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Seoul First Baptist Church



Seoul First Baptist Church Choir >>

The church housed me in the beautiful L'Art Hotel in downtown Seoul close to the church. Seoul is the capital of the Republic of Korea, and the metropolis contains the population of about 13,000,000, being the world's 17th largest city. Although there seems to be an increase in military presence as international tensions increase, the Korean Christians testify that they trust in the sovereign Lord Jesus Christ Who controls the nations, as Isaiah declared centuries ago, saying, "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Isa. 40:15). There is great peace for the Christian in the will of God, as Paul the Roman prisoner declared, saying, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the

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peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

While in Korea several hosts took me sightseeing. For instance, one of the seminary graduates, Mr. Sam Yoon, took me to the Top Cloud restaurant on the 33rd floor of a skyscraper for a wonderful meal and then we visited and ascended the Seoul Tower. The Seoul Tower is 777 feet high and it sits upon the Namsan Mountain (797 ft.). I am glad that Solomon's observation about aging only applies to the elderly, saying, "Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high..." (Eccl. 12:5). I also had coffee after the Commencement Service with Mr. and Mrs. Kwon and son Eun Hyeok and daughter Naeun, Mrs. Kwon's sister Hee Jeong and her mother, Mrs. Kim. On Monday I visited with recent seminary graduate Dr. Sam Yoon, professor of thermodynamics at Korea University and fellow Purdue alumnus. Overall, I recognized that as Korean Christians face an uncertain future, they claim verses of protection and ultimate victory found in Hannah's prayer unto the LORD, saying "He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed" (I Sam. 2:9-10).



^ View of Seoul from Seoul Tower looking north toward DMZ and beyond mountains to North Korea.



<< Outdoor market in Seoul



^ Dr. Eum in his study

Three Men Shared the Word



BBC members Darrell Nelson, Ryan Strouse and Jeff Skorupski filled the pulpit while Pastor was in Korea.

BBC Annual Banquet

On December 4, 2009, Bible Baptist Church organized with 27 charter members, meeting in several different homes until the present church facility became available. The annual BBC Anniversary Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2018 at 1:30 PM.

How to Have Great Peace

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

³²Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: ³³Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? ³⁴And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 18:32-35

Reflection: There is no greater example of forgiveness than that of the Lord Jesus Christ who became sin for us that we might be reconciled to the Father. Without the Lord Jesus, there would be no forgiveness of our sin. If you have not called on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to wash away your sins then you will die in your sins and will suffer eternal damnation.

In this account, the Lord is teaching Peter and His disciples about forgiveness. He is showing Peter that a lack of forgiveness is a condition of the heart. Our lack of forgiveness toward others shows a hypocrisy and a heart attitude that is in stark contrast to the heart of God. If He forgave us and we are the bottom of the wretched barrel, how can we then not forgive others whom the Lord is willing to forgive? Could we say that it is pride?

Challenge: How is the Lord speaking to you through this account? Does this account require that you take any action in your own heart and life? What specifically?

Memorize:

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Psalm 119:165

GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

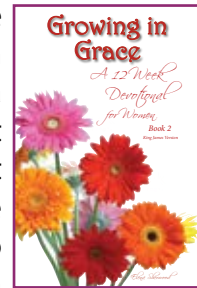
Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2

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Book 1

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.

Save the Date!

Ladies' Fellowship

Bible Baptist Church is planning to host the Eighth Annual Ladies' Fellowship on **Saturday, March 17, 2018**, with Mrs. Jackie Hinebaugh as the guest speaker. Along with a biblical testimony and challenge, Bible Baptist Church will provide a brunch and a time of crafts. Please make plans to attend.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

The Real Story Of Christmas Is The Birth Of Christ Our Savior

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

(Luke 1:30-31)



Pastor Cas Reeves

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

THE HOLY CONCEPTION OF

MARY (Luke 1:35)

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

THE SUBMISSION OF JOSEPH (Matthew 1:22-25)

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH (Matthew 1:23)

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

THE OBEDIENCE OF THE SHEPHERDS (Luke 2:8-15)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

THE WORSHIP OF THE MAJI (Matthew 2:11)

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S BIRTH (Matthew 1:21) "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." -CAR

Quotes From the Past:



Ronald Reagan

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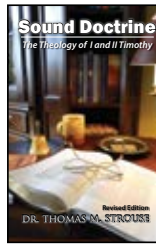
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40th President of the USA

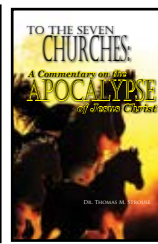
"Christmas can be celebrated in the school room with pine trees, tinsel and reindeers, but there must be no mention of the man whose birthday is being celebrated. One wonders how a teacher would answer if a student asked why it was called Christmas."

The Book Corner

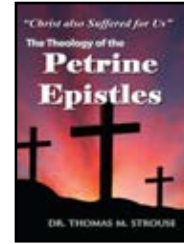
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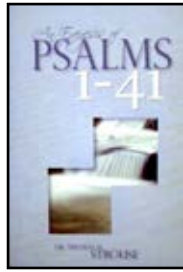
Revelation \$30.00



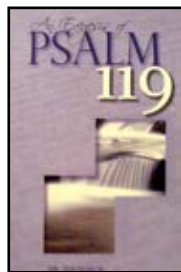
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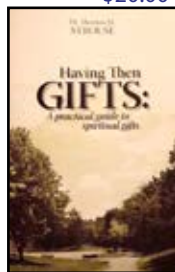
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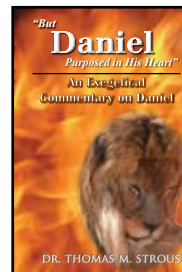
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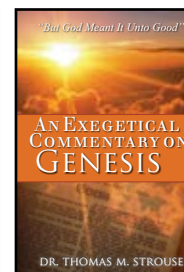
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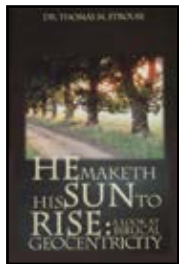
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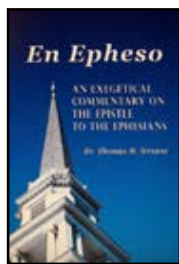
Daniel \$20.00



Genesis \$20



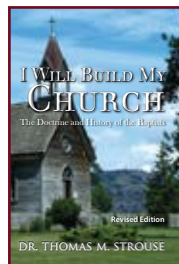
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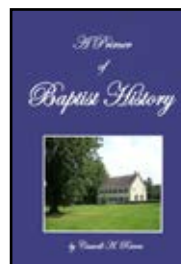
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Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

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Pastor with Eun Hyeok Kwon



Pastor with Naeun Kwon

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