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The Bible Affirms What You Need

While the Bible clearly affirms that it will completely supply us in every aspect of our work for the Lord (2 Tim. 3:16-17), some do not believe it. While the Bible clearly affirms that it contains everything which pertains to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3), some do not believe it. Consider the following.

Several years ago in a Bible study with the Jehovah's Witnesses I asked them, "If I only had a Bible, what would be the odds of me ever becoming a Jehovah's Witness?" Their answer, "I do not think it would ever happen—the odds would be one in a million." Think about the implication of this.

There was no religious group called Jehovah's Witnesses before 1931! The movement was founded by Charles Russell beginning in about 1880. The very name of the movement and many of the doctrines taught by that religion—the sinfulness of blood transfusion, the teaching that only 144,000 will go to heaven, internal structure of the movement centered around the Watchtower in Brooklyn, etc.—did not exist until Charles Russell spread that teaching. If I only had a Bible, there is no way to express the likelihood of one becoming a Witness. It simply would never happen. It takes more than a Bible to be a Witness.

Now apply that to all the religious movements in the denominational maze of our world. If I only had a Bible, would I wear any denominational name? They are unknown in the Bible as names for God's people. If I only had a Bible, would

I be a Mormon? A Seventh-Day Adventist? A Catholic? A Protestant? A Fundamentalist? Add any name of all the other denominations and ask the question, "If I only had a Bible, what would be the odds of me being a _____?"

It simply could not happen. These names are not found in the Bible, and if I limit myself to using the Bible as the only source revealing God's way, I would never wear these names.

Now expand this concept and apply it to the church organizations and church hierarchies of our day. Apply it to the very acts of worship. Apply it to the diversity of teaching about morality, homosexuality, marriage and divorce. If you only had a Bible, what would you be religiously? What name would you wear? When and how would you worship? What would be the standard of morality you would embrace?

One more thought. When the church began and the Bible was written, what did the church look like? Remember they only had a Bible, and they became the church Jesus established. The only way denominations can exist is for them to teach more or teach less than the Bible teaches. So, follow only the Bible religiously. That is all you need to find God.

*Dan Jenkins
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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Freddie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Harriall Davis

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, David Briley

Today's Sermons

AM - Conquer with God's Word
Psalm 119:11

PM - Joe Venable Speaking

Happenings

South Jackson

July 29

Homemade Ice Cream
Fellowship at 6:00 PM
More information to come.

**Numerous Area Events are
posted on the Bulletin Board**

Cards to Send

Teriyaki Anderson
225 Deerfield Loop
Henderson, TN 38340

Sheila Greer
5 Herron Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	11
Bible Class	51/9
AM Worship	87/34
PM Worship	41/0
Wed Bible Study	54/6
Contribution	3956

Pantry Item

Jelly

Those Privileged to Serve

July 2 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Ron Clouse

July 9 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerome Turner

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Costel Gimphu

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Joe Venable

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Mike Wages

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Paul Hatcher

July 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

July 12 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM