

BBC UPDATE

Quakertown Module

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



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During the week of June 13-17 the Lord blessed the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary module on Romans at Community Baptist Church in Quakertown, PA. The host Pastor David Smith and the church were a great blessing as they provided a classroom and supper meals throughout the week. The class was well attended with a seminarian from out of town along with the regular staff and church members. Dr. and Mrs. Noel Meadowcroft opened up their home as gracious hosts to house the visiting professor.



BBT Module at Community Baptist Church of Quakertown
Romans
June 13-17, 2016

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Baptism Sunday



Dr. Strouse with the Meadowcrofts at Chinese buffet



Dr. Meadowcroft found a friend!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

On June 26, 2016, Bible Baptist Church conducted the ordinance of baptism in an area church, immersing two recent converts in water as they were joined to the church membership. Mrs. Janice Nelson and Miss Faith Rossignol received biblical baptism at the conclusion of the PM Service. We thank the Lord for souls recently saved as the Lord Jesus Christ is adding to His Body of Christ at Cromwell, CT.



Pastor Strouse preached to a full house.



Baptism candidates Mrs. Janice Nelson (Above) and Miss Rossignol (R)





BORGE'S TESTIMONY (DR. EMMANUEL TANIERLA'S SON BORGE GAVE THIS TESTIMONY ABOUT ACCOMPANYING HIS PARENTS TO THE USA FOR THE FIRST TIME).

TESTIMONY

It is such a great honor for me to share with you the wonderful blessings of our almighty God and His goodness in my life during my recent visit at Cromwell CT, and also the city that never sleeps, NY, U.S.A. It was on the 18th of May when we arrived at JFK airport around 7 AM, and it was amazing to be acquainted and to have a really amazing fellowship with Dr. Thomas Strouse and his wife during our stay at their house.

First of all, I learned a lot from him especially about some American culture such as: being independent even though one is already old; keeping your promises; and being on time. Having had the chance of getting to know him better as a person and for being a good husband to his wonderful wife and a responsible father to his children, I give him my utmost respect. Such as his compassion to fulfil the will of God in the ministry is also such a blessing to me; how he enjoyed teaching in the seminaries, writing books and guiding the church people. I am filled with so much

gratitude to have spent time with him for several days, as he never hesitated on taking care of us, preparing my coffee early in the morning and he always had joy to say "good morning"!

Secondly, it is a joy for me to have visited your wonderful country and be able to admire the beautiful creation of God since this trip was unplanned for me. But one thing I noticed was that even we do have different cultures, languages and economic situations, we are all the same in spirituality and practice because of our salvation through Jesus Christ and the Word of God which guides us through.

Lastly, it is also a challenge for me to continue on following the will of God in my life here in our beloved country Philippines because the end is near, be it here or there in the land of milk and honey, America. Again, thank you for everything and as I end this short testimony, I very well remember what Dr. Strouse said: "a leader is a reader." God bless!

Emmanuel "Borge" Tanierla, Jr.



BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH CODY, WYOMING

Pastor Harold Davidson and Keith Main witnessing to two English men touring the USA.

CHRIST'S RESPONSE TO NATIONAL TRAGEDY



Dr. Thomas Strouse

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse,
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Quite often, when local or national tragedies and catastrophes occur, people ask the common “where is God at a time like this” question. This often leads to questioning the existence or the omnipotence of God. However, this question or these words should not be on the biblical Christian’s lips, since the author and finisher of the Christian faith (cf. Heb. 12:2) gave His reply. The Lord Jesus Christ alluded to two national tragedies in which a mass murdering occurred and a natural calamity occurred. First, the politician Pilate killed multitudes of Galilaeans, and second, the tower of Siloam fell and killed eighteen bystanders (Lk. 13:1-5). Rather than questioning the existence, power, or even justice of God, the Saviour gave His shocking perspective. He asked two questions and repeated His dire warning. The Lord’s questions were “*Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?*” (v. 2) and “*think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?*” (v. 4). The questions implied the answer that these victims were not anymore sinful than any other men, including those in His audience. Tragedies don’t happen only to exceptionally sinful people, but potentially to all men, who are sinners. The warning was that when tragedy strikes unrepentant sinners will perish, just like the unrepentant

murdered sinners and the eighteen sinners who died in the respective tragedies. Since no one knows when fatal calamities or tragedies will occur, it behooves everyone to have repented of sins and to have been saved in advance! Do people ever think along the lines of the Saviour? Do Christians ever give the warning about repentance from sins? Do the Christian churches in Cromwell, CT ever teach the necessity of repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life?

The Christian Saviour’s ongoing message was one of repentance. He preached the same message as His forerunner John preached, saying, “*Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Mt. 4:17; 3:2). He warned that repentance is required to keep mankind out of hell (cf. Lk. 16:30). The apostles Peter and Paul preached repentance to both religious observants and the heathen (cf. Acts 3:19 and 26:20). The resurrected Lord Jesus Christ demanded repentance from sins within the early assemblies (cf. Rev. 2:5, 16; 3:3).

Since repentance from sin is the Christian message to lost sinners, one must have an understanding of the nature and fruit of repentance. The act of repentance is literally changing one’s mind about sin. This change or turning is the volitional turn from wickedness prompted by the conviction of sin through the agency of the Scriptures with the working of the Spirit of God (cf. Lk. 18:13-14; I Thes. 1:9-10). The wicked Ninevites understood their responsibility before a holy God and expressed biblical repentance, saying, “*But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away*

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from his fierce anger, that we perish not?" (Jon. 3:8-9). The fruit of repentance is the understanding that nothing within man or by man can adequately deal with the offense against the eternal and holy God of creation. John the Baptist declared to the Pharisees who were trusting in their religious heritage, saying, "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" (Mt. 3:7-9).

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Saviour

from sin to all who repent of sin and receive Him by faith (cf. Jn. 1:12-13). He it is who asserted through the Apostle Peter, saying, "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 Pet. 3:9). Are we as professed Christians giving forth Christ's urgent message of repentance? Are you prepared for the inescapable death that is coming down your path? When the tragedy of death hits you or your loved ones in an "untimely" or "horrific" manner, are you and yours ready because of repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?



BBC CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Mrs. Linda Codrington now leads the BBC Children's Choir. The children sang the lovely hymn of *Jesus Loves Me* for the assembly.

CHRISTIAN WARFARE



Pastor Cas Reeves

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

We are exhorted to "earnestly contend for the faith." Literally it means "to struggle for." The verb phrase shares the idea that we are to be continuously struggling for the faith. Said another way, "we should be constantly defending the faith." The reason is because faith is continually under attack by its enemies. They are the faith killers.

Who are these faith killers, who we contend with for the faith. Jude tells us of several. First, there are the deceivers, "certain men crept in unawares...ungodly...denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus" (v.4). They cast doubts about Christ. Second, there are the unbelievers, "that believed not" (v.5). They cast doubts upon God's promises and cause many to fall, losing the blessings of obedience through faith. Third, there are the rebels, who are against authority, "which kept not their first estate" (v.6). Though the context is speaking of angels, the message is clear in application to those who are rebellious. They will cause many to experience the eternal judgment of God in that great day. Fourth, there are the immoralists, who give "themselves over to fornication, and [go] after strange flesh" (v.7). They corrupt moral standards of faith and make unclean and inept faith's warriors. They draw unbelievers into their corruption; who, in their unrepentant lust, will "suffer the vengeance of eternal fire."

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

When Paul wrote to Timothy, he said, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust... which some professing have erred concerning the faith" (1 Timothy 6:20). Timothy was commanded to "keep" what had been entrusted to him "concerning the faith." He was to "keep" the faith, that from which others had erred. The word "keep" from the Greek word "phulasso" means "to keep guard, watch." In other words, Christians are to constantly be guarding or defending the faith, against deceivers, unbelievers, rebels, and immoralists of the faith. This is Christian warfare.

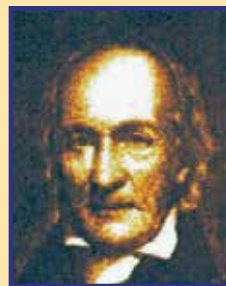
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Quotes From the Past:

JOHN LELAND

1754-1841

EARLY AMERICAN BAPTIST PREACHER



John Leland

"Experience...has informed us that the fondness of magistrates to foster Christianity has done it more harm than all the persecutions ever did."

Grow in Grace for Women

Matthew 5:32 *"But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."*

Reflection: Who is Matthew written to? It is the only New Testament book written exclusively to the Jews. The Jews 'espousal' or 'betrothal' period was the only time the Jews were allowed to 'divorce'. That was because the marriage was not yet physically consummated. Today it would be the same as the 'engagement' time before being physically united. During this time one is free to change her mind and leave the relationship.

1 Corinthians 7:39 *"The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."*

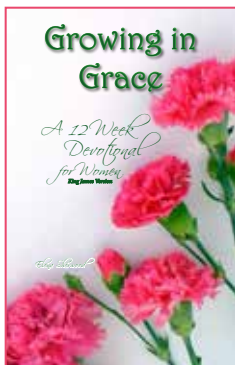
Who is Corinthians written to? When is a woman at liberty to be remarried?

What does 'only in the Lord' mean (saved or unsaved)? What New Testament verse does this bring to mind? This marriage, in 1 Corinthians 7:39, between this husband and wife has been physically consummated therefore divorce is not in God's will.

Malachi 2:16 *"For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away..."*

Challenge: Why does the audience make so much difference when understanding the subject of Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage? Audio Sermon: Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage by Pastor Strouse
http://bbc-cromwell.org/Sermons/2015/2015.02.08_PM_Strouse.mp3

"Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women"



This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

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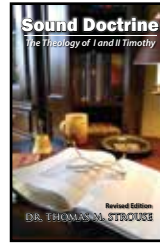
Psalm 119:2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."

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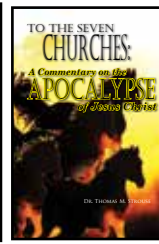
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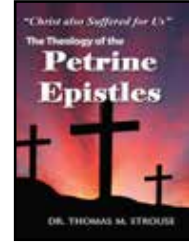
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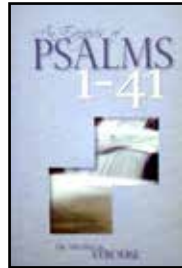
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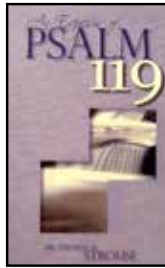
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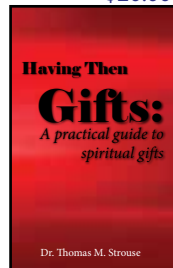
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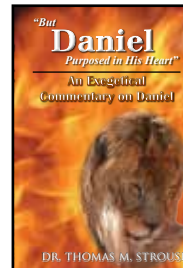
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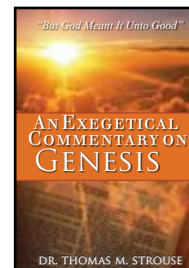
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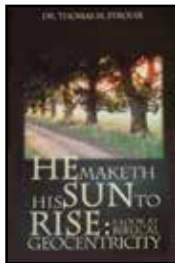
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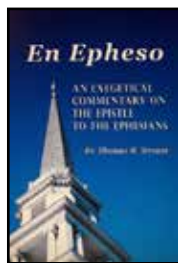
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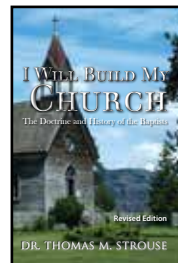
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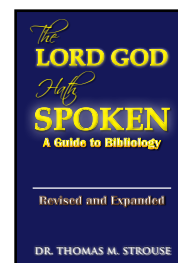
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BBC/BBTS Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 9, 2016

Vacation Bible School
"Obey and Honor"
9 AM - 1 PM

To Register Contact Ryan Strouse at:
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by July 2, 2016

July 25-29, 2016

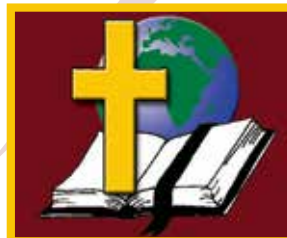
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August 22-26, 2016, Sunday

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