



BBC UPDATE

BBTS Modules

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The Lord blessed as Dr. Thomas M. Strouse and Professor Jeff Skorupski taught the Book of Matthew course and Hebrew Language course, respectively, at Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY. Dr. Cas Reeves, Pastor of HBC, hosted the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary modules with about 22 students involved in one or both classes. Matthew's Gospel is extremely important in understanding, as the author presents Jesus of Nazareth as "Behold, thy King" (21:5), the Davidic royalty offering His Kingdom of Heaven (Millennium) to His Jewish audience. Certain initial truths arise in the Gospel giving foundation to understanding the rest of the NT canon. Joseph's proposed treatment of divorcing Mary helps the exegete to understand the "exception clause." The Lord's references to the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God prepare for clarity in these two expressions. The Lord's submitting to John's baptism, the calling out His Baptist Apostles, the references to "church," the initiation of church discipline, the first practice of the Lord's Supper, and the giving of the Great Commission help the student of Scripture to understand biblical ecclesiology. John was the theologian of Spirit Baptism and Jesus warned of the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. These truths and others must be interpreted contextually according the flow of the book. Professor Skorupski helped the seminarians to work through part of the Book of Malachi employing previous knowledge and Bible Works. Dr. Reeves and the church people were very gracious in providing the opportunity, housing, and fellowship.



*Bible Baptist Theological Seminary module students.
Heritage Baptist Church, Endicott, NY*

BAPTISM SERVICE

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, the Lord added two believers to Bible Baptist Church. The Lord God set in the assembly Miss Allayah Nelson and Mr. Dean Yusi upon their respective professions of faith and subsequent immersion in water (I Cor. 12:18; Acts 2:41, 47). Baptism is a picture of the Gospel, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). Baptism does not save but the Lord Jesus expects all believers to be baptized (Mk. 16:16), and the Lord pleased His Father when He became a Baptist (Mt. 3:16-17). We are thankful for what the precious Lord Jesus Christ is doing in Bible Baptist Church.



Pastor Strouse giving the afternoon message.



BBC assembly hymn singing.



Baptism candidate Allayah Nelson



Baptism candidate Dean Yusi



Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2016 Spring Lecture Series

On Friday April 15, 2016 Bible Baptist Theological Seminary will hold the 2016 BBTS Spring Lecture Series.

9:00AM-11:30 AM-The "History and Value of the Erasmian *Textus Receptus*" Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

1:00PM-3:00 PM. -"The Pastor's Use of the Erasmian *Textus Receptus*" Dr. Cas Reeves



Please RSVP soon to:
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Pastor Cas Reeves

Ladies' Fellowship

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Time 10 am -1 pm

Mrs. Linda Reeves

Guest Speaker

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:13



Mrs. Linda Reeves wife of Dr. Cas Reeves (Heritage Baptist Church, Endicott, NY) will share her testimony. The fellowship will include special music, congregational singing, testimonies, brunch, and a craft.

Please RSVP with the number of Ladies attending by March 14 to drtms_bbts@juno.com



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PASTOR APPRECIATION

Though it is no secret how much Bible Baptist Church appreciates everything Pastor and Mrs. Strouse do to serve the Lord in this local church, the members thought to make an extra special surprise for them. The appreciation proceedings included special singing by Elena Sheerwood and testimonial given by Brother Jeff Skorupski. BBC presented this Godly couple with gifts and flowers. A special fellowship followed. Thank you Pastor and Jan Strouse for all you do.

Surprise!

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Pastor Appreciation



Thank you Pastor and Jan Strouse for all you do.



Brother Jeff Skorupski gave a lovely testimony.



Elena Sherwood beautifully sang Psalm 37:23-24, 1Thess 5:23 and 1 Cor 15:58.



BBC assembly members presented Pastor and Mrs. Strouse with flowers. They also were presented with a beautiful scapbook album which contained letters from the assembly and photos of the couple through the years.

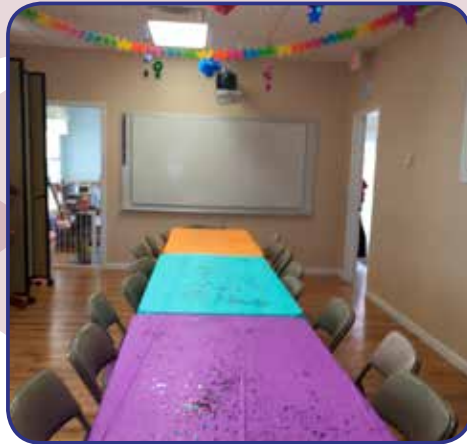


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Festive decorations by BBC members Allayah and Serena Nelson



Delicious cake and refreshment were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Christy Strouse made this lovely cake. <<



"Training the next generation to fight the good fight" (II Tim. 4:7).



A MEMORIAL



Pastor Cas Reeves

"Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her" (Matthew 26:13).

We have another interesting example of how men view things verses the way the Lord views things. The Lord sees things so much different than we do. In this account, we are told of Jesus visiting in the house of Simon the leper. A woman, Mary of Bethany (John 12:3), enters the house and anoints the head of Jesus with some very precious [expensive] ointment. She did this while he was eating his food (Mat.26:7).

The Bible says, *"when his disciples saw it, they had great indignation, saying to what purpose is this waste?" (Mat. 26:8).* From the disciples view point, this was a great waste of financial resource, which they thought, could have been better used in the care of the poor (Mat.26:9). From another point of view, Jesus said, *"Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always...she did it for my burial" (Mat.26:10-12).* This certainly reveals our human nature; that we are so earthly minded, that some times we

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

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can't see what is heavenly minded. Put another way, when we view things carnally, we fail to see things spiritually or God's way.

God said, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8).* God's ways are not our ways, and that is precisely why we need to study His way from the Scripture. God's Word says, *"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" (Proverbs 23:26).* Otherwise, we may, also, come to view things from a wrong perspective and that can lead to disobedience. God expressed this thought toward the Israelite people in the wilderness, *"Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways" (Hebrews 3:10).*

Our text reveals, that the disciples (men) were willing to rebuke this woman for her deed. But instead, our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, memorialized her and her deed forever. We need to make sure we have the right perspective on things, and that perspective is the Biblical perspective.
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Quotes From the Past:

John Leland

1754-1841

Early American Baptist Preacher



John Leland

"Religion is a matter between God and individuals, religious opinions of men not being the objects of civil government nor any ways under its control."



"Let King Jesus Reign in your Heart in 2016"

"Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle." Psalm 24:8

Grow in Grace for Women

Psalm 34:8 *"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."*

Reflection: What does it mean to taste something? If food is placed before you, can you taste it by looking at it, or is action required on your part? You must receive it through your mouth into your body, very elementary I know.

When food is placed before you, you have the freedom to open your mouth and receive it or reject it and leave it on the plate.

John 1:12 *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"*

Likewise people have the choice to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour or Reject Him.

Challenge: Have you tasted the Goodness of the LORD?

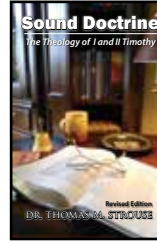
2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen"

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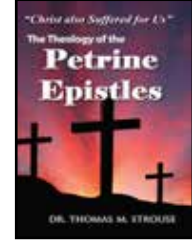
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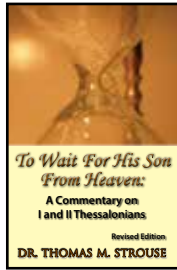
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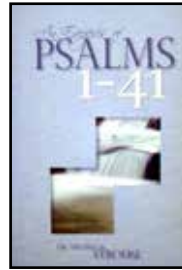
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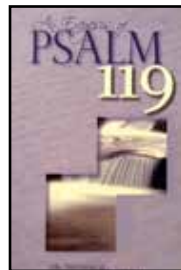
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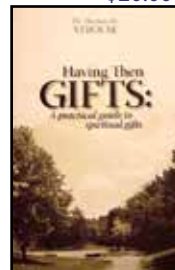
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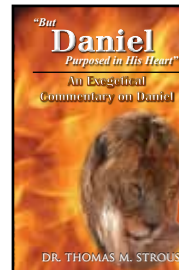
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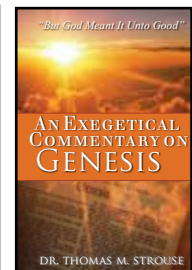
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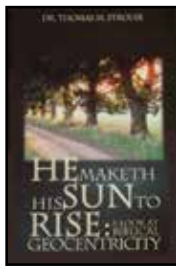
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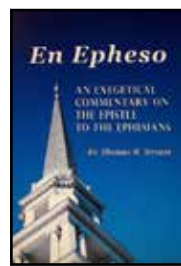
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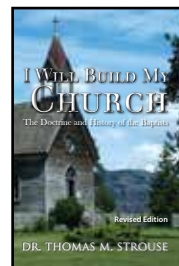
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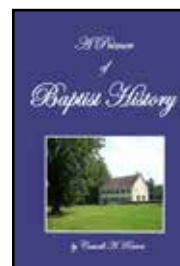
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BBC Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 19, 2016
Ladies' Fellowship

April 15, 2016
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

May 21, 2016
Graduation Banquet

May 22, 2016
BBTS Commencement Service

June 13-17, 2016
BBTS Module, Quakertown, PA
"The Book of Romans"

July 25-29, 2016
Calvary Baptist Independent Church
Plymouth, NH
"TBA"

August 22-26, 2016, Sunday
Fairhaven Baptist College
"TBA"

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