

# Good News

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**SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

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Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

This past Sunday we were blessed to have brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr. with us. He presented three excellent lessons. He first discussed the topic, "I Believe." This lesson from our Bible class hour stood out for several reasons, the main one being this. We live in a world in which many people will not stand up for what the Bible has to say. Some may say, "Yes, the Bible says it, but it does not really mean that." Others may make claims that the Bible never says things which it explicitly states. It is refreshing to hear someone boldly proclaim the truth in times like these. He also delivered a two-part lesson on, "The Christian's Treasure Chest." In these sermons, he discussed different attitudes and outlooks that all Christians should have. These were very outstanding and encouraging lessons.

If you do not currently listen to our radio program, we would encourage you to do such. It airs at 8:00 A.M. on Sundays on WHBQ AM 560, or FM 87.7. It is our hope that you will be edified by such. I would also recommend brother Mike Hixson's program that immediately follows it. Brother Hixson preaches for the Olive Branch congregation and appears on GBN quite often. We have been blessed to have him speak on our summer series and on numerous lectureships.

With the new year approaching, I cannot help but think of the connection between the year 2020 and having 20/20 vision. As a congregation, our vision for 2020 must be to win more souls for Christ. We do many great things as a congregation, but why not "go the extra mile" and be intentional in evangelism? This ties in perfectly with the theme of our 2020 Spiritual Sword lectureship, "Bring Them In." Speaking of the lectureship, we are making great progress in ensuring that this lectureship will be the best that it can be. Of course, it will not be for our own glory, but for God's glory.

As we near the end of 2019, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me as I began preaching here. I could never hope to replace a great gospel preacher such as brother Colley, I simply hope to pick up where he left off and continue the great work of the Getwell congregation. If this world continues to stand, I pray that we will have a safe and successful 2020 together.

Bradley Smith

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## Did Jesus Make Wine or Authorize Wine to be Used in the Lord's Supper?

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One of the many arguments that is used by those who support social drinking is the argument that Jesus made wine from the record in John 2:1-11. Jesus lived under the Old Testament law. Under the Old Testament, the following were just a few of the regulations:

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder (Pro. 23:31-32).

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! (Hab. 2:15).

If Jesus Christ had provided the people with alcoholic, fermented wine, He would have caused these people to sin. Surely the Lord would not have done that! Our English word "wine" must not give us the correct idea about what was served at the wedding feast.

Also, the argument that He served wine at the institution of the Lord's Supper. This would have taken place at the time of the Passover (Mat. 26:17). During the Passover, all leaven (fermenting agents) were to be put out of the house:

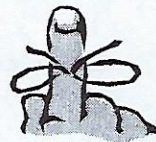
Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel (Exo. 12:15).

Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land (Exo. 12:19).

Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters (Exo. 13:7).

If there had been any leaven (fermenting agent) in the house, the Lord would have sinned, which He did not do (Heb. 4:15).

# RON'S REMINDERS



Sin Will Cause You To Lose Your Mind And Your Soul!

"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, **and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will**" (2 Timothy, 2:24-26, NAS, emp. added). I have always been fascinated and sobered by the requisites the apostle Paul shared with Timothy regarding the critical role of and for the Lord's bond-servant. The most striking feature to me is developing the acumen to reach out with the love and concern of Christ to those who have spiritually take leave of their senses. It is a breath-taking concept that requires genuine care and concern! I know this is true because the Prodigal son has a similar epiphany in Luke 15:17 "**But when he came to his senses**, he said 'How many of my father's hired men have more that enough bread, but I am dying here wit hunger!'" (emp. Added). He realized that he had been living in the 'hog-pen' of sin, disrespecting God and everything his father taught him. He made a conscious effort to break free from the devil's snare and be reconciled to his father.

Adam and Eve were ensnared in the devil's lies and deception which led to their expulsion from the Garden of Eden. When God called to Adam in Genesis 3:9 and asked where he was, he only had to say two words "**In sin!**" His protracted answer in verse 10 of the same chapter only reinforced his disobedience and lack of spiritual stability. Yes, "worldly insinity" leads directly to "spiritual insanity!" Can you think of anyone who would deliberately enjoy living out his life in a fiery, ungodly state that would result in eternal damnation? I can't think of a single person and neither can you! Jude's epistle drives this point home in chapter 1:22-23, "And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some hare mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh." The apostolic command to **snatch them out of the fire**

presupposed that their lives and behavior was such that they needed to be spiritually rescued from spiritual death! Jude admonished/ encouraged the disciples to be watchful-we need to do the same! There are three things that sin will always do:

Take you farther than you want to go  
Keep you longer than you want to stay  
Cost you more than you intend to pay!

There are several examples in the Scriptures that bear this out but I only want to cite one character-Samson. A cursory examination of his life reflects the path he walked and the consequences that emerged from decisions. In Judges 13-16. Samson provides the following perspectives regarding his life:

He was blessed to serve as a judge but often ruled by personal revenged and lustful passions

He sinned by not being completely devoted to God

He had fallen out of favor with Jehovah-and didn't even know it!

His reckless behavior cost him his sight, his dignity, his strength, his freedom, and finally his life

He finally acknowledged God as the source of his strength-Jehovah blessed him to showcase his might one last time

Samson's story should be must-reading for every student of the Scriptures. We must guard our heart, soul, and mind in order to stay in a covenant relationship with God. Let's make sure we keep our mind in the right place-and our heart will follow!

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