



BBC UPDATE

Filipino Ministries

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Several graduates of BBTS have put to practice II Tim. 2:2 and have taught biblical and theological courses in various churches in the Philippines. Dr. Tanierla has been active in teaching in various churches in Iloilo, as well as recent MDiv graduate George Totica. Dr. David Ellsmore will visit Iloilo and teach doctrinal courses in the same area. Dr. Reeves went to Quezon City and taught the Scripture along with another BBTS graduate Dr. Jed Raquintan. Here is Dr. Cas Reeves' report.

"My trip to the Philippines went extremely well and was such a blessing to me; however, I am very thankful to be back home. On Friday night, Dr. Raquintan met me upon my arrival at the Manila airport. On Sunday I was privileged to preach in the morning service in Quezon City. Following lunch, we traveled 2-1/2 hours north to Mabalacat in the region of Pampanga, and again, I was privileged to preach in the evening service of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, which is a church-plant from the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City.

On Monday, the seminary module classes began. In the mornings Dr. Raquintan taught *Finances in the New Testament* and in the evenings I taught a class on the *Book of Philippians*. A number of national pastors and ministry students attended. On Friday evening, the classes ended and the students returned to their homes in various areas of the Philippines. On Saturday, the Pastor's family and several other families in the church traveled to the beautiful mountain region of Tagaytay. From there you overlook the Lake Taal and the coastal plain in which Manila is located. We saw one of the old villas that former President Marcos used as his R&R villa before he was deposed. We visited an art museum by one of the Philippines' most respected artists, Ramon Orlina. Also, from the museum, we looked down at an extinct volcano in Lake Taal. We had lunch in the mountain city of Tagaytay. After lunch we began our way home. On the way home I saw the largest piece of mahogany wood that I have ever seen. I guess it was at least four inches thick, four feet wide and twenty feet long.



Dr. Cas Reeves taught on the Book of Philippians in Quezon City

On the trip back through Manila, one person said, 'Pastor Reeves, you are experiencing the worst traffic in the Philippines.' What would have taken an hour in the States took four hours because of the immense weekend traffic. It was good to finally get back to the church! On Sunday, I was privileged again to preach for the morning and evening services at Cornerstone Baptist Church. After the services we had pictures taken with a number of the families in the church. Later in the evening I prepared for leaving Monday morning. On Monday, Dr. Raquintan took me down to the airport in Manila at 4:30 in the morning. I was shocked to see all the cars on the road at that time in the morning. There were many more cars on the road than last year. I arrived back in the USA in Detroit."



The traffic Dr. Reeves experienced in Manila!

FALL LECTURE SERIES



Five hundred years ago, Oct. 31, 1517, the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) monk Martin Luther posted 95 arguments against the doctrine of indulgences on the Wittenberg Church door and initiated the Protestant Reformation. The reformers were baptized members of the RCC who protested the Pope's encroachment on their respective territories. RCC Leaders in Germany backed Luther while the RCC member Henry the VIII rejected the papal influence in England. Luther was excommunicated out of the visible RCC in 1521 and began the Lutheran Church in 1530. The RCC member Huldrych Zwingli preached reform in 1525 in Zurich, Switzerland. By 1534 Henry VIII decreed the existence of the Church of England. Later RCC member John Calvin controlled Geneva Switzerland with his "reformed theology" (1541). The RCC reformers continued the RCC ecclesiology of the sacral society, maintaining the manta "whose territory his religion." They demanded by physical force the necessity of a national religious leader, religious sacraments which made one right with sacral society, and death to dissidents. The Baptists, of course, rejected the sacral society and practiced believers' immersion into visible assemblies. Because Baptists differed with the RCC and with Protestants on the nature of the ecclesia and therefore the mode and meaning of baptism, the former were severely persecuted during the Reformation era by both movements. The entrance into the visible assembly was through profession of faith and water immersion for the Baptists, whereas the RCC and Protestants taught that infants were regenerated in baptism and permitted membership into the state religion. For instance, Luther defended the articles of the authoritative Lutheran Augsburg Confession (1530), including



Pastor Thomas Strouse will speak on "The Baptists and the Reformation"

Save the Date!

Fall Lecture Series

Friday, November 10

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell, CT

"The Baptists and the Reformation"

Dr. Thomas Strouse

"Why Study Baptist History?"

Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh

"Shifts in Protestant Worship and Doctrine."

Mr. Jon Stockton

the following: "Article IX: Of Baptism. 1) Of Baptism they [Lutheran churches] teach that it is necessary 2) to salvation, and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God, and that children are to be baptized who, being offered to God through Baptism are received into God's grace. 3) They condemn the Anabaptists, who reject the baptism of children, and say that children are saved without Baptism." The initial Reformers (Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Henry VIII) were exactly that—as Catholics they attempted to reform the RCC! There is no unambiguous evidence that they were born-again Christians, but to the contrary their own statements revealed that they promoted baptismal regeneration.

The Baptists of that era resisted this reformed RCC sacral religion and quite often it cost these Biblicists dearly. The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2017 Fall Lecture Series will present **"The Baptists and the Reformation"** lecture (Dr. Thomas M. Strouse), focusing on the biblical Baptists and their rejection of the scriptural errors that have dominated Protestant denominations and movements such as Fundamentalism. Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh will deal the pertinent topic **"Why Study Baptist History?"** Mr. Jon Stockton will discuss **"Shifts in Protestant Worship and Doctrine"** from a Baptist perspective. Please plan on attending on **Friday, November 10, 2017, from 9 AM to 3 PM** at the Courtyard Marriott (4 Sebeth Dr., Cromwell, CT).

Should Christians Celebrate Halloween?

*I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
that I might keep thy word.*

Psalm 119:101

Reflection: The Bible teaches 'separation from the world' through out old and new Testaments. As I have reflected on the children, and realize that it isn't any different where children are concerned. Satan appeals to the children and causes them to lust after things in this world:

- Halloween- lust of Candy
- Santa- lust for toys
- Easter-Baskets of candy and toys

A parent come into my place of employment with his 3 year old son and said that when they went to the Halloween store the little boy got scared. Dad thought that was funny. When children are exposed to evil, they get desensitized and shamed into accepting it.

How sad for this little boy.

The Bible says we should keep our eyes and minds on these things:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

*Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.*

Psalm 119:37

Some say Halloween is a pagan 'holy' day and some say it is a 'Christian' sanctioned day originating with the Catholics, either way it is demonic and true worshipers of the Lord Jesus Christ have nothing to do with it. The practices associated with Halloween are evil and glorify darkness. Darkness cannot be Christianized, as some churches try, in having Halloween parties by changing its name to Autumn/ Harvest Party. It is not innocent and it is not cute. It has association with witches, ghosts, demons, haunted

GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Believers have One God and Father who is Hallowed and we give that title to no one but our Heavenly Father.

*Neither shall ye profane my holy name;
but I will be hallowed among the
children of Israel: I am the LORD which
hallow you,
Leviticus 22:32*

Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2

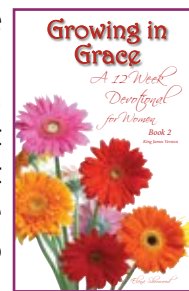
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Book 1

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.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.



Book 2

*"Blessed are they that keep his
testimonies, and that seek him with
the whole heart."*

Psalm 119:2

Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Watch

*"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."
Mark 13:34*



Pastor Cas Reeves

This word "watch" means: to be vigilant, to keep awake, to stay alert. In the Greek, its usage in Mark 13:34 is considered a command or strong exhortation to be watchful. Thus, all Christians are strongly exhorted, yes even commanded to be watchful/vigilant in their Christian life.

When referring to Christian behavior in light of the devil, this same Greek word is used by Peter when he says, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"*(1 Peter 5:8). Living the Christian life is not easy with all of its temptations, especially when the devil is lurking in your way to scuttle your testimony for Christ. Believer be watchful of the devil.



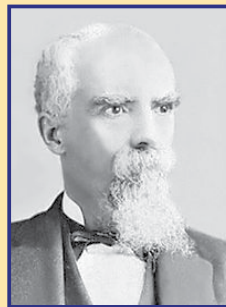
Beautiful Fall Foliage in New England!

In the garden before his betrayal, Jesus said to his disciples, *"tarry ye here, and watch with me"* (Matthew 26:38). From this event, Christians learn of the weakness of the flesh in prayer. Jesus was asking them to stay awake with him. But the Lord countered their failure by command, encouragement and instruction: *"What, could ye not watch one hour with me? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"* (Matthew 26:40-41). The Christian is commanded to *"continue in prayer" and to continually "watch in the same with thanksgiving"* (Colossians 4:2). Believer be watchful in prayer.

True Christians know the Lord is coming. They don't know when he is coming, but they know, he is definitely coming. The Lord likened his coming to a thief braking into a house and calls upon Christians to be alert, living their lives in light of his coming. *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such a hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh"* (Matthew 24:42-44). Believer be watching for the coming of the Lord.

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Quotes From the Past:
E.M. Bounds
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American Author and Attorney



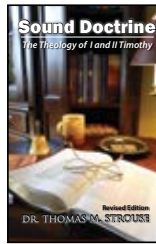
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"The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men, men of prayer."

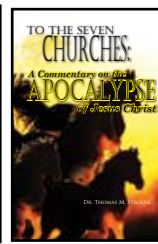
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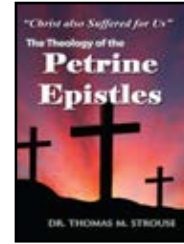
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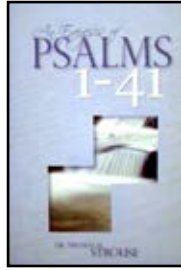
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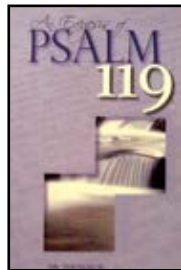
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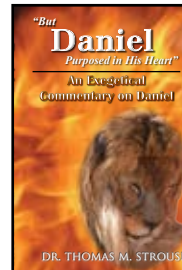
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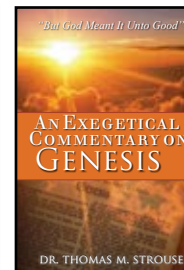
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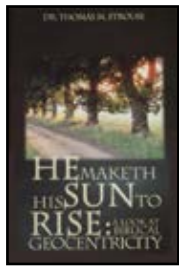
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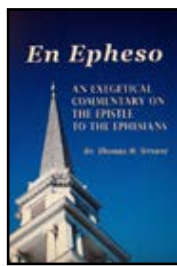
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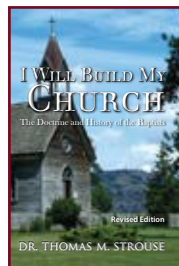
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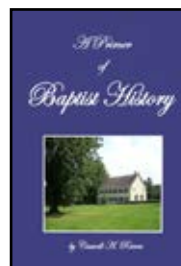
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Recent MDiv graduate George Totica taught a modular class to 15 pastoral students on the pastoral Epistles Of Paul in Iloilo

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9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays

Gospel of Luke & Medical Language

6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays

Acts (TMS)

9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

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