



BBC UPDATE

Davidson's Visit

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On Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, Bible Baptist Church was privileged to hear a report from Dr. and Mrs. Harold Davidson about their church plant (Bible Baptist Church) in Cody, WY. Bible Baptist Church sent the Davidsons out west to establish a New Testament assembly in their home town in May, 2012. They have doubled their membership and tripled their attendance through diligent canvassing efforts throughout the community. We thank the Lord for being involved in New Testament missions.

Pastor Strouse with Mrs. Jan Strouse, Bro. Ryan Strouse and Bro. Tyler Strouse enjoyed food and fellowship with Dr. Harold and Mrs. Edith Davidson



It was a true blessing for the BBC assembly to hear a poignant message from Dr. Harold Davidson.

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WHEN RULERS LIE



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King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, ruled for forty years (I Ki. 11:42). He gained much instruction and wisdom from his father, King David (Prov. 4:3), and his mother Bathsheba (Prov. 31:1 ff.), about righteous ruling over Israel. Of course, the LORD gave Solomon divine revelation which he recorded in his proverbial wisdom literature (I Ki. 4:32; Pss. 72:1; 127:1; Prov. 1:1; Eccl. 1:1; Song of Solomon 1:1). Solomon taught this revelation for the benefit of nations and rulers from his time forward (Eccl. 12:9).

The monarch Solomon recognized that righteous ruling needed to start at the top, stating, *"If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked"* (Prov. 29:12). This verse culminates the truth of several Proverbs which require the spiritual and moral responsibility of all in leadership. Underlings will be inclined to practice the ethics that are accepted in the king's court. If flattery and deception are the watchwords of government, the governmental employees will facilitate their responsibility and accountability accordingly. Conversely, Solomon instructed rulers with divinely given principles for righteous judgment, prefiguring the Lord Jesus Christ's righteous rule during the Millennium (cf. I Ki. 4:24-25; Jer. 23:5). For instance, he recorded the following, saying, *"A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment"* (Prov. 16:10), *"A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes"* (Prov. 20:8), and *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter"* (Prov. 25:2). The ruler must realize that the Lord God of the Bible places rulers in leadership (Prov. 21:1), requires him to

eliminate evil as defined in Scripture, and expects him to search out all issues for godly resolution. The king must not be tempted to receive bribes (Prov. 29:4), and must deal righteously with regard to the poor (Prov. 14:31; 29:7, 14).¹ Ungodly leaders will try to exploit the poor for personal gain (Isa. 3:14; Amos 8:4), but righteous rulers will encourage the poor to behave with personal responsibility (Prov. 10:4; 13:4; 18:9; II Thes. 3:10). The Lord Jesus Christ revealed the truth that *"ye have the poor always with you"* (Mt. 26:11; vide Dt. 15:11), and so kings and society must deal with this perpetual problem with biblical wisdom.²

In conclusion, Christians must recognize the biblical requirements for rulers, and when possible demand righteous behaviour by voicing the truth and voting appropriately. Solomon observed, saying, *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn"* (Prov. 29:2). Certainly, the Apostle Paul's strongest statement about Christians and government gives the ultimate responsibility for believers' involvement, saying, *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty"* (I Tim. 2:1-2).

¹ Significantly, a poor man is better than a lying king, as Solomon stated, saying, *"...a poor man is better than a liar"* (Prov. 19:22).

² Joseph never allowed a government give-away program or dole system, but required something of value in exchange for grain (Gen. 42:5-6).

*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

DAVIDSON'S VISIT



<<Dr. Davidson being presented with a birthday card signed by BBC members.

After services BBC members and visitors enjoyed a time a fun games and fellowship.



<<It was a pleasure to visit with Tom and Mrs. Cleveland (left) who came all the way from Vermont! (Middle to Right) Bro. Dan Phelan and Mrs. Davidson listening to Dr. Harold Davidson preaching the morning message.



WHITECAR'S IN BELIZE

Missionary/church planter to Belize, Don Whitecar, presented his ministry to Bible Baptist Church in the PM service on Oct. 25, 2015. His testimony was a spiritual challenge to all as he reported the numerous conversions and growth of his assembly.



Pastor Don White presents Belize report and testimony



BBC children with the Belize informational display.



Pastor Whitecar and BBC member Bro. Terrell Johnson.

THE LAW OF CHRIST

ARTICLE

Dr. Cas Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

The law of Christ is the love of the brethren. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you. that ye love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34-35).

The love of the brethren is an identification mark of those who are saved. *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death"* (1 John 3:14). It is clear, if a person, calling himself a Christian, does not have compassion for a fellow Christian, that person is lost and still "abideth in death." On the other hand, the person who clearly evidences love for other Christians knows he is saved having "passed from death unto life."

The love of the brethren is also a work of helping. "Brethren if a man be overtaken in a fault (sin), ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). The word, "restore" means "to mend." The idea may be exemplified by the setting of a broken finger so that it can mend properly. Christians who are walking with the Lord are to have compassion upon those who are faltering in their walk, and are to help them to recover. This is done by brotherly love and by a gentle spirit, keeping in mind that any that any Believer might find himself that any Believer might find himself faltering in his walk and

needing the kind and loving assistance of another for help.

The love of the brethren is sharing with a brother in need. "But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17). The love of God does not abide in those who do not show compassion for a brother in need. That is why true Christians are exhorted, "let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). In other words, Christians are: to stop loving by words only, but continually love by deeds. The greatest example of this behavior is found in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

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Quotes From the Past:

Andrew Jackson

1767-1845

7th President of the USA



Andrew Jackson

"Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in."

BBTS Fall 2015 Lecture Series

On November 13, 2015, Bible Baptist Church will be hosting the sixth annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series focusing on what the LORD God has declared about the institution of marriage. Since this sacred institution has been and is still under attack by Satan and his minions, it behooves the Lord's churches to be instructed in and encouraged about the Bible and marriage. BBC will host this forum to make a public testimony for the scriptural teaching about the foundational truth and biblical practice of marriage, and to give a refutation of the perversions attacking it such as gay and queer unions, and transgender abominations. Bible Baptist Church prays that area churches will support this forum with prayers and attendance in the midst of the beginning of the end of public understanding and support for God's ways.

Grow in Grace for Women

1 Peter 2:9 *"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"*

Reflection: On the day after Halloween. There are many 'Christians' that participate in and even encourage pagan celebrations and who also use the philosophy of pragmatism to justify their participation in Halloween.

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, by having Halloween parties and changing its name to Autumn/Harvest Party. It is not innocent and it is not cute. It has association with witches, ghosts, demons, haunted houses, death etc...

2 Corinthians 6:14 *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"*

As saved Saints we have One God and Father who is Hallowed and we give that title and reverence to no one but our Heavenly Father (Matthew 6:9).

Application: Teach your children with Scripture to discern good from evil and teach them to avoid it. Generally, if the world loves it, that should cue us in that we should not.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."*

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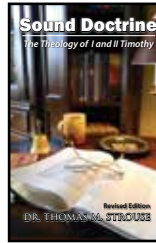
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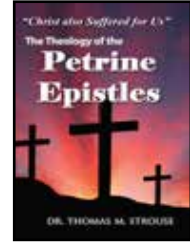
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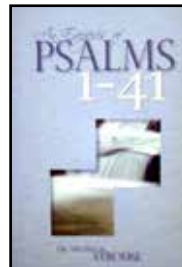
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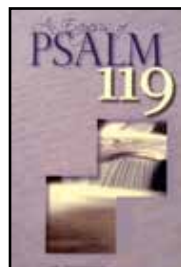
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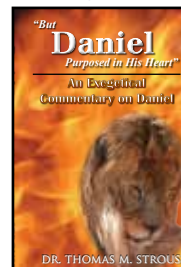
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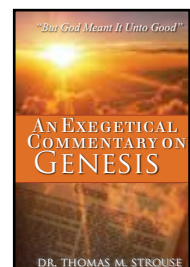
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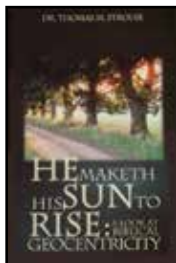
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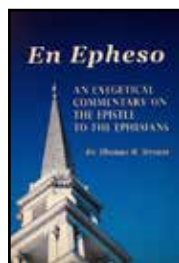
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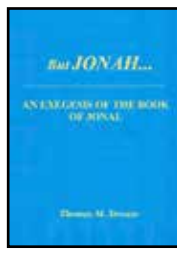
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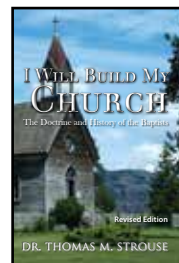
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Upcoming Events at BBC

BBTS Lecture Series

The Bible and Marriage

November 13

8:30 - AM - 2:30 PM

Marriot, Cromwell, CT

Sixth Annual

BBC Christmas Banquet

December 4, 2015

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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