



BBC UPDATE

BBTS Module in Quezon City, Philippines

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During the week of February 20-24, 2017, the Lord blessed the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Module classes on the courses "The Book of Hebrews" and "Creation and the Flood." Some sixteen pastors were in attendance coming from various provinces throughout the Philippines, including recent Bible Baptist Theological Seminary doctoral graduates, Dr. Jed Raquintan and Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla. A special highlight was the surprise visit by American church planter Missionary Bill Hardecker, a friend of Dr. Strouse and former assistant pastor of a church in PA. Brother Hardecker is in the process of establishing a church in the Metro Manila area. The courses were well received by the Filipino pastors as they will attempt to incorporate the truth in their respective churches, which are effectively reaching and indoctrinating the multitudes with New Testament truth. Cornerstone Baptist Church, and host Pastor Jed Raquintan, were very gracious and accommodating to the visiting seminarians by providing plenty of rice and tropical fruits and ocean fish for the meals. The church also provided sleeping arrangements for thirteen men during the week. The fellowship was great as the men rejoiced in the Lord and encouraged one another in the battle for biblical truth.



Drs. Tanierla, Strouse, and Raquintan (II Tim. 2:2).

Pastor Raquintan and family at breakfast.



Giving Dr. Raquintan the Filipino Bank collection check for \$153.15.

QUEZON CITY BBT'S MODULE

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Photos



My comfortable prophet's chamber.



The parsonage of Cornerstone Baptist Church



The Hebrews Module class

Seminarians



Dr. Strouse with Filipino church planter Bill Hardecker.



Choir Practice.



Beautiful music from CBC.

BBTS/BBC SPRING SCHEDULE

Mar. 6-10, 2017

Endicott, NY

“ Daniel and Hebrew VI “

Mar. 25, 2017

“ Ladies Fellowship “

Apr. 14, 2017

“BBTS Spring Lecture Series “

May. 20, 2017

“ BBTS Banquet “

May. 21, 2017

“ BBTS Commencement “

May. 29-June 2, 2017

Ireland

“ Matthew and Creation and the Flood “

BBTS SPRING 2017

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary began its eighth Spring Seminary Semester, offering the courses Ps. 119, Cults, and Ecclesiology. All of these courses as well as past courses may be viewed online at www.bbc-cromwell.org under “Seminary.” Students may view these courses for credit towards the Master of Biblical Studies, Master of Divinity, or Doctor of Ministry degrees or may audit the courses.

BBTS SPRING LECTURE SERIES



“Understanding of the Times”

(I Chr. 12:32).

April 14, 2017 (9AM – 3 PM)

Every week, BBC shares and eats a noon meal together in fellowship. This past Sunday, the assembly enjoyed delicious (some very large) baked potatoes with personalized toppings.



IDENTIFYING THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT

DEVOTIONAL CORNER



Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The “children of light” are those people who are saved, who have genuinely received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They are also referred to as the “children of the day.” The true “children of light” are identified by certain indisputable biblical markers.

These markers should be considered in one’s life to make sure you are identified as one of the “children of light.”

The first marker that identifies them is that they are keenly aware of the next coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although they do not know exactly when He will come, they are aware that His coming is imminent and can happen at any time (v. 1-5).

The second marker that identifies them is that they are not slumberous relative to their serving the Lord in relationship to waiting for Him to return. They are not slothful towards the Lord’s business, but watchful, giving attention to their work before the Lord with a sober or serious attitude (v. 6-7).

The third marker that identifies them is that they dress in “spiritual clothing” by wearing the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation. They have a Christian appearance, walk and testimony, which they wear publicly and without embarrassment (v. 8).

The fourth marker, and last in our text, that identifies them is that they have a confidence in knowing they are saved from the declared wrath to come. This assurance comes from the truths the Scripture and from their faith in the Son of God as their Savior with whom they know they will live forever (9-10).

Are you counted among the “children of light?” Are the identifying Biblical markers in your life that reveal that you are forever saved in Jesus Christ? It is your responsibility to see and consider the words of God in order to know your eternal future destiny.
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Quotes From the Past:

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt
1858-1919



Charles H. Spurgeon

*“Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are.”*

A PLACE CALLED HELL

Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; **and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: (emphasis added)

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (emphasis added)

Reflection: What is the worst smell you have ever smelled? Has there ever been a time that you were in a space that was filled with a stench, an offensive odor and you felt trapped there in torment? What was that smell: a dead animal, rotting food, a skunk, body odor, sewage?

Today we will cover only one facet of Hell... the **sense of Smell**. **Luke 16** tells us that we will have our senses in Hell. Hell will be a terrible place that you cannot escape, not for an hour, not for a day, or for a year, but to endure for Eternity.

We find the word, 'brimstone' in the Bible 15

times and is each time paired with fire. Brimstone is a horrific odor that will make your worst smell, pleasant in comparison.

In His patience and grace God gives you your lifetime, until your last breath, to receive Jesus or to reject Him. On this Earth the LORD loved you enough to send His Son to die on your behalf but upon your death He will judge your sin and the eternal consequences are severe.

No one gets a free pass into Heaven. Mankind does not determine the future. God is the Creator and we are the created, we must do things His way. This is the destiny of those we love without Christ. Today is the day to make a decision that will affect your eternity.

Challenge: Read **Luke 16:19-31** what can you learn from these verses about Hell? Share Jesus with the lost today!!

- Please contact Elenas6259@gmail.com if you would like to receive Grow in Grace each morning through email.
- Also, A Complimentary *Grow in Grace 12 Week Devotional* Book is available upon request.

Ladies' Fellowship

Bible Baptist Church will host the annual Bible Baptist Church Ladies' Fellowship with Mrs. Mandy Breeden, wife of Pastor Greg Breeden of Northside Baptist Church in Windham, ME, giving her testimony on March 25, 2017 (10 AM to 1 PM). All ladies are invited, and there will be crafts and a luncheon but no nursery.



THE BOOK CORNER

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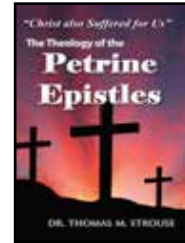
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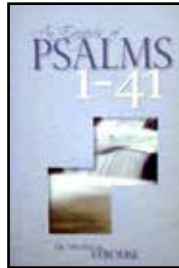
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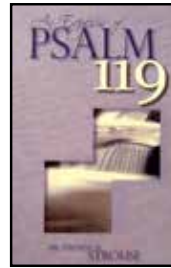
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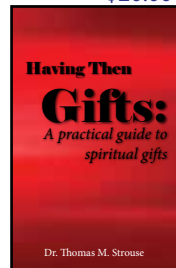
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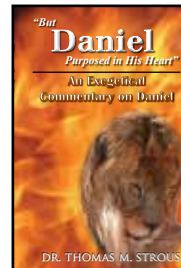
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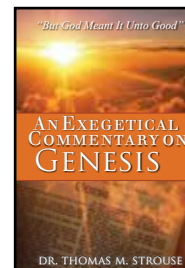
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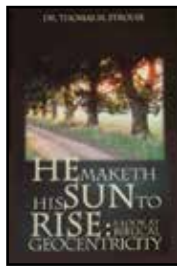
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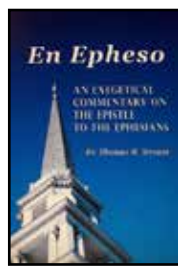
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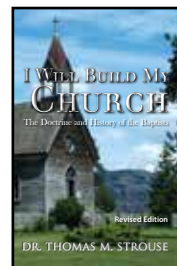
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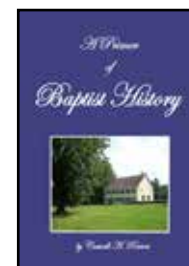
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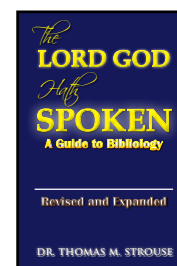
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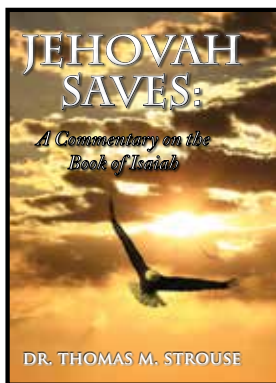
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The Lord God Hath Spoken \$20.00



NEW BOOK: JEHOVAH SAVES: A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The new book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah* is available for purchase. The book is an effort to exegete the contents of all sixty-six chapters of Isaiah, resulting in 508 pages of commentary with 746 footnotes chocked full of word studies, grammatical explanations, and theological teachings. It reflects over forty years of study, research, and reflection from the author. Available now! \$30.00

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