

FAITH BAPTIST TRUMPET

“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” I Cor. 14:8KJV

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HOW TO BE SAVED

The Romans Road to Salvation

(God's plan of salvation is the same in all of the Bible. It is by grace, through faith in Christ.)

KJV 1611 Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23;

Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9, 10, 13

Faith Baptist Church Schedule of Services

Sunday School (Classes for all ages)	10:00
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00
Sunday Evening	6:00
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The Logical Approach to Bible Versions:

Let me start off by saying that my approach to the question of Bible versions will not be from an evidential standpoint but rather from a logical and philosophical one. Many exhaustive works on the subject from an evidential standpoint have been written in the past such as Revision Revised by Dean. John Burgon or the works of Dr. E F Hills whose writings I have read extensively, not to mention dozens of others on both sides of the issue, no; my approach is to look at the ramifications (continued on page 2)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

II Corinthians 5:17

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of adopting the modernistic higher critical view of the subject.

In layman's terms, how you view the Bible will ultimately affect how you view God and man's responsibility to Him not to mention your doctrinal stance.

Today there are two opposing schools of thought when it comes to the scriptures:

1. The underlying Greek and Hebrew text of the Authorized Version is Faithful to the Autographs and the KJV is the most accurate formal equivalency to date in the English language or,
2. The underlying text of the modern versions is more accurate and the resultant translations whether formal or dynamic are better renderings than the KJV.

This of course brings us to a dilemma in that each school of thought is mutually exclusive therefore only one can be true and the resultant decision one makes will affect ones view of 3 orthodox doctrines;

- A. The doctrine of Inspiration,
- B. The doctrine of Inerrancy,
- C. The doctrine of Divine Sovereignty.

For instance if one has a high view of scripture they will naturally believe the bible to be the word of God, Inspired by the Holy Spirit so that men of God were moved to write, without error in those

original autographs and preserved as such by the hand of a sovereign God in faithful copies, or they will have a low view of scripture putting their faith in human scholarship rather than a sovereign God, viewing the Bible as ever fluid and changing with each new archaeological find or theological opinion that brings into question every thing that has gone before. A person with this low view of scripture if honest with themselves will naturally question these 3 doctrines.

Now today many Evangelicals will state that they believe in Divine inspiration and inerrancy in the original autographs but this is a deceiving statement, if they have a low view of scripture these two doctrines will have no practical application for them today. Now if God has not preserved copies of the autographs in an inerrant state, how can we say with certainty that what we are holding in our hand is indeed the word of God? By now you can see the necessity for a high view of scripture and the ultimate question you must ask yourself is do you in your wildest imaginations believe that a sovereign God would go to all the trouble of having his word written down only to have it quickly corrupted and lost from the 4th century until some Godless theologians in the 19th restored it, or do you believe in a sovereign God who preserves for all generations to use that which He has laboured to create, it really boils down to whether you have a high view of God doesn't it ? Now you'll note I didn't get into comparing Greek texts or the KJV with (continued on page 8)

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Building-Stones of the United States of America

(The following quotation is taken from *AMERICA'S GOD AND COUNTRY Encyclopedia Of Quotations*—William J. Federer)

William Bross(1813-1890), was a journalist and the editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. In an interview, William Bross gave his reply to three questions inquiring how he attained success:

1. What maxims have had a strong influence on your life, and helped to your success?:

The Proverbs of Solomon and other Scriptures. They were quoted a thousand times by my honored father, and caused an effort to do my duty each day, under a constant sense of obligation to my Saviour and fellow man.

2. What do you consider essential elements of success for a young man entering upon such a profession as yours?:

Sterling, unflinching integrity in all matters, public and private. Let everyone do his whole duty, both to God and man. Let him follow earnestly the teachings of the Scriptures and eschew infidelity in all its forms.

3. What, in your observation, have been the chief causes of the numerous failures in the life of business and professional men?:

Want of integrity, careless of the truth, reckless in thought and expression, lack of trust in God, and a disregard of the teachings of His Holy Word, bad company, and bad morals in any of their many phases.

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CHURCH PLANTING

Faith Baptist Church is endeavoring to be a church-planting church. Pastor Watt has continuously instilled the importance of this in the members of Faith from the Word of God.

The Lord started His church while He was here on earth and left it with important work to do. This work includes telling people about His ability to save their souls, then after salvation to scripturally baptize them. Also, the Lord wants them to be very faithful to a local church of His that they can attend—not to somehow keep themselves saved, the Lord keeps that, but to attend simply because they love the Lord and want to live for Him and obey Him.

For this reason it's easy to see the need for scripturally started churches in towns and cities across the world. Faith Baptist Church is a product of this exact process, produced by Faith Baptist Church of Spokane, MO. Contact us for details if you, your friends or family are interested in seeing a Baptist church started in your locality.

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WHICH CHURCH SHOULD I ATTEND?

(The purpose of this column is to give the facts about true churches of the Lord and facts about the Devil's counterfeit "churches". Check this column in each issue of FBT to see the Scripture proofs given of what kind of church God wants us to go to.)

A Great Charge To A Great Church

(by Charles Thomas)

The first epistle of Paul to Timothy, a young preacher who worked with him, is basically a charge to churches, and in the next few paragraphs I hope to point out some specifics for a strong church.

The first requirement is found in chapter one and verse three of this letter: "...charge some that they teach no other doctrine." In other words, **be sound**. The Church is the "pillar and ground of the truth." In order to be a strong church our foundation can be none other than Jesus Christ, and the property on which the foundation rests is the Word of God, for it is the record God gave of His Son.

There is too much speculation and teachings from the commandments of men in our churches. I have heard it stated "if we are to have a great church we must have a great man as a leader." I say, if we are to have a great church, we must have sound preaching and teaching. The Bible says if a man will labor in the Word and doctrine he is worthy of double honor. If he will not, I don't think he is worthy to sweep out the church. Paul has said, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears" (II Tim. 4:3).

The second requirement is that it be

ready for battle. Paul tells Timothy this charge is given so he might use it to "war a good warfare." A sound church must be ready at all times to take a stand for God and against the devil. Have you heard that the man who will not stand for something will fall for anything? This is true of the churches today. Too many churches do not know what they believe. The Statements of Faith are never mentioned in the congregation, and the Sword of the Spirit has been replaced with the dangerous looking popgun of men's teachings. The Bible tells us a good soldier must endure hardness so he will be ready for battle.

The devil's trap is revealed by Paul in II Tim., the second chapter and verse four: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." Do you know of churches who have been deceived into thinking they are putting up a great battle by playing ball, building recreational centers, having successful class parties, etc.? A large crowd may be built with these tactics, but when the battle begins they will be like the twenty-two thousand who turned back from following Gideon because they were afraid. But the ones you don't have to party, feed, and pamper will be like the three hundred who followed Gideon to battle and victory.

The third requirement of a strong church is that it be prayerful. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, (continued on page 6)

What Does God Require of You?

(by Bro. Paul Davis)

There are many in this world who say that God commands everyone not to sin. However, the Scriptures make very plain; it is not possible that anyone cannot sin. There are numerous places in Scripture that insure we understand that we are not righteous, and that we will not obtain righteousness by our works and our power. Though we may seek exception to this, saving the Lord Jesus Christ, none will ever be found. Only the Lord Jesus Christ was without sin both in the flesh and soul. All who have ever lived since Adam¹, live now, and will ever live are conceived with the nature to sin, and thus follow their nature. It is interesting that the following passage occurs three times in Scripture. Truly, the LORD God is very aware; man cannot help but sin.

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one. (*Psalms 14:2-3; Psalm 53:1-3; Romans 3:10-12*)

Now, in light of the above references in Scripture, it is not sensible nor logical to propose that the LORD God is going to command man to not sin. This, of course, would bring many to the end of Ecclesiastes and the command given there as to what God requires of each and every one of us.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. (*Ecclesiastes 12:13*)

If we notice, it states that the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments. But, it does not state what the commandments of God are. For that, we must go to other parts of the Scripture, particularly Scripture that would address all men everywhere.

There are two places in Scripture where we can plainly see God's commandment to every individual. The first is the apostle Paul's address at Mars Hill in Athens:

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: (*Acts 17:30*)

Now this naturally would include Jews as well as the Gentiles. Though there are some who believe that Jews are treated differently than Gentiles when it comes to obeying of the commandments of God, the Scripture plainly indicates that this is not the case. In the first chapter of Mark, the Lord Jesus Christ preached the following to the Jews:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (*Mark 1:14-15*)

So it is that this commandment to repent is given to all men, regardless of whether they are Jew or Gentile (which is everyone who is not a Jew), and it is tied to another commandment, which is 'believe, or obey the Gospel.' Moreover, if we study the matter, we find the two commandments appear in several places throughout the New Testament, and even refer back to the Old Testament.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (*II Peter 3:9*)

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (*Romans 10:16*)

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

1 □ The righteousness Adam had was his own. However, in disobeying the single commandment he was given, he lost his righteousness, and thus would have to depend upon the righteousness of God for his justification.

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and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (I Tim. 2:1). No church can be truly strong without prayer. In many revival efforts I have noted a loss of interest in prayer. People say they want an old-time revival, but do not want to pay the old-time price, fervent prayer. It is easy for us to become selfish in our praying. We are not to pray for just me and mine, but we are told to pray for all men. We should pray for our enemies as well as our leaders, for those who misuse us as well as those who are a blessing to us. Lord, teach us to pray.

The fourth requirement is that it be strict. I will not take the space to quote the third chapter of this letter, but it concerns the requirements for ordination of pastors and deacons. It may seem strange to some that God would expect us to be so strict in carrying out His requirements. However, Paul said, "*lay hands suddenly on no man.*" In other words, don't be too hasty in ordaining a preacher or a deacon. There are very many preachers and deacons who do not meet God's standard, and may I ask, who are we to lower His standard? A church weakens itself before God and the world when it ordains men who are not worthy or qualified for the office. A church does a person a great injustice when it ordains him to an office for which he cannot qualify, or permits a teacher whose ability, or life, is not as it should be to teach. May God help us to be more strict on all the work of the church that we will not lose the favor of God or the respect

of men.

The fifth requirement for a strong church is that it be rich in good works. "*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate*" (I Tim. 6:17-18). John tells of the condition of the church of Laodicea; how they thought they were rich and had need of nothing, but the Lord said they were poor and blind and naked. How often this is true in churches today- great buildings, great attendance, great offerings, and great choirs, but few saved, and few sent. The work of the church is to go into all the world and make disciples, then baptize them, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, then teach them the all things commanded in the Word of the Lord.

Do you remember Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica? He speaks of the thing that made their church great: "*We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and our Father...So that ye were ensamples to all that believe at Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything*" (continued on

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 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. (*Romans 10:3-4*)

And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (*Luke 13:2-5*)

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. (*Hebrews 4:2*)

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. (*Joel 2:12-13*)

In the above verses, there are a couple of things to note that either refer back to the Old Testament, or are citations of Old Testament Scripture. First, the reference in Romans 10:16 is to the fact that the children of Israel would not believe that Christ was to come, and thus obey the Gospel. This is supported by the passage from Hebrews 4:2, which speaks of the Gospel being preached to the children of Israel in the wilderness, and they would not receive it, as they would not hear what God had to say, and thus had no faith. Finally, the passage from the prophet Joel speaks plainly of true repentance of the heart, not the outward show men often give so that others may be impressed.

So we see that everyone has two intertwined commands that are not at all impossible to follow. We also find that God has made them simple and attainable.

Now, there are those who argue that it is impossible for man to repent, as man is totally depraved in his nature. This is very true. However, the interesting thing about repentance and man's ability to properly repent, is that although man has no inherent ability or desire to repent, the Lord has made provision for this difficulty as the Jews in the early church testified:

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (*Acts 11:17-18*)

This is confirmed by two other passages of Scripture that address the Lord's withdrawing someone's ability to repent.²

Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for

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 □ The withdrawing of repentance is not the same as withdrawing salvation. The command the Lord Jesus preached was "repent, and believe the gospel." This makes repentance only a part of salvation, and not equal to salvation, as believing must be coupled with it. Thus the Lord could withdraw repentance from someone who is born again, yet not affect their salvation at all.

Moreover, the Lord will never withdraw His salvation from someone, as salvation is completely predicated upon the new birth in Christ Jesus. Repentance, on the other hand, is only a requirement for salvation to occur, not a condition for keeping it. Just as faith is a condition for salvation to occur, the keeping of our salvation is not dependent upon our faith. Rather, the keeping of our salvation is entirely dependent upon Christ, not us. If it were dependent upon us, we would be in the exact same position as Adam, except with innumerable more chances to fail — which we invariably would exercise. In short, heaven would never receive a single man as we would all fail — just like Adam. We must remember that only God is intrinsically righteous, and only God is intrinsically able to maintain His righteousness.

However, withdrawing repentance from someone who is not saved would mean that they could never be saved. (continued on page 8)

