



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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It seems that our modern churches are just full of willing people; some are willing to do the work, and others are willing to let them do it.

Bad men or devils would not have written the Bible, for it condemns them and their work. Good men or angels could not have written it; for in saying that it was from God when it was their own invention, they would have been guilty of a falsehood and could not have been good. The only remaining Being who could have written it is God.

- Flavel

## Days Gone By

On Aug. 18, 1688, John Bunyan preached his last sermon in London, England. He wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" on milk stoppers delivered to him in prison.

On August 20, 1741, Alaska was discovered.

For all of us who wear glasses... isn't it wonderful where God placed our ears!

"A careless word may kindle strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life.  
A bitter word may hate instill,  
A brutal word may smite and kill.  
A gracious word may smooth the way,  
A joyous word may light the day.  
A timely word may lessen stress,  
A loving word may heal and bless."

Church members are like automobiles. They start missing before they quit!

STATISTICS show that for every 10,000 people killed by liquor, only one is killed by a dog. So, what do we do? WE SHOOT THE DOG AND LEGALIZE THE LIQUOR! Does that make sense to you? It doesn't make sense to me, either.

## FAMOUS CHAPTERS IN THE BIBLE

This quiz will test your knowledge of some outstanding portions of the Word of God. See how many you can recall from memory. Then consult the answers at the bottom of this page, and look up the passages you miss!

1. What Psalm of only six verses is considered to be the best known and most comforting of all?
2. What New Testament chapter is famous for its disarming commentary on the subject of Christian love?
3. What portion of the book of Genesis is known as the "obituary chapter" of the Bible?
4. Where in Hebrews do we find the famous section listing the Old Testament heroes of faith?
5. In which two consecutive chapters is God's thrilling preview of the new Heaven and the new earth revealed?
6. Where in the book of Luke is the birth of Christ recorded?
7. In which three successive chapters in the New Testament does Christ give His great "Sermon on the Mount"?
8. Where specifically in the four gospels do we read the account of Jesus' first miracle?
9. In which two important chapters is the creation of man set forth?
10. Shortly before His crucifixion, Jesus offered what is known as His great "intercessory prayer." In what portion of John's gospel is it found?

### ANSWERS:

1. Ps. 23; 2. 1 Cor. 13; 3. Gen. 50: 1-26; 4. Heb. 11: 1-40; 5. Luke 21: 1-36; 6. John 1: 1-18; 7. Gen. 1: 1-2; 8. John 4: 46-54; 9. Gen. 1: 1-2; 10. John 17: 1-26.

SCORING: Give yourself 10 points per question. 80 to 100—excellent; 60 or 70—very good; 40 or 50—average; 20 or 30—just fair; 0 or 10—the dust on your Bible must really be thick!

—H. G. B.

## "Mary, Mary, will you marry me?"

Five hundred years ago Maximilian of Austria longed to wed Mary of Burgundy and didn't know how to approach the subject. The perplexed prince took his problem to an older man and asked his advice on how to impress the noble lady. The old man suggested that Max give his beloved "a ring set with a diamond." The prince followed the advice, had a ring designed and made, and offered it to Mary with proper explanation. Her response was a positive one, and the prince slipped the ring on her finger.

With this incident a beautiful custom was established—for the betrothed and for the jeweler.



## Genesis—A Book of Firsts

(All references are found in Genesis.)

1. Who was the first baby?
2. Who was the first man to shave?
3. Who was the first Hebrew?
4. Who was the first mother to have twins?
5. Who was the first child named before birth?
6. Who was the first shepherd?
7. Who was the first person to laugh?
8. Who was the first person to be buried in a coffin?
9. Who was the first caveman?
10. Who was the first person to play an instrument?

### Answers

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| 1. Cain, 4:1         | 6. Abel, 4:2     |
| 2. Joseph, 41:14     | 7. Sarah, 18:12  |
| 3. Abram, 14:13      | 8. Joseph, 50:26 |
| 4. Rebekah, 25:21-24 | 9. Lamech, 19:30 |
| 5. Ishmael, 16:11    | 10. Jubel, 4:21  |

## THE PROVERBS.



A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. Proverbs 19:5



## ON A FULL STOMACH

A CLERGYMAN was having dinner with a parishioner preceding an afternoon service. He ate very sparingly, explaining that it was not well to eat too heavy a meal before preaching.

The housewife was unable to attend the service, so when her husband got home, she inquired, "And how was he?"

"Oh, well," her husband replied, wearily, "he might as well have et."

## IN MEMORY OF TWO SONS

Somewhere upon a battlefield,  
In a war of bygone years,  
One of our nation's brave sons fell  
And brought a mother's tears.  
An unsung hero of our land  
Died so we might be free:  
I'd like to take his hand in mine,  
Say, "Thanks, you died for me.  
Though some may soon forget, by one  
You shall remembered be."

Somewhere upon a lonely hill,  
On a rugged cross of wood,  
Another Son laid down His life—  
The precious Son of God.  
Somewhere in Heaven up above  
It brought a Father's tears,  
And so He knows that mother's heart—  
Oh, yes, He knows and cares.  
Did He not soothe her deepest grief  
And calm her anxious fears?

And through the death of His dear Son,  
By the sacrifice He made,  
Our freedom from all sin was won;  
The debt was fully paid.  
I'd like to take His hand in mine,  
Say, "Christ, You died for me;  
I thank You for Your suffering  
Upon the cruel tree.  
Though others may perhaps forget,  
I give my all to Thee."

—Russell Steellwagon

# Miscellaneous.

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## CHURCH MEMBERS: Are They Saved or Lost?

Anyone with spiritual maturity and discernment, who knows the religious climate in America today, knows that many, and maybe most church members, are not really born again children of God. Dr. W.A. Chriswell, who was the famous pastor of the huge First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, said to a few pastors who were on the platform after he had preached, that he would be surprised to meet 25% of his members in Heaven! Also, Dr. Bob Gray, another long-time pastor of the big Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, said several years ago that probably 75% of those he baptized were not saved! Then, too, Billy Graham has often been quoted as saying he believed the church was the largest mission field in the world, with more than 80% of its members unsaved.

It is true that today many churches are full of people, but their hearts are empty of the Lord. There is very little distinction in conduct and character between those who call themselves Christians and those who do not. Churches have embraced the philosophy of "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we will die."...just like the world.

You can walk into some churches today and wonder if you are at a rock concert, a self-help business seminar, or a social event. You look at the platform and see the same things you see at a night club. You look around at the people and there is no difference between them and the people of the world.

Something important to note: There has been no lasting revival occurring among God's people in over a century.

-Gleaned from Dale Burden in the "Gist" and Jerry Beaver in the "11th Hour Christians."

## SHE WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL!

The small children were putting on a Christmas program at the church. Each child held a large card with a letter printed on it, spelling out "Christmas Love." Each child held up their letter one-at-a-time until it came time for a little girl to hold up the letter "M". She mistakenly held it upside down and it became a "W". Giggles rippled through the audience. The cards were meant to spell out CHRISTMAS LOVE. Instead it spelled out CHRIST WAS LOVE. It wasn't really a mistake after all!

We need to remember that we always have a limited view of any situation, but God sees the totality of it. We can trust God with every future situation.