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Inspiration Reaches Every Word Choice

When the Bible speaks of inspiration it includes both testaments—both are inspired. It includes all sixty-six books of the Bible. It includes every chapter, every verse, every sentence, every phrase and every word. It all is inspired for all the scripture is inspired—God breathed (2 Tim. 3:16-17). One should never read the Bible without realizing how inspiration reaches to the choice of every word. inspiration bible

Another way of emphasizing this truth is to look at the order in which the words of the Bible express heavenly truth. When we fail to do this and get those matters discussed in the wrong order, we create problems in our lives. Look at the following examples of the order in which God places His eternal truth.

When Luke described the life of Jesus, he wrote it down in a particular word order. Luke said, “Jesus began both to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1). He first did it! What a contrast this was with the leaders of that day. They knew the will of God, and they were so strict when they taught it. Jesus never condemned them for this action. What was their problem in trying to make converts to Judaism? “Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say and do not do” (Matt. 23:3).

Another place where the order in which items are placed is found in a verse familiar to so many. Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Christianity is a taught religion and that is why the previous verse said that the gospel was to be preached to every creature under heaven. First there must be teaching, then believing, then baptism. A failure to understand this has brought about the sprinkling of millions of infants and by that action making them part of “Christianity.” The order is wrong. Those infants were not making a commitment to Jesus—they did not even know it happened.

A third illustration, and one that Christians today must remember, is found in the words of Peter on Pentecost. “Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for them remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Both repentance and baptism are for the remission of sins. However, we seek to get others to be immersed without first teaching them that immersion without repentance cannot save them. Over the years young women have said to their future mates, “I will not marry you until you are baptized.” The change those mates should first make is to repent, to change their lives!

As you read His word, read it slowly enough to see the order in which God has placed His truths. There are great treasures awaiting those who do this.

*Dan Jenkins
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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie 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,
Harrial 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 - How to Make God's
Word Void
2 Timothy 3:16

PM - Walk This Way
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Happenings

South Jackson

July 30

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
Meal follows AM Worship
Evening service will
be at 1:30 PM.
No 5 PM Services

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

Cards to Send

Eddie Anderson
225 Deerfield Loop
Henderson, TN 38340

Freeman Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Weekly Record

6 AM	4
Bible Class	61/3
AM Worship	103/20
PM Worship	49/0
Wed Bible Study	56/0
Contribution	4535

Pantry Item

Peanut Butter

Those Privileged to Serve

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

July 16 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ken Ross

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Carleton Kidder

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Joe Venable

July 12 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

July 19 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Mike Wages

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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