



The BCC Connection

October
2022

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Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.

Isaiah 55:6

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.





From Your Favorite Pastor



Jude 4-7

We see every day how our beliefs and our Bible are under attack from society with more and more of these attacks coming from within the church itself. Jude wrote his letter because of these same things happening in the early church, so he wrote to all Christians that they should be aware of false teachings/teachers and stand to fight them. As we continue our look at his letter, we see him get into how the heresies come into the

church and what God thinks of the false teacher's and their actions.

Jude dives into giving us a generic description of the apostates themselves, and while it is vague, we see their identity is not essential to the main point. That point being- any and all spiritual pretenders pose a clear and present danger to the church, whatever the error may be. Something to note, he also didn't get into the specifics of their error. Jude's readers knew who they were and what they taught, so he warned them to be on guard. In the same way, we need to know what we believe and what the Bible teaches so that we can recognize and fight false teaching.

Jude gets into the punishment for these false teachers as he heads toward telling us what type of person they are. God has promised and followed through that he will judge false teachers severely. The way Jude has written this suggests that God pronounced damnation for apostates long ago. He does this because these false teachings take people away from Him, and Jude is making the very clear statement that all teachers will answer for their teachings someday. But these people typically don't care about that, which shows in his description of what type of people they are by giving three descriptions of their character.

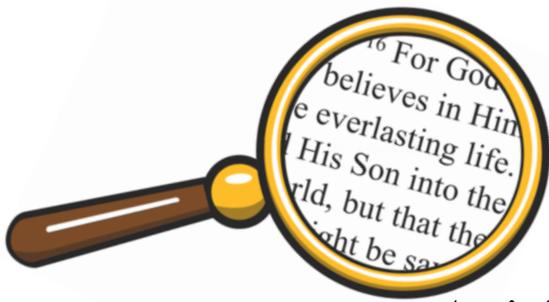
The first character trait he points out is that they are Godless men. They can't worship God properly and they are devoid of any reverence for Him. Although they claim to be spiritual leaders, they betray the people's trust by immorality and a lack of ethics. In the midst of that, they claim to speak truthfully of God, Jesus, and Scripture. We are currently seeing what seems like an exponential increase in this sort of action by many preachers. This first trait leads us to the second character trait Jude points out which is their conduct. Someone not genuinely following Christ can't restrain their fleshly desires. These apostates had perverted God's grace into immorality, sensuality, indecency, and unrestrained vice. As they indulge themselves, they try to excuse it by changing the concept of grace and by doing this they showed that they never actually embraced salvation. Think of the famous preacher requesting donations because they need another private jet (true story) and that the gift will give the donor a special blessing from God. These people can't help but desire more of the trappings of the world. They justify this all through Jude's third character trait of a false teacher: their creed. False teachers usually view themselves as their own masters. With this, they refuse to acknowledge Jesus as divine Lord and master, and thus they don't honor him and recognize him as God the Son and Messiah, just a good guy and teacher. By doing this they prove that they are false. Paul addressed this in his letter to Titus, "*They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.* Titus 2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine." Titus 1:16-2:1

In the next part of the passage (v.5-7) Jude gives examples of those that defected from the truth and the judgment suffered. We see in Exodus 7 and Numbers 11-14 the first example of judgment. God saved the Israelites from Egypt and the desert, but also judged Israel. We see examples of God's unchanging attitude toward false teaching in this by punishing His people as well as those opposing His people. Jude then brings up the angels who rebelled against their role and place in heaven who were subsequently placed in chains until the final judgment. We are then given the gentile judgment in the reference to Sodom and Gomorrah, which were completely destroyed by God because of their actions.

Short statement on all this: God hates falsehoods and false teaching and will punish those who perpetrate this upon others with His powerful judgment. Our job is to recognize these heresies and fight them so that people aren't led astray from the truth and hope that we have in Christ alone.

Scripture work this month: Jude 1-7, Titus 1:16-2:1

Be blessed & be a blessing



Apologetics

Aren't All Religions Basically the Same?

By Sean McDowell

Apologetics Bible pg. 1304

During the release of the three prequels for the *Star Wars* series, George Lucas was asked if the movies had any religious meaning. He said, "I remember when I was 10 years old, I asked my mother, 'If there's only one God, why are there so many religions' I've been pondering that question ever since, and the conclusion I've come to is that all religions are true" (*Time*, April 26, 1999) According to Lucas and many Americans today, all religions are basically the same.

While this perspective is often driven by a noble desire for common ground, the profound differences between religions suggest otherwise. This becomes clear when we consider how various religions view the nature of God, the identity of Jesus, and the means of salvation.

God

Christians believe that God is a Trinity – one God eternally coexisting in three persons. Muslims believe in a Unitarian God (Allah). Some versions of Buddhism are atheistic. Hindus believe in thousands of gods. New Agers believe that all reality is divine. Religious Naturalism holds that the world is the body of God, a view called panentheism.

Jesus

World religions also differ radically on the identity of Jesus. Christians consider Jesus the Messiah, the divine Savior of the world (I Timothy 1:15-17). While Muslims consider Jesus as a holy man, they vehemently deny His divinity. Jews reject Jesus as the Messiah and consider Jehovah the one true God (Deuteronomy 6:4). They especially object to the doctrines of Trinity or incarnation. Hindus believe Jesus is one God among many. Buddhists consider Jesus an enlightened guru.

Salvation

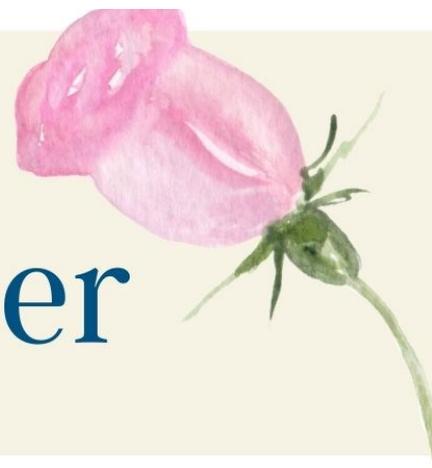
The religions of the world also differ drastically on the means of salvation. Christians believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). To the Jew, salvation is tied to keeping the commandments of the Law. Muslims try to tip the scale of judgement in their favor by following the Five Pillars of Faith. The afterlife for Hindus involves a karmic process of paying off debt with the purpose of becoming one with the impersonal Brahman. And to New Agers, salvation is found through the recognition of oneness with God, humanity and the universe.

World religions also hold opposing views about which books are Scripture, the nature of human beings, the creation, and the afterlife. These are not minor points but claims that stem from the heart of each religion. While most religions agree on the Golden Rule, their core doctrines are simply beyond reconciliation. While all religions could be wrong, they can't all be right This leaves us two options for the religions of the world: either they are all wrong or only one of them is right.

So, how do we know which one is right? Examine the evidence. This is where Jesus stands apart from other religious figures. Jesus not only claimed to reveal knowledge about God, He claimed to be God in human flesh. And He confirmed this claim by fulfilling prophecy, living a sinless life, doing miracles, and rising from the dead (Romans 1:4).

Overcoming Fear

October



- Day 1: Isaiah 43:1-2
- Day 2: Isaiah 35:4
- Day 3: Joshua 1:9
- Day 4: Zephaniah 3:16-17
- Day 5: Deuteronomy 3:22
- Day 6: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 7: Psalm 23:4
- Day 8: Psalm 34:4
- Day 9: Psalm 27:14
- Day 10: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 11: Mark 4:39-40
- Day 12: Mark 5:35-36
- Day 13: John 14:27
- Day 14: Romans 8:31
- Day 15: Romans 8:38-39
- Day 16: 1 Peter 3:13-14
- Day 17: 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Day 18: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 19: Philippians 4:13
- Day 20: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Day 21: 1 John 4:17-18
- Day 22: Psalm 19:14
- Day 23: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 24: Psalm 55:22
- Day 25: Psalm 118:6-7
- Day 26: Proverbs 14:26-27
- Day 27: Proverbs 1:7
- Day 28: Proverbs 15:33
- Day 29: Proverbs 19:23
- Day 30: Psalm 128:1-2
- Day 31: Psalm 128:3-4

Pastor's scripture recommendations this month: Jude 1-7, Titus 1:16-2:1

MORE BASIC BIBLE FACTS

Provide the answers for these Bible basics.

1. As a group, this is the name for the first five books of the Bible.
2. This man is generally considered to be the author of those first five books.
3. This man is considered to be the primary writer of the book of Psalms.
4. The Old Testament was written in this language.
5. The New Testament was written primarily in this language
6. This book of the Bible is the longest by word count.
7. This book of the Bible is the shortest by word count.
8. We are unsure who is the author of this New Testament book.
9. This important collection of Bible documents was found in caves in Israel in 1948.
10. True or False. The chapter numbers and verse numbers were found in the original Bible manuscripts.

Answers for More Basic Bible Facts

1. Torah or Pentateuch

2. Moses

3. David

4. Hebrew

5. Greek

6. Jeremiah and Psalms would both be acceptable answers. It depends on who is doing the counting- and whether you are counting Hebrew words or English words. In the KJV,

Jeremiah has about 50 more words; both in the 42,700 range.

Note: In the original manuscripts, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles were together as one book. Each pair would be longer than Jeremiah or Psalms if they had been kept together.

3 John (220 words)

Hebrews

The Dead Sea Scrolls

False. Those were added by translators about eight hundred years ago.



Weekly Service Schedule for October 2022

| Service | 2nd | 9th | 16th | 23rd | 30th |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Greeter | Sally Labadie | Lee Habermehl | Brian Reed | Walt Reed | Sally Labadie |
| Greeter | Jr. Love | Cyndy Habermehl | Karla Reed | Marion Reed | Jr. Love |
| Nursery | Tracie Zander | Layne Valade | Cathy Taber | Brian Reed | Jenny Habermehl |
| Nursery | Patty Hewitt | Daphne Valade | Laurie Valade | Karla Reed | Paula Wahl |
| Sound | Matt Post | Isaac Zander | Matt Post | Jade Evans | Jazz Evans |
| Computer | Maddie Bias | Vaeh Cooke | Kaylee Siddens | Sarah Bias | Aaron Zander |
| Call to Worship & Prayer | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl | Matt Post | James Huguelet | Layne Valade |
| Prayer Elder | James Huguelet | Brain Reed | Layne Valade | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl |
| Jr. Church Teacher | Diane Lepior | Sharon Lewis | Charlotte Adolf | Paula Wahl | Becky Durling |
| Jr. Church Helper | Shana Post | Amber Bias | Cevin Valade | Jenny Habermehl | Cathy Taber |
| Scripture Reader Message Prayer | Sandy Braid John 2:12-25 | Carl Cooke John 3:1-21 | Laurie Valade John 4:1-26 | Vaeh Cooke TBD | Jade Evans TBD |
| Benediction | Pastor | Brian Reed | Layne Valade | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl |
| Financial Team | Gary Hammond | Tom Wahl | Brian Reed | Matt Post | Dan Bryant |
| Financial Team | Layne Valade | Lee Habermehl | Carl Cooke | James Huguelet | Layne Valade |
| Communion | Lee Habermehl | | | | |

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, ***please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.*** The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

Thank you for your service to our church!

Weekly Service Schedule for November 2022

| Service | 6th | 13th | 20th | 27th |
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| Greeter | Lee Habermehl | Brian Reed | Walt Reed | Sally Labadie |
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This Month's Cause for Celebration!



- 2nd Brian Reed
- 3rd Grace Rancour
- 7th Mike McDonald
Cathy Taber
- 9th Kathy Curtis*
- 10th Dottie Hoppe*
- 12th Gail Love
- 14th Lee Habermehl
Joyce Witters
- 18th Tracie Zander
- 31st Karen Heiple



- 9th John & Beth Rumery
- 12th Lee & Cyndy Habermehl



Kids Corner

A Tisket - A Tasket Let's Make a Clothespin Basket!

Materials Needed:

- Burner cover pans - Dollar Tree
 - Clothes Pins - Dollar Tree 4pks.
 - Napkins - Dollar Tree
 - Mod Podge/brush - Dollar Tree
 - Dap Rapid-Fuse multi-purpose adhesive
- In addition, you will need something round like a bowl or top to make a circle, and also water, and a paintbrush.

Begin by opening a pumpkin design square napkin and placing it face up on your work surface. Take a bowl or round top that is large enough to fit over the pumpkin design plus a little border. Using a small brush, dip in water and dab the napkin area around the bowl or top. Use your fingernail tip carefully separate the excess napkin following around the damp area in a circle. Next, separate the layers of the napkin. Then paint on mod podge around the center of the burner pan. Lay the pattern side of the napkin face-up onto the mod podge, smoothing from the center out, all around. Let dry. Repeat steps for the second smaller pan.



The pumpkin color on the smaller pan looks deeper because second napkin pumpkin was cut out and laid on top (just the pumpkin) and painted another layer of mod podge it on top of the first one. Doing that gives the pumpkin color a much richer look.

To seal the napkins on the pan, paint on another layer of mod podge and let dry.

Next, run a line of Rapid-Fuse glue (enough for about 6-7 clothespins at a time) around the center of the outer rim of the burner cover pan. Begin placing the clothespins on the rim. The glue dries quickly so don't add too much along the rim at any given time.



Be sure to place the clothespins as close to each other, as possible, making sure they are straight.

There will be a slight gap between each clothespin because of the metal springs.

Continue adding glue and then the clothespins until . . .



the rims are completely covered with clothespins for a unique, bushel basket rustic look. You can paint them if you want!
It's a lovely look for Fall!

Mission News!



O.C.C.

Packed with Prayer and Hope for Kids in Ukraine

Samaritan's Purse is delivering backpacks filled with special gifts to displaced children in Ukraine. These backpacks are filled with carefully selected items such as winter caps, simple toys, sketchpads/notebooks, crayons, and small teddy bears stenciled with a message of God's love written in Ukrainian.

These supplies are accompanied by booklets translated into Ukrainian—one containing encouraging words from Scripture and another, *The Greatest Gift*, telling the story of how God revealed His love for us through His Son. The latter resource is often given to children during Operation Christmas Child outreach events to introduce them to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for displaced families so that they would know they're not alone and that God loves them. Pray for our teams and church partners that they would be strengthened and protected as they serve many hurting people in Jesus' Name.

An estimated 12 million Ukrainians have fled their homes since the conflict began there in February. Many of those millions are women and children seeking refuge in other locations within their own country. Others have rushed to safety in places like Moldova and Poland.

Samaritan's Purse has been working in the region since the early days of the conflict, bringing medical teams and supplies aboard our DC-8. We've established an Emergency Field Hospital in Lviv and also operate several outpatient clinics and mobile medical units in different parts of Ukraine.

So far, Samaritan's Purse has treated more than 7,000 patients. Additional DC-8 airlifts have brought in medical supplies, food, clothing, hygiene kits, and more personnel. Through a faithful network of churches, we are now facilitating the distribution of hundreds of tons of food and other needed relief items inside Ukraine.



Please begin bringing in your candy donations!

Here is our tentative schedule for our Halloween Outreach:

Candy Donations should be turned in by October 26th (Wednesday),.

Candy packing is being planned for Thursday, October 27th, at 6:30 pm unless you here differently

Halloween -Monday October 31st. Workers should begin arriving at 5:00 pm to begin getting water, cider and hot chocolate warmed up, donut holes on trays and candy bags in baskets, etc. Village Trick-O-Treating begins about 6 pm.

Grandma's Kitchen

Apple Cider Glazed Chicken



INGREDIENTS

- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 2 apples, sliced
- 2 tbsp. olive oil, divided
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, trimmed
- 2/3 c. apple cider
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 1 tbsp. Grainy mustard
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 3 rosemary sprigs, for skillet

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425°. In a medium bowl, add potatoes, apples and chopped rosemary and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil and toss until combined.
2. In a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat, heat remaining olive oil. Add chicken and sear, skin side down, until golden, about 2 minutes. Remove chicken from heat while you make the glaze.
3. To the same skillet, add apple cider, honey and grainy mustard. Bring mixture to a rapid simmer and cook until mixture has reduced slightly then whisk in the butter. Return the chicken to the skillet, skin side up, and scatter the sweet potato mixture and rosemary sprigs around the chicken. Turn off the heat and transfer the entire skillet to the oven.
4. Bake until the sweet potatoes are tender and the chicken is cooked through -about 20 minutes. (If potatoes need longer to cook, transfer chicken to a cutting board to rest and continue cooking until tender.)
Serve chicken and potatoes with pan drippings.

Honey Roasted Brussel Sprouts with Bacon



Ingredients

- 1 lbs Brussel sprouts
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- salt to taste
- pepper to taste
- 5-6 strips bacon
- 2 tbsp honey

Instructions

1. Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Cut off stems from Brussel sprouts, then half the Brussel sprouts.
3. Bring halved Brussel sprouts to a large bowl. Add olive oil, minced garlic, salt and pepper. Toss to coat evenly.
4. Spread Brussel sprouts onto a baking sheet. Turn most of the Brussel sprouts face down so they will get a nice char on their flat surface. Avoid overcrowding or overlapping.
5. Bake for 20 minutes.
6. While Brussel sprouts are roasted in the oven. Slice bacon into small pieces and fry until crispy (using a skillet).
7. Remove crispy bacon when done and move to a plate lined with paper towel (so that paper towel will absorb the grease from bacon).
8. When Brussels sprouts are done, bring them to a large bowl. Add bacon to the bowl and add honey. Toss and coat evenly.
9. Serve and enjoy!

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 8:00 am  |
| 9 | 10 Missions Mtg 10 am C.E. Meeting 6:30 pm | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Food Pantry 10 am to Noon  |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Halloween Outreach 5pm 31 | 25 | 26 Candy Donations are due today | 27 Tentative: Candy Packing 6:30 pm | 28 | 29 |
| Weekly activities: | | Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Small Group Thursdays: Karate | | | | |



Be joyful. Grow to maturity.
Encourage each other. Live in
harmony and peace. Then the God
of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT

Dear Lord, I lift up all my worries and
concerns to you today. Thank you for the peace
you bless me with when I take my focus off
my problems and focus on you.

All is well with my soul.



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