

# Good News

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##### **SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:20 a.m.  
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

##### **TUESDAY**

Ladies Bible Class (Sept. - May) ..... 10:00 a.m.

##### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

**Gary Colley**

The good people meeting at Getwell are generally interested in upholding the Truth and living in harmony with it's precepts. This is certainly commendable. It also exhorts others to appreciate the Truth over fables because of their "love of the Truth" ( II Thess. 2:10).

*Ignorance and indifference* are causing great difficulties in the church today, and they are the main highways to liberalism and its destruction (II Jn. 9-11). This simply means that some live and teach in harmony with the Devil's desires instead of God's! They may say about what the Scriptures teach, "*I don't know, and I don't care!*" This causes the unsteadfast to turn from Truth to error. This is found today in some who may be preachers, or deacons, and even in some elders! Paul said to the Ephesian elders, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 28-30). This gives the manner and reason why liberalism turns people from the Truth to error. Please reread the passages. It seems that these must have a following, and Truth no longer matters when and how they are able to obtain it. These are narcissist in their interest and actions. They must be seen, and feel they have some authority. Instrumental music, women in the pulpit, or women in leadership roles, untrustworthy translations of the Bible, accepting denominationalism, are some trade marks of the liberal mind. Brethren, let us watch and pray!

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# Where in the Bible Will I Find . . . That the Bible Is an Orderly Book?

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The answer to our question: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *"rightly dividing the word of truth"* (II Tim. 2:15). Many seem to find the Bible hard to study. Some think one can flip open the Bible to any passage and find comfort and hope. When the "flip system" is used, it denies the Bible is an orderly book. Then, since it is found not to give satisfaction, these may throw the Bible aside, claiming it cannot be understood. Some claim one can prove anything by the Bible. What a horrendous misstatement to make about God's Word! These desire to discredit the Bible, but in reality they only discredit themselves. It would be an insult to say of any one of us, that one can prove anything by us. This would mean one charges us with being a liar, hypocrite, undependable, and unreliable! We would not take such charges lightly about ourselves and should not about the Bible! Every passage in the Bible has but one meaning. There are many ways to misunderstand a passage, but only one way to understand it, and that is the right way. The Bible is always reliable and should be

handled with reverence and respect. Its orderliness includes three separate dispensations, the Patriarchal, Jewish, and Christian, which all must respect. We understand that Tennessee has had three distinct constitutions, 1796, 1834, and 1870. So with the Bible. We must know which dispensation we live under to "rightly divide" God's Word, or confusion and misunderstanding will prevail. We do not *build an ark* today though that was a command of God to Noah, but in the Patriarchal dispensation (Gen. 6). If we "rightly divide" the Word today, we do not keep the "words of *the covenant, the ten commandments*" (Ex. 34:28; Deut. 4:13). All now are under the law of Christ revealed in the *New Testament* (Matt. 26:28). Where in the Bible we study depends on what one wants to know: *About Jesus?* (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John); *When New Covenant begins to be applied?* (Lk. 24:46-49; Acts 2:1-4); *How one is converted?* (Acts); *How to live the Christian Life?* (Romans-Jude); *Victory and the home of the soul?* (Revelation). Let us handle this wonderful volume correctly.



# RON'S REMINDERS



## Another Step Towards Sodom

On Friday, June 26, 2015 with the Supreme Court decision in the Obergefell vs. Hodges case making same-sex marriage the law of the land, we have taken another step towards Sodom. Homosexuality was so rampant in Sodom and the others of the plains that God destroyed all of them with the exception of Zoar which was left for Lot and his two surviving daughters to dwell in (Genesis 19:17-30). Because of this, the word *Sodom* became synonymous with homosexuality. When the Law of Moses was given, homosexuality was condemned and sodomites were driven out of the land (Leviticus 18:22-25; Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; 2 Kings 23:7). There were other sins involved (Jeremiah 23:14), but this sin was so prominent that it appears to have been the main reason God destroyed them (Isaiah 1:9-10; 3:9; Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:48-50; Jude 7). With the direction our nation is taking it must cause sincere believers to ask, "How long, O Lord, will you allow this to continue before you destroy our nations as well."

After the decision was handed down, an openly gay entertainer wrote: "We won the war." He added that they, the homosexual activist, did it through TV, movies and media. He was right on the last point, but he was wrong when he said, "We won the war." They only won the first battle in what will unquestionably be an on-going war. The final decision by the court showed not only how divided the justices were, but the reaction since the decision has shown how divided our nation is on this matter. The LGBT activists are already preparing for the next battle, which may well engage Christian institutions and churches in court trials.

Although now the "law of the land," this decision by five robed individuals did not change God's law. While Christians should obey the law of the land, we must not obey any man-made law that contradicts God's law. Marriage was ordained by God, and Jesus said it was for a man and a woman (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:21-25; Matthew 19:4-6). Rather than being the sign of an enlightened civilization, in Scripture homosexuality is a symptom of a degenerate and demoralized society (Romans 1:24-32). In this passage, Paul says that homosexuality and lesbianism are "against nature" (vs. 6-7). Considering the physiological makeup of a man and a woman can anyone deny this truth? Moses recording God's own words wrote, "You shall not lie with a man as with a woman. It is an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22).

Paul in writing to the Corinthians stated that among other sinners who would not inherit the kingdom of God

are "homosexuals and sodomites" (1 Corinthians (6:9-11). Several things are mentioned in these passages that are relevant to this subject. First even though homosexuality is a sin, it is no worse than the other sins mentioned. Secondly, some of the Corinthians, since many of the practices referred to were part of their pagan heritage, had been guilty of these sins. Third, they had been forgiven because they had repented of their sins and had been "washed, sanctified and justified" by having their sins washed away in the blood of Christ in the waters of baptism (Acts 22:16, Revelation 1:5). Fourth, they had been guilty of many of these sins including homosexuality and sodomy, but they had changed and had stopped practicing these sins and the others mentioned. People can and do quit practicing sins, including homosexuality and become faithful Christians. It is not having tendencies towards a particular sin that makes it wrong; it is practicing that sin.

Some say they knew they were gay when they were four, five or six years old. Let's be honest; when did you first have intense sexual feelings? For most it would probably have been in adolescence. Perhaps that has changed some due to the enormous sexual exploitation in our current society and the excessive exposure of sexual information and images. In relation to this point, some act as if sexual desires cannot be controlled. This is untrue with the exception of a few people with psychological issues. The vast majority of people do control their sexual desires. Can you even imagine what kind of world we would have if this were not true?

What can we do to help those who may be struggling with homosexuality and lesbianism? First of all, we should "love the sinner while hating the sin" (see Jude 22-23). We hate the sin because of the harm that has been done to individuals and families dealing with this issue. Second, in the spirit of love, teach them the truth (James 5:19). Often those who oppose homosexuality and same-sex marriage are portrayed as "haters" or "homophobes." We in fact love homosexuals so much we do not want them to be lost, just as God loved them and other sinners so much that He sent His Son to die for us (John 3:16; see 1 Timothy 2:4). Third, lead them to Christ. Get Help for them if they are willing to receive it. Fourth, give them hope for a change.

--Sellers S. Crain, Jr.  
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