I, but Praise the Lord we don't have to be under condemnation because of John 5:24! I'll talk about the war in Ukraine. “Lord, help me to bring up the *wars and rumors of wars* that proceed your 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, and how essential it is to personally know the Judge of all the Earth before you get here.”

This week someone will talk to me about Roe v. Wade and, Praise the Lord, I know someone who can forgive every sin of my life, and save from all condemnation, if one just ask him! “Lord, help me to turn every conversation into the gospel of Christ this week.” The Lord knows how.

An Essay for week #18 - May 1, 2022

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## Msg #2219 What My Son?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Proverbs 31, where so many Mother's Day messages come from, has an overlooked verse with three questions. “*What my son?*” emphasizes a mother's love and motherly concerns. Genesis 1:26 captures that the man, made in both the image and likeness of God, was made to have dominion. He was commanded what fruit not to eat and he named all the animals. Verse 27 captures that both male and female were in the image of God, i.e. having body, soul, and spirit. (The spirit of man knows God consciousness; the soul knows self-consciousness, emotions, desires, and affections; the body is the seat of the senses bringing world consciousness, it is separable from soul and spirit, susceptible to death, and is the seat of the fallen Adamic nature.) Male and Female have all that, but the woman was not made for dominion. She was made for being a “help meet” (2:18), or an appropriate help. Only moms can provide the tender, selfless, love required to raise a child.

“*What the son of my womb?*” emphasizes a mothers body. Every part is different; the chromosome package changed, every organ is designed for sustaining a child's life. The hormone package was completely revamped and refined for mothering. Gone is the testosterone laden, hairy, domineering, competitive, aggressive male hormone package. There are some queer things in this world, but there is no biological transgending. A woman's body was designed by God for a specific role.

“*What the son of my vows?*” emphasizes a mother's marriage. The “till death do us part” vow provides a security that is essential to a woman and absolutely essential to a home rearing her children. Homes operating without it are unstable and dysfunctional. Bible principles bear up each of these mothering qualities, and the mom pursuing them is blessed indeed.

An Essay for week #19 - May 8, 2022

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## **Msg #2220 How To Love Your Neighbor**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

As Pastor of Good Samaritan it is my privilege to give an annual report on Jesus' parable recorded in Luke 10. An antagonist lawyer there asked him to “cut to the quick” and tell what is the main thing!<sup>2</sup> Our lawyer in verse 25 is not the shyster we often know lawyers as today. I could tell some lawyer jokes here that are divisive and not at all in keeping with the intent of Jesus' parable, but this lawyer was a Hebrew Levite, with a doctorate in the Law of God and he answers his own question, “What shall I DO to inherit eternal life?” Jesus verifies his correct answer, and so do you and I when we sing Psalm 19:7, 10, 11. This lawyer displays two embedded flaws common to man, he wants to DO something to inherit eternal life, and he is willing to justify himself.

As a preacher of the gospel who tries to “use great plainness of speech” (2Cor.3:12) it is curious that Jesus left this lawyer stumbling around the idea that he could successfully DO something to inherit eternal life. When God leaves a person fumbling around in their own ignorance he likely knows what he is doing. Myself, I would have handled the lawyer differently. That is why I try not to work by myself. In five places we are commissioned to preach the gospel to every creature (Mat.28:19, Mrk.16:15, Lu.24:46-48, Jn.20:21, and Acts 1:8); three solid reasons are given to preach it (2Cor.5:10, 11, 14, 17-18); and Paul rejoiced that the Philippians' “conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ” (Phil.1:27). If you will fulfill “love thy neighbor as thyself” you will have to preach the gospel to your neighbor. Lets be about the Father's business this week.

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<sup>2</sup> (It is important to regularly stop and make sure we are keeping the main thing the main thing; Dr. Luke is making that a point of his 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. In verse 20 Jesus points it out for 70 emboldened preachers, in verse 42 for Martha fussing about her sister.)

## Msg #2221 Consolation in Christ

What The Bible Says

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After giving a five point introduction on rejoicing in the gospel, Paul gives the Philippians a five point “if-then” condition to consider. The 'if's in 2:1 are, “*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, 2) if any comfort of love, 3) if any fellowship of the Spirit, 4 & 5) if any bowels and mercies, ...*” These all have to do with the function and role of the Holy Ghost. A good *pneumatology* book states, “When Jesus summarizes a subject, there is no better summary. The one in John 16:7-13 plants the seeds for understanding the person of the Holy Ghost, the purpose of the Holy Ghost, and the methods of the Holy Ghost. This is announced by Christ as a new role for the Holy Spirit of God, a role not seen in the Old Testament.”

The Holy Ghost is not the manifestation of God, Christ is; He does not document truth, the Bible does; He does not unite divergent doctrines, He separates us from them; He is not a “parakeet”, He is a person of the Trinity, and a “Comforter.” On all that Paul stacks up five redundant “if” statements. A 'consolation' is an alleviation of distress of mind as it abates evil; consolation supports and strengthens the mind with hope, joy, courage, and the like. In Luke 2 Simeon “*waited for the **consolation** of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him*” (vr.25). Today believers have the Holy Ghost **within** them, and out of their “bowels” flows consolation, comfort, fellowship, and mercies. Philippians 2:1 is a full compendium of that. Don't let some misguided charismatic steal that sound doctrine away and entangle you in apostasy. Our Comforter leads into all truth. God blesses a study in *pneumatology*, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit of God.

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## **Msg #2222 Lives Were Given to Fight Evil**

What The Bible Says

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There can be no memorial without first a great sacrifice. As a free people and great nation we memorialize those who gave their lives to purchase our freedoms. Those lives were sacrificed in an all out fight against evil: against tyrannical control in a Revolutionary War, against depraved discord in a Civil War, against a depraved evolutionary concept of a superior race in two world wars, against Godless Socialist Communism in Nam and Korea, and against a geopolitical religious Islam and its ISIS attempt for a world takeover in the Middle East. Make no mistake, each of these depraved evils that lurk in the vile heart of man are still vying for a complete takeover of the free world; the grotesque conflict with smell of war and tyranny is daily present.

God clarifies that these evil forces contend because the wickedness of man is great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart are only evil continually (Gen 6:5). A K-thru-12 grounding in Godless evolution and a 24-7 access to video games promoting the bloody slaughter of innocence results in an inconceivable slaughter in Texas. The same education promoting survival of the fittest and denying that God CREATED all men equal, condones a superior-race slaughter in Buffalo. A communist horde drives toward Europe. Islam Jihadists plot the annihilation of God's nation Israel. A party holding sway over all media and big tech overthrows an election, opens our borders, shuts down our oil industry, inflates our economy, ... tyranny is alive and fighting to completely overthrow free-market capitalism.

God reveals how these things will end. The Righteous Judge of all the earth will soon return. Make your Memorial Day a day of enlightenment, as well as memorial. Keep up the fight. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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**Msg #2223 Christ Incarnate**

What The Bible Says

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The first sentence of Hebrews resonates with one in Philippians 2:5-8 to reveal more about our Lord Jesus Christ in two sentences than can be fully comprehended by mere finite minds. God's Word does that on occasion; that is why genuine Christians are commanded to meditate on God's word day and night. Catholics with their "orthodox view" suppose that Jesus had a very complex "split-personality" whereby he was sometimes God and sometimes human. Modernist "scholars" take the Greek word for "to make void" and develop extravagant theories about "*kenosis*": vain and dangerous theories that Jesus "emptied himself" of all divine attributes (even as they translate it in modernist ecumenical copyright bibles). But as for Agur, the son of Jakeh, and I, more brutish than these sophisticated theological scholars, it is enough to know that Jesus was as much man as if he were not God, and Christ was as much God as if he were not man. Thus Jesus Christ was man enough to go forty days into the wilderness; but God enough to emerge victorious; man enough to attend a wedding, but God enough to create new-wine; man enough to be thirsty in Samaria, but God enough to offer living water; man enough to have compassion on lepers, but God enough to heal them; man enough to fall asleep in a boat, but God enough to calm the sea; man enough to pay taxes, but God enough to send Peter out for a fish; man enough to be betrayed by a kiss, but God enough to forgive his betrayer; man enough to be put to death in agony, ... but God enough to rise victorious over death! He was man enough to pay-in-full my sin debt, and God enough to be my Lord Jesus Christ. Meditate that for a moment.

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## Msg #2224 An Ear Tingling Miracle

What The Bible Says

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After three days of solid Biblical preaching on how a Christian should live “*in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation*” (Phil.2:15), and the review of Dr. Grady's 2022 book “*Perilous Times – Deep Truths for Shallow Waters*”<sup>3</sup>, it is obvious that America's crises will be resolved in the praying place, not in the polling place. The January 6<sup>th</sup> smoke screen cover up of the twenty-six-million unregistered votes cast against President Donald Trump exposes the spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph.6). The call for a national “June-Queer-Pride-Month” highlights God's verse, “*Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished*” (Prov.16:5, cf sin of sodomites Gen.13:13, Deut.23:17, 1Kngs.14:24, 15:12, 22:46, 2Kngs.23:7, Isa.5:20). Not to mention the amoral-left's propensity to kill babies. We are on the cusp of a new world order sought by Satan, and by the rulers of darkness of this world (Eph.6:12); “Progressives” pursue it with a designed crisis at the border, crisis at the fuel pump and grocery-store, crisis in the schoolroom, crises in the climate, and crisis in the race-riots. These are designed, manufactured, and shrewdly executed by principalities and powers, and “*this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting*” (Mt.17:21 (not in modernist's NIV or ESV)). Laodicean Christians do not even know what that is, nor is it found in their bibles, so I am not optimistic. The USofA could very well crumble into a communist power before the rapture. Either way, Christians fasting and praying is the only solution; the voting booths have been compromised and voters brainwashed. I fast and pray for a miracle “*that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle*” (1Sa.3:11, 2Kngs.21:12, Jer.19:3).

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3 William P. Grady, “Understanding the Times Volume III Perilous Times – Deep Truths for Shallow Waters”, Grady Publications Inc., 2022.

## Msg #2225 Rejoice, No wrath, No condemnation

What The Bible Says

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“The aged Apostle now *knows* he will miss the Rapture. ... As Paul hears the Mamertine executioner sharpening his ax, he turns his heart to Home”<sup>4</sup>. “*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. ... Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness ...*” (2Tim.4:6,8). Such joy of Paul is expressed to the Philippians with three references to “the day of Christ.” “*In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation ... Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ***” (2:15-17).

The “day of Christ” relates wholly to the reward and blessing of saints at his coming. Of “the day of the LORD”, the coming day of judgment, God says, “*Woe unto you that desire **the day of the LORD!** To what end is it for you? The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light*” (Amos5:18). Of that day God says, “*Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning ...*” (Joel.2:12-13). In these last of the last days the genuine Christian is to be: 1) Fasting and weeping because judgment is coming to America; 2) Rejoicing, for the day of Jesus Christ is approaching; and 3) Holding forth the word of life, i.e. the gospel, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. Jesus said, “*rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven*” (Lu.10:20) Keep these balanced my friend. God preserved Rachab while the walls of Jericho fell, if need be he can preserve his saints as the halls of America fall. Believers are not appointed to wrath, PTL! (via 3-5:9s, 2Thes.5:9, Rom.5:9, and Heb.5:9).

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4 Ibid., pg22.

## Msg #2226 Dog Eat Dog Pastors

What The Bible Says

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“Finally my brethren, rejoice in the Lord, ... Beware of dogs” (Phil.3:1,2). The common practice of having more than one closing to a good message is introduced by Paul; with God's Word there is always much more that should be said. Paul is not preaching to the mail-man here, but rehearsing a powerful scripture of Isaiah exposing crooked, froward watchmen that arise in the last days. *“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain”* (Isa.56:10,11). Paul had just commended Timothy and Epaphroditus back to the Philippians because they knew the “proof of them.” Solid men of God, like minded with Paul, were in dangerously short commodity. Isaiah 56 and God's 'dog-eat-dog' diatribe is aimed at Gentile believers. God fast forwards to our dispensation and gives instruction to the Gentile church. Don't suppose “Replacement Theology”, ... *“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people”* (vr.3), but rather marvel that your name is written down, *“Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer”* (vr.7). Doubtless we Gentiles live in the perilous times, where nineteen vile things are rampant (2Tim.3:1-5). Apostasy abounds in churches and in their pastors. Savvy men of God, rightly dividing the word of truth and knowing the times are in short supply and high demand. Appreciate and pray for what you got, and be very careful if you're in want for a true man of God. Many are.

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## Msg #2227 A Sad Fourth-of-July

What The Bible Says

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Christian *cynicism* is believing that government is motivated by self/diabolic interest, with a sneering distrust of her sincerity; supposing rather, she has discarded honest standards to achieve evil, godless, diabolical interests. Sadly, of this Fourth-of-July, a Bible believer can be no less. When our president whines, “We cannot fix inflation in a day!”, and one can justly retort, “Why not you did an election!”, we are in an evil place. The Bible says, “*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,*” yet with brazen wholesale deceit government says, “No mask – No Service”, and then “No vax – No Service”, and sets the stage for soon (post-rapture) saying, “No mark of the beast – No Service.” A Bible believer has keen insight to that larger picture. “*Nor standeth in the way of sinners,*” and yet government brazenly leads in the way of queer perversion and sodomy. “*Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful,*” and yet the Holy Bible, banned from government K-12 classrooms because it says, “*In the beginning God created ...*” is brazenly scorned by our government. This 2022 Fourth-of-July being cynical is the very least believers might be toward leaders pushing for a Marxist, socialist takeover of America. America is but a hair's breadth from toppling into godless communism, and God could justifiably let her fall. In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the USA is indeed part of “all nations”; “*For I will gather **all nations** against Jerusalem to battle; ... and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat*” (Zec.14:2, Joe.3:2). In His Kingdom, just after Armageddon, “*All kings shall fall down before him: **all nations** shall serve him. ... and shall call him blessed. ... Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit **all nations***” (Ps.72:11,17, 82:8).

An Essay for week #27 - Jul 3, 2022

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## **Msg #2228 Isaiah 7 thru 23 and Last Days**

What The Bible Says

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In Isaiah chapter seven Judah is under the attack of Rezin, the world, and Pekah, the modernist, and the proposed answer is the arrival of the Son of God (vr.14). In chapter eight the Assyrians came as a flood and the answer was not in a confederacy, but in the written Word (vr.1), and the living Word (a “stone of stumbling” and a “rock of offense” vr.14). In chapter nine the attack is from spiritual darkness and errant leadership (vr.2,16), and the marvelous answer proposed is a child born whose name is called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (vr.6). In chapter ten Judah is under the disciplining hand of God, and the answer is to turn to the Son, the Rod of correction, the Branch to grow out of the root (11:1). In chapter eleven there is restoration and a promised Kingdom age to come. The six verses of chapter twelve promise and illuminate the “so great salvation” of Hebrews 2. Christ is always the answer.

Isaiah chapter thirteen describes the battle of Armageddon coming to the Gentile world (vr.1,9-16). In chapter fourteen Israel is redeemed (vr.1-11), and Satan is destroyed (vr.12-17). In chapters 15-23 Isaiah records the burdens of the Gentile nations and all nations are held accountable (14:26,34:2). The Protestant, with his catholic covenant theology, cannot begin to comprehend the book of Isaiah, but a Bible student, believing the coming rapture and end of the church age, the coming seven year tribulation period, the coming Millennial Kingdom and the Great White Throne judgment before the new heaven and new earth are formed (i.e. the Dispensational teachings of the Bible), finds that Isaiah fits into the Revelation of Jesus Christ like a glove. God bless your studies of the Last Days.

An Essay for week #28 - Jul 10, 2022

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## Msg #2229 Perilous Times, Beautiful Feet

What The Bible Says

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America was founded on liberty and freedom two-hundred and forty-six years ago. Two-hundred and fifty years after the great Gentile city of Nineveh was reborn in liberty and freedom it had faltered and tasted of Jehovah God's indignation. It was annihilated, laid waste, made a desolation (Nah.2:8, 3:7, Zep.2:13). Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, stands in Scripture as the representative of apostate *religious* Gentiledom, as Babylon represents the confusion into which the Gentile *political* world-system has fallen.<sup>5</sup>

Indignation is a powerful word; in 1828 Noah Webster called it “extreme anger mingled with abhorance.” It is now America's due.

A hundred years before its destruction Nineveh was told, “*God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet*” (Nah.1:2-3). America is vividly taught all that from twenty-five-hundred years ago when it unfolded just as God said in his holy Scripture. Yet America continues down the same destructive path as Nineveh, a perilous path outlined in Romans 1:21-25.

So what is a born-again, Bible believing Christian to do in these vile and perilous times? Nahum the prophet of God said it, “*Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, and publisheth peace*” (Nah.1:15a). His contemporary, Isaiah, and the Apostle Paul seven centuries later, called it “publishing salvation” (Isa.52:7,Rom.10:9-15) We need to be about the Father's business, take on beautiful feet, and boldly publish John 3:16-18, and 5:24, with the Romans Road to heaven. Let's get cracken.

An Essay for week #29 - Jul 17, 2022

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5 Schofield, C. I., “*The Scofield Study Bible*”, Oxford University Press, 1909, pg 952, Nahum 1:1 Note 1.



## Msg #2230 Beware of the Concision

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When the Philippians were told “beware of the concision” the Apostle Paul was warning them of false teachers which require keeping the law, particularly circumcision. He had told the Galatians if you seek salvation or sanctification by circumcision “*Christ shall profit you nothing,*” and you are “*debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, ... ye are fallen from grace!*” (Gal.4:9,5:1-7).

Circumcision was a token of the covenant established through Abraham and Isaac and made with all Israel (Gen.17:10-14). It was a physical token only for Israel wherein the foreskin was “cut off.” It was intensely personal, private, and painful, only for males, and very important (vr.14). The spiritual application is “*Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. ... the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live*” (Deut.10:16,30:6).

In Genesis 34 Jacob's sons tried to use the physical token for vile deceptive manipulative purposes; man always does that. The rainbow was a physical token of God's covenant, no more world flood judgment (Gen.9:12-13,17). Queers have polluted that token, supposing they might avoid all judgment. Water baptism is a physical token of our New Covenant portraying, for the born-again blood bought believer, the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Religions try to use the physical token for deceptive manipulative purposes, supposing pedobaptism or baptismal regeneration might wash away sin and get one into the kingdom of God. Physical tokens portray the covenant, they do not enact the covenant. Paul warns, “*Beware of dogs* (False Teachers, Isa.56:10-11), *beware of evil workers* (Prov.6:16-19), *beware of the concision* (deceitful token manipulators)” (Phil.3:2).

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## Msg #2231 Prevailing Froward Mouths

What The Bible Says

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“*Beware of evil workers.*” That warning to the Philippians is ominous. “*A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward (perverse, not willing to yield, ungovernable, disobedient, crooked on purpose) mouth*” (Prov.6:12). *Froward mouths* are prevalent in these days just before the Lord comes to meet us in the clouds. Perilous times are filled with peril because of *evil workers* with *froward mouths*. Proverbs 6 goes on to list six things that the LORD hates: yea seven are an abomination unto him, and these evil workers, deceivers, crooked on purpose, are doing all seven ... on purpose. They are now leaders in our government. They lie about pandemics, borders, insurrection, vote tallies, wars, and their malicious marxist purpose. Our K-12 government schools have trained up generations that prefer godless socialism and even communism: a generation who are scared to death of fossil fuels and worship the creature more than the Creator! Our nation is indeed in great peril. A “Democrat” is no friend of this “Republic.” Despite a constitution, they consider church non-essential and part of the entertainment industry. Churches, filling with froward mouths and evil workers, are in peril. They have brazenly assulted marriage and the Christian home and that institute is in peril. Virtually every family has present a K-12 trained froward mouth sowing discord, an evil worker. We are camped right close to the gates of hell. The Bible warned that perilous times would come, and taught what they were and how to live when they arrive. It is high time to put that training in gear. A friend and renowned Baptist preacher coined that we are now looking for a “Post-perilous-times Pre-tribulation-rapture.” Keep on keeping on; those gates will not prevail; preach the gospel to every creature, even the froward can get saved.

An Essay for week #31 - Jul 31, 2022

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## Msg #2232 Cretian Slow Bellies

What The Bible Says

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The Bible does NOT say, “The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith”, even though that is a quote (Tit.1:12b-13). This scripture has been taken out of context by so many preachers that it is important to examine the passage carefully.

We stereotype people; it is part of our sinful nature. When we crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts (Gal.5:24) our stereotypes should be nailed to that cross. Blacks are always ... , Italians are always ... , Cretians are always ... ! Do not be sullied by such thinking. “Always” and “Never” should only carefully come into our conversations; they are “always” dangerous and “never” to be used lightly. Do not let others sully you with their making glib stereotypes about people, nations, cultures, genders, ... or blonds. All the “not convenient jesting” (Eph.5:4) with such stereotypes is also sin. Such sin is often rationalized, but it is exposed in Prov.26:19. *“So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?”* No, you are camouflaging your sin of making, believing, and expressing stereotypes!

So what about Cretian slow bellies? The witness that is true is that one of the unruly vain deceivers, even a prophet of their own, had enough unmitigated gall to say, “Cretians are always slow bellies!” Those unruly vain deceivers are the ones to be rebuked sharply, not the Cretians. Cretians are just sinners that need the Saviour! As are blacks, whites, Hispanics, Asians, queers, transgenders, et. al. Do not stereotype people, nations, cultures, genders, ... or blonds. It is sin. Man does not have a soul, man IS a soul; a soul in need of Christ. See “them” that way.

An Essay for week #32 - Aug 7, 2022

Paste this Penny Pulpit on page 73 of Dr. Grady's otherwise excellent latest book.

Dr. Grady's response: “Can’t tell you how much I disagree with you and how disappointed I am to read your comments. You are old enough to know better.

Racial stereotyping (and racial profiling) are the natural results of observing reality. Opposition and denials of these realities stem from pure fantasy. (Ask any inner-city Indian cabdriver about what neighborhoods he will avoid.)” 8/12/2022

## Msg #2233 Testings for Sons of God

What The Bible Says

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In “Rejoice in the Lord” Ron Hamilton wrote, “God never moves without purpose or plan, when trying a servant and molding a man. Give thanks to the Lord, though your testing be long, in darkness he giveth a song.” The Holy Bible is an ongoing record of God's trying of servants and his molding of the sons of God. That position and title is special in the Bible; only man is given power to become sons of God (Jn.1:12); angels are not allowed such a title or position (Heb.1:5-7). There are “gaptists” among us who suppose God secretly hid a gap in his six day creation account. They force fit evil angels into that imagined gap and suppose they had a divine judgment and cataclysmic crash in the dateless past. They suppose the geologic age of rocks prove that God deceived us about a six day creation, and they rip-tear Genesis 1:31 clean out of their Bible. As if such gaptist folly is not bad enough they then take this holy title, sons of God, and apply it to fallen angles. When these dissemblers open the book of Job they see “there was a day when *angles* came to present themselves to the LORD!” God is not a dissembler, to conceal, hide nor be secret about his revelation; God says what he means and means what he says. He had listed ten generations before the flood<sup>6</sup>, and ten to twenty-four more generations before Job<sup>7</sup>, these were well tried sons of God. So when a supreme trial of a man is about to unfold in God's written Word, it records, “*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them*” (Job 1:6, cf 2:1). No less than twenty generations of sons of God came to his throne and they watched this contest between a son of God called Job, and this infamous “accuser of our brethren,” Satan (Rev.12:10). Countless generations of sons of God have read about Job's testing since God recorded it (at Job's suggestion btw Job19:23-24). The upshot is, son of God, when your testings be long, read his book.

An Essay for week #33 - Aug 14, 2022

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6 Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah (Gen.5:1-32).

7 Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abram, (Gen.11:10-26), and likely before Job, Isaac, Jacob and twelve sons.

## **Msg #2234 Fret Not 2022-24**

What The Bible Says

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“He is just very fretful today.” I will never forget the line a mom used after her young son had worked himself into an absolute frenzy of agitation. The Psalmist says “Fret not thyself because of evildoers” (Ps.37). I can ponder two years of Godless, evil Democratic leadership and easily work myself into an absolute frenzy of agitation. That baby's tizzy fit is his cry that someone pay attention, someone do something, someone stop this calamity! The Psalmist follows up with four alternatives to fretting: Trust, Delight, Commit, and Wait.

Whenever I hear my wife say the key phrase, “My, aren't you a little fretful today”, I list these four, and refocus my attention. “Trust in the LORD, and do good” (vr.3). Evil doers do evil, as do “workers of iniquity”; Christians are to “do good”, not fret, and trust the LORD to work all things together for good. Each non-fret alternative here comes with a promise. The trust promise is food and shelter; in Luke 12:22-28 Jesus throws in a good set of clothes.

“Delight thyself also in the LORD”, has a delightful promise, especially for those who might have a Ranger Bass Boat or Jeep Cherokee 4WD as a desire of their heart. Some of us are far better off when the LORD gives us proper desires of the heart.

“Commit thy way unto the LORD” (vr.5). There are twelve “thy way(s)”s in Psalms, this is the only one that is a “my way”. There are nine “my way(s)”s, two of them are His ways. Look them up, commit “thy way” to be one of His ways, He will bring “it” to pass, and you will find rest for your soul as you “wait patiently for him.”

What a marvelous “Fret-Not” Psalm for 2022 thru 24.

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## Msg #2235 Pressing Toward the Mark

What The Bible Says

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In Philippians 3:4-14 God outlines a course for pressing toward the mark. Confidence in the flesh is built up, propped up, and sustained by our religions. They teach us to trust in works, count beads, do penance, confess to the guy in a black dress, to build karma, do yoga meditations with eight steps to nervana, ... et al. The Apostle Paul lists his privilege, orthodoxy, and zeal in the Bible's only ordained religion before he throws it all out "for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord" (vr.8). Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, ... ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Mt.18.3). Saul was converted from religion. Mary Magdalene, who twice broke an alabaster box and "loved much", was converted from sin (Lu.8:2, 7:37,47, Jn.11:2, 12:3). In 1958 when Cecil Palm knocked on a 40 Platt Street door, my father was converted from pagan agnosticism, and my mother from pagan Roman Catholicism; two years later, on a Thursday night during a Junior Church flannel-graph lesson at Revival Services, I was converted from the eight year-old sin that was in my nature. If you don't recall being converted from something you should read Matthew 18:3 with better understanding. If you were converted from something, you were converted to something, "*That I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead*" (Phil.3:8b-11). If converted, don't die, until you die.

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## Msg #2236 Pressing Toward the Mark II

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

After the Apostle Paul tells the Philippians the “What, When, Where, Why, and How” of pressing toward the mark (Phil.3:8-14), he addresses the “Who”: “*Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded*” (Phil.3:15a). When the Bible calls for a born-again believer to be perfect, “*even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*” (Mat.5:48), we are charged to be fully developed and grown into a maturity of Godliness. There is no sinless perfection for us this side of heaven: “*if we say that we have not sinned, we make him (God) a liar, and his word is not in us*” (1Jn.1:10). The Apostle Paul was not sinless, but was certainly perfect in Christian maturity, as should we be, and if so we will be pressing “*toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*” (3:14).

“*If in anything we be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you*” (3:15b). How does God do that? As a teenager I was taught Psalm 139:23-24 by singing a song:

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
Try me my Saviour, know my thoughts I pray ... ay.  
See if there be some wicked way in me,  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

Free, that is, to press toward the mark. In Paul's next breath he says, “*Nevertheless*” ... no matter, makes no difference, even so, no matter where you are at in this press... press toward that same mark. Whether matured, or maturing, there is a high calling of God in Christ Jesus, ... “*For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ*” (3:20). In 2022, if you are a born-again believer, let's press.

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## **Msg #2237 What Therefores AreThere For**

What The Bible Says

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When one finds a “therefore” or “wherefore” in a text they should find out what it is there for. The one starting Philippians four is densely packed with three chapters of encouraging exhortations. It introduces six summary points, three to the church, three to individuals, and concludes with a great promise. As Paul says, this church was “dearly beloved and longed for”, and therefore entreated to “stand fast in the Lord.” In verse two he begs that they maintain a unity and in verse three that they strengthen and encourage one another. All too many go to church to get something out of it, rather than to put something into it. We meet to strengthen, edify, and encourage one another, especially in the perilous times we find in our day.

Paul goes on to give three ingredients that make us what we ought to be. “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, REJOICE” (Phil.4:4, emphasis added). Simply put the noun “joy” is changed to an action verb in “rejoice.” We need to get doing it habitually. I know that our own pathetic government is turning against us, but rejoicing, as we are commanded, produces endorphins in our brain, neurotransmitters that keep us of a sound mind! ... and joyful. Secondly, get some moderation in our lives. The Lord is soon returning, “what manner of persons ought ye to be?” (Peter asks, 2Pet.3:11). Moderation is 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin to Temperance in Gal.5:23. Finally Paul exhorts one to “be careful for nothing.” Don't be full of care; give all cares to Him. Now with our stand, unity, and helpfulness coupled with our rejoicing, moderation and “care-less-ness” look at the great promise, “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (4:7).

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## Msg #2238 Think On These Things

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When a Baptist preacher says, “Finally, brethren ...” it does not necessarily mean one should close his Bible and look at his watch. Paul demonstrates an aptitude to say more when he writes his second one to the Philippians. The “Finally, brethren ...” of Phil.4:8 opens a dense pack of things that should occupy a Christian's mind. Whatsoever things are **TRUE**: Pilot asked, “What is truth?” The true Christian needs no godless internet fact-checker, Jesus is truth, and he prayed to the Father, “*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*” (Jn.17:17, cf 14:6,18:38). The truth indwells a believer, and sits in our laps as an Authorized KJV, ... think on these things. Whatsoever things are **HONEST**: upright, just and fair, free from trickishness and fraud, always acting with correct moral principle, think on these things. Whatsoever things are **JUST**: orderly, due and suitable, exactly proportioned and proper, in the moral sense upright, honest and righteous, conformed to rules of justice and influenced by the laws of God; think on these things. Whatsoever things are **PURE**: free from moral defilement, without spot, not sullied, tarnished or corrupted, genuine, real, true; think on these things. Whatsoever things are **LOVELY**: amiable things that elicit, produce, and excite true love, rather than division, distrust, and hate; think on these things. These things are **of GOOD REPORT**. If there be any **VIRTUE**: strength and moral excellence; think on these things. IF there be any **PRAISE**: glory and exaltation brought to God; think on these things.

When one maintains such exemplary thinking, they, as Paul, could say, “*These things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do*” (Phil.4:9). Jesus said, “*If ye know these things, happy are he if ye do them*” (Jn.13:17). May your thinking be exemplary this week.

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## Msg #2239 Study Prophecy for the Last Days

What The Bible Says

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A thorough study (*ology*) of the end times (*eschatos*) must first entail a thorough study of how God foretells what he is going to do, i.e. Bible prophecy. Instead we often chide with his disciples, “*Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world?*” (Matt.24:3b). The seven feasts of the LORD described in Lev.23 are an excellent primer for understanding how God foretells what is coming. Each feast involves a holy convocation (a summoned assembly announced with trumpet), and a holy sabbath day wherein no servile work was done. These sabbath days are over and above the weekly sabbaths.

“*In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover*” (Lev.23:5). In God's creation, days start in the evening, i.e. the evening and the morning were the first day. A passover lamb was separated on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Abib and slain on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Exod.12). Jesus, our passover lamb (1Cor.5:7), was separated on Palm Sunday, and crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The feast is prophetic; it foretold what God would do.

“*And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread*” (23:6). This foretold that the perfect Lamb of God would be sinless, i.e. unleavened (1Cor.5:7-8). On the 23<sup>rd</sup> (after 8 unleavened days) the first fruit wave offering was made (Lev.23:10-11); it foretold and portrayed resurrection (1Cor.15:20-26). The wave loafs for the 4<sup>th</sup> feast, at Pentecost (23:15-21) did contain leaven, as did the church formed at Pentecost 1,500 years later (cf. Acts 2, Matt.13 parables).

As these four feasts foretell what God would do to provide a Saviour to the world, the next three foretell how that Saviour will gather and restore Israel in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent.

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## Msg #2240 The End Times – The Big Picture

What The Bible Says

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The best way to do a jigsaw puzzle is to first assemble the frame, then work toward the center keeping the big picture in view. The Bible prophecy of end times needs to be assembled with that same strategy and care. Religions call “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*” allegorical and apocalyptic, as if it were storytelling about total destruction. It is neither. It is our Lord's revelation of “*things which shall be hereafter*” (Rev.1:19b). The Bible student, believing the words of his KJV Bible, first sees the big picture wherein the church age comes to a close, a millennial kingdom age rules this earth, and finally there is a new heaven and a new earth. “Christian” religions try to keep “their Church” in control till the end of time. In actuality the church age ends when His church is taken out, “their” lukewarm church is spewed out of his mouth (cf Rev.3:14-19), and the earth is plunged into a “*great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world*” (Mt.24:21). That tribulation period, with its seven seals (Rev.6:1-13,8:1), seven trumpets (8:2-9:21,11:15), and seven vials of the wrath of God (16:1-12,17), ends with the battle of Armageddon (14:14-20,16:16, 19:11-21). One chapter in “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*” (20:1-10) describes His millennial reign on this earth, but that thousand year reign, with the King of kings on the throne of David with the rod of iron, the salvation and regathering of all Israel, and the lifted curse, is the subject and focus of a myriad of Bible prophecies (Scofield references 176 Kingdom Age verses in 20 OT books!).

Ergo, “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*” covers no less than 1,992 years of church history, and 1,007 years of upcoming *things that shall be*. Add that to 4,000 years of BC, and this world approaches a 6,999 year mile-marker. I expect the rapture any day now, as well we should, it has been imminent since John was on Patmos. Keep looking up.

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## **Msg #2241 A Prophetic Mirror**

What The Bible Says

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In Israel's seventh month The Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Booths (Lev.23:23-38) are prophetic portrayals of the upcoming restoration and salvation of Israel in their promised land. They also reveal, however, some things about believers in this dispensation of grace. Events that unfold for the congregation of Israel depict and picture events in a believers life, i.e. Passover, our redemption; Unleavened Bread, the perfect Lamb (1Cor.5:7-8); First Fruits, our resurrection (1Cor.15:20-26). Believers are tabernacled in flesh, have had an atonement (Rom.5:11), and will have a holy convocation announced with a trumpet. These are spiritual fulfillments, or mirrored fulfillments of upcoming events. Prophecy always has a final and complete fulfillment, and the regathering of Israel is the final target and complete fulfillment of these three seventh month feast days. Prophecy has a near term fulfillment that aligns with, and resonates with its far term fulfillment. Never let these eclipse the upcoming, complete, primary, jot-and-tittle fulfillment that the Bible is depicting.

These three holy prophetic feast days are mirrored in this age of grace wherein Bible believers listen for a trumpet; we long for a holy convocation in the clouds when the Bridegroom calls for his Bride with a trumpet that says “come up hither”; we see in scripture a holy convocation at the Bema Seat of Christ; and we are summoned to a holy convocation at the wedding table with Christ as we began our forever tabernacling with our Lord in reality. A wise Bible student can keep these promises separated from the Kingdom age promises made to Israel. There is a post perilous times pre-tribulation rapture coming very soon. Listen for the trumpet, but lets be about the Father's business in preaching the gospel to every creature until that twinkling of an eye moment.

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## Msg #2242 Use Your Voice

What The Bible Says

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The Revelation of Jesus Christ is written to show the servants of Jesus Christ “Things which must shortly come to pass” (Rev.1:1). These “things” are revealed via seven seals opening, seven trumpets sounding, and seven vials of wrath poured out. Preparatory to opening the book, the seals depict Satan's taking full control of this world. The church has been removed, and the four horses, the slain saints, and the destruction of environment, are seals one thru six, revealed in chapter six. It is easy to see those same potentials in America's present administration! When the seventh seal is opened in Rev.8 the voice of God finally sounds via six trumpets which destroy one-third of the population three times!

During the melee of chapter six many believe that few are saved, but the Bible says, *“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, ... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”* (Rev.7:9,14). With Joe Biden at the helm Satan is pretty much given untethered control of the greatest nation in the world for 3 ½ years. It is but a taste of things to come, when Satan is given untethered control of the whole world for 3 ½ years. Then an innumerable number of saints will be martyred. It is dire, but saved and sealed witnesses in 2022 need to stand and say, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth”* (Rom.1:16). Presently you won't loose your head, so don't loose your voice.

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## **Msg #2243 Kingdom Age, The Final Dispensation**

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The promises that the LORD God made to Israel about her upcoming Kingdom of Righteousness are myriad and all are slated to be fulfilled in the one-thousand year reign of Christ, as depicted in the twentieth chapter of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. There is a lot to comprehend. A lad in kindergarten was assigned the daunting task of drawing a picture of anything he wanted. The teacher came by the busy artist and asked, “So, Eddy, what picture are you drawing?”

“I am drawing a picture of God!”

“O, my!”, she responded, and then explained, “Nobody really knows what God looks like.”

Eddy, with a new determination and a pencil in his hand said, “That is because I haven't finished my picture.”

And so, what does the millennial kingdom age look like? It is left as an exercise of the Bible student to follow through the thorough Kingdom Age summaries and chain listings of C. I. Scofield. Believing that God says what he means and means what he says will picture this final Kingdom Age dispensation. Israel regathered into her promised land, the lion and lamb, the desert in bloom and righteousness throughout the earth, it will all be fulfilled.

The Kingdom Age is the seventh and final demonstration that the heart of man is “deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” It shows man's failing in responsibility and in stewardship when it ends poorly at Satan's release. Christ reigns for one-thousand years in a Utopian state, and even that does not quell the rebellious, deceitful, desperately wicked heart of man. Understanding the Kingdom Dispensation, when Israel dwells in the promised land and Christ sits on the Throne of David in Zion, is worthy of study.

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**Msg #2244 The Half Shekel Journal IV** by Ed Rice

Vol IV Day 3 30 Jan 2009 Nazareth – Tel-Dan: As we got off the bus in Nazareth the tension in this land crackled and creaked. Three Muslim women sat beneath a huge banner which announced something about Allah, Mohammad and a desired Mosque at the entry way of this Catholic church. The one with the infant jested toward our group and said something in Arabic to the others and all three laughed and giggled and babbled on. As 24 Christians, 12 Baptist Preachers, of the Gospel walked by in silence, their chiding laughter was replaced by booing as we walked by to another 'man made' religious establishment, the Roman Catholic "Church of the Annunciation." Both establishments, Catholicism and Islam, have a history of hatred towards God's chosen. The paganism of Catholicism both amazed and appalled me. Here in the Holy Land the spokesman of Christianity is perceived to be this pagan Harlot, the Roman Catholic Church and her back up speaker the Greek Orthodox Church is competing for property rights on what they perceive to be holy dirt. As we enter the magnificent dome structure their paganism again caused me to marvel. "And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns." (Rev 17:7)

The real marvel of Nazareth was found in the archaeological dig underneath and accessed from the outer courtyard of the church. There, 20 feet below the surface of the beautiful poinsettia garden was a small portion of the village of Nazareth. With an estimated population in the hundreds, it should not have been surprising that it was then said of this little place, "can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46) This tiny excavation under the Church showed Nazareth to be a small poor village of masons and stone workers. The modernists want to immediately change the Bible; in their opinion, since no Black and Decker circular saw was found in the excavation Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3 were errant in referencing a carpenter's son and should have shown him as the mason's son instead. One of the preachers with us (not a Baptist), because he had a year of seminary Greek, even tried to justify their hasty changing of the Holy Scripture! Modernists do not believe in God's preservation of His inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired Scripture, and consider it their duty in life to try to change and 'fix' His Holy Bible. They expect to restore some fictitious 'original manuscript' that God lost 1,500 years ago when they suppose 'Church Fathers' added stuff to the originals. The more sincerity they have in doing God this 'favor' the more their brazen ignorance<sup>8</sup> aggravates this Baptist preacher. The excavation of the tiny town of Nazareth is a work in progress, the Word of God is not!

An Essay for week #44 - Oct 30, 2022 While Rices are back in Israel

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8 Not their ignorance of linguistics as much as their brazen ignorance of God's almighty power to preserve his inspired words through the last 2000 years of dauntless attack.

**Msg #2245 The Half Shekel Journal XXV** by Ed Rice  
Vol XXV Day 8 Tue 3 Feb 2009: The Western Wall: The Muslim Turks occupying Israel's once promised land perceived the economic advantage of immigrating the Spanish displaced Jews into Israel and opened their doors to them. In 1492 they gave them "eternal access" to the Western Wall of their temple area and a flood of Jews immigrated back to their homeland.

Ronnie's explanation continued. "This then is not the Jewish Western Wall, it is 'the' Western Wall." All faiths have access to this area as a place of prayer. The Jews reverence this wall as the portion of wall that remains of their temple mount, the very closest thing to their temple's holiest place. In respect of that reverence we should respect their custom of wearing a head covering in their holy areas and not disrespectfully turning our back on their holiest area. But access to this wall is freely given to all who would pray here, and the following of these Jewish customs is likened to following the Christian custom of removing head coverings when we enter a Church. You do not have to conform, but someone may speak to you about it when you don't.

Since we visited the wall last night and were now armed with much more information we were less timid on this approach I had my Stetson and no need of the paper kippah. As the ladies headed toward their entry point Pastor Carpenter, Pickett and I headed for the men's entry of the Western Wall. One of us should have said something profound as we walked into the large open area filled with orthodox Jews of many sects, children and visitors. I was at loss for words. My limited knowledge of the wall coupled with my anxious aged longing to see it drove words far from me. Every thing going on around me caught my interest. Children were being gathered for lessons, Jews were bobbing back and forth in a public prayer show, chairs were being moved to accommodate a group praying at the wall, elders were engaging conversation with juniors of their sect, tourists were milling around in the mix and cameras were clicking. The three of us swiftly dispersed as we followed camera lenses in different directions.



I made my way through the mallei of activity and found an open area at one of the gargantuan two thousand and nine year old foundation stones. A Christian can pray anytime and anyplace. We have an advocate with the Father, His only Begotten Son, dwelling within us and thus we can “pray without ceasing.” I do have places of prayer as I have places of study. Being in those places prompt me there to pray or to study. This place, dedicated and reserved for a prayer place, did nothing towards prompting a prayer from me. I was instead struck with an awe. The stone before me was positioned here as part of a retaining wall to top Mount Moriah with a great 45 acre plateau for Herod's temple construction project. To my right hand and to my left were Jews praying a Hebrew prayer from the Jewish prayer book:

*“Because of our sins we were exiled from our country and banished from our land. We cannot go up as pilgrims to worship Thee, to perform our duties in Thy chosen house, the great and Holy Temple which was called by Thy name, on account of the hand that was let loose on Thy sanctuary. May it be Thy will, Lord our God and God of our fathers, merciful King, in Thy abundant love again to have mercy on us and on Thy sanctuary; rebuild it speedily and magnify its glory.”*

Since this was being prayed all around me I thought it appropriate to start my prayer praying for the peace of Jerusalem. *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.”* (Psalm 122:6) *“Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.”* (Zec 8:22)

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