

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

The Perfect Fool

Steve Klein

No one likes to be thought of as a fool. Yet, according to the Bible, the world is full of fools. The Scriptures even describe a number of ways to become a fool.

Here are seven ways to be a fool:

1. **Doubt the resurrection.** The resurrection is a difficult concept for mortals to understand. Some find this reason enough to doubt that there will be a resurrection. By doubting the resurrection, they have an excuse to live in pleasure and moral foolishness. The apostle Paul observed that "if the dead do not rise" we could well say: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" (1 Corinthians 15:32). Notice that doubting the resurrection leads to poor direction in this life. Given the fact that Christ rose from the dead, it is foolish to doubt the resurrection just because we do not understand how a dead person can come back to life. Paul notes that "someone will say, 'How are the dead raised up? And with what a body do they come?'" He calls the person who would ask such doubt-filled questions a "foolish one" (1 Corinthians 15:35-36).
2. **Build your life around worldly accomplishments and prosperity.** In Luke 12, Jesus told of a rich man who was so prosperous that he had to build new barns to store all of his stuff. The rich man said to himself, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'" (Luke 12:19-20).
3. **Despite instruction.** "Fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). They think they know it all, when in fact they have a lot to learn. "But fools hate knowledge" (Proverbs 1:22). This kind of fool is commonly found in the home in the form of a teenager who will not listen to his father's instructions." A fool despises his father's instruction" (Proverbs 15:5).
4. **Enjoy starting arguments.** "Any fool can start a quarrel," and so every

fool seems to enjoy doing so (Proverbs 20:3). Truly, “A fool’s lips enter into contention, and his mouth calls for blows” (Proverbs 18:6).

5. **Make light of sin.** Fools mock at sin (Proverbs 14:9). Sin is funny to fools. They don’t see the seriousness of it. So they laugh at filthy jokes, take pride in drunken parties, and brag about getting away with breaking laws or committing sexual immorality. “To do evil is like sport to a fool, but a man of understanding has wisdom” (Proverbs 10:23).
6. **Act like you’re always right and everyone else is wrong.** “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes” (Proverbs 12:15). “A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart” (Proverbs 18:2). “He who trust in his own heart is a fool” (Proverbs 28:26).
7. **Act as if you will never have to answer to God.** Fools commit many sins, “Yet thy say, The Lord does not see.” They are only kidding themselves. The God who created the eyes and the ears sees and hears all. “Understanding, you’re senseless among the people; and you fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?” (Psalms 94:7-9).

The number seven is thought to be the number of completion or perfection. If a person is a fool in all seven ways listed above, I suppose that would make him the perfect fool. Hopefully, we can all see the folly of that.

-via *The Eastside Enlightner*; Athens, Alabama.



Addiction

William C. Sexton

The word addiction is one we usually associate with drugs. An “addict” is defined as “one who has a confirmed habit, as the overuse of drugs...” (Webster’s).

If we look, however, we can see that one can be addicted to almost anything; that is, to have a “confirmed habit.” I suggest that many in our day are addicts, that is they have “a confirmed habit” of deviate sexual

behavior. One can become involved over a period of time to practices that God does not approve. One can do it to the point that he becomes obsessed, addicted to that practice.

Just as one is not born with the urge to consume alcohol or other drugs, one is not born with the desire to engage in deviant sex practices. Yet, one may learn to do so, by experimentation, or by seeing others engage in such, or by hearing others talk about it. That is why pornography is so harmful today. Being available, many are introduced to it, and they get gratification from viewing it. People see things on the printed page (pictures) and view in porno movies, acts that are glorified so as to arouse the sexual impulse in an individual. It begins to work on one’s mind, and he becomes obsessed with such till the point that he’ll do things that are very harmful to his wellbeing and that of many others!

God made us either male or female, sexual being (Genesis 1:26-28). He provided for that need (Genesis 2:24): “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Jesus pointed back to that beginning when asked about the duty or rights involved in that relationship: Matthew 19:4-6: “And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

This was referred to by Paul, when he was showing the need for purity and the sin of fornication in sexual behavior: 1 Corinthians 6:16: “Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For ‘the two,’ He says, ‘shall become one flesh.’”

Sexuality is as much a part of us as our appetite for food and water, but, as in those areas, each must exercise control. To ignore what God says on this subject, as so many are doing in our day, is destructive to themselves and to others. Beloved, let us get our minds cleared of all unscriptural views, determine to do right ourselves, and help others to the extent we can do right!

If one has a problem, the first step is to admit it- face up to it. Then one can seek and find help. But until one admits that he has a problem, no help can be

forthcoming. Let us all look honestly at ourselves, and if there is a problem, let us handle it scripturally. Let us be looking for others who may have a problem, and be willing to help him overcome his difficulties. There is no problem that can't be handled, if one will honestly face up to the problem, having a desire to administer the teachings of the Lord, and seeking help from fellow Christians!

-via *The Auburn Beacon*; Auburn, Alabama.

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You Have To Interpret Scripture

Mark W. White

Christians have a responsibility and obligation to interpret Scripture for themselves. The Bible is not subject to "private interpretation" (2 Peter. 1:20-21) meaning that it means what GOD intended it to mean, instead of being left to the whim of individual readers of the text.

Roman Catholics believe that the Bible means what the Church, speaking through its councils and bishops, says it means. Surely our faith is not to be placed in the hands of fallible men!

Men wrote the Bible, but they were "moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). This means they did not insert their private opinions and clever ideas into Scripture.

However, for someone to argue that the Bible needs no interpretation is to deny the obvious, It is impossible to read and comprehend any piece of literature without interpreting the meaning of the words used to convey thoughts and ideas. The Bible is not exempt from this.

This is why we must be diligent in our study of the sacred text. We should use every means available to us in understanding God's revelation. Dictionaries, commentaries, encyclopedias and teachers are useful tools. When all relevant information is examined, we still must draw our own conclusions as to what any particular passage teaches.

We are all subject to misunderstanding the Bible. No one is infallible. We must study for ourselves and know what we believe. And we cannot afford to turn that over to our favorite preachers, a respected eldership, scholarly professors or brotherhood editors and simply say, "I believe whatever the believe."

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Mot Dollar	Betty Pepper
Marjorie Dunnivant	Fay Ferguson
Buddy Pepper	Carl Hargrave
Gilbert Hardy	Crutcher Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Robert & Mot Beasley
Ruth Lawson	Una King Carrier
Gene Carpenter	Dorothy Casteel
Ava Brooke Campbell	Alex Reed
Elizabeth Howard	David Holt
Phillip Harwell	Charles Burns
Eli Williams	Analynn Tegg
Elizabeth Kate Miller	Kim Pressnell
Dianna Ritter	

In The Hospital:

Joey Hinkle; Miami Hospital-Miami, Florida
Matt Poff; Vanderbilt Hospital; Nashville, Tenn.
Michael Vaughn; Kindred Hosp. - Rehab; Webster, Texas

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 75	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97	Matty Murray, rm. 2
Mable Crafts, rm. 100	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Judith Groce, rm. 63	Deannie Britton; rm. 66

Limestone Health Facility:

Albert Norton, rm. 36 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:
Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Wynell Casteel, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

RESTORATION: We are rejoicing this week over **Shelia Barrett** coming forward to be restored and to recommit her life to God. We appreciate Shelia and her desire to please God. May we encourage her as she has and will encourage us in our work together in the service of God.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: This week we rejoice that **Arvid & Doris McGuire** have let in be known that they desires to be a part of the work here at Market Street. We are glad to have them with us. Let us extend a warm Market Street welcome to Arvid and Doris.

NURSING HOMESINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the **Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care**. Come to sing, you will enjoy it and you will encourage the residents there.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Vaughns: Phillip and Margaret** are in Houston, Texas with their son, Michael, this week...**Steve Bradley** has gone back to Houston due to work...**Bettye Harrison** is back home after being in Oklahoma on vacation.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group Three** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of August 10th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 140
Morning Worship 192
Evening Worship..... 128

Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 121

Gospel Meeting

September 21-24, 2014

(Sunday through Wednesday)

Different Speakers

Market Street church of Christ

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Athens, Alabama

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Marcus Morris
Serving Norman Brown Landon Adams
..... Bill Claxton Delmer Carter
Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Tommy Coblentz
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 17th:

Usher Keenon Currier
Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, August 20th:

Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading..... Romans 2:1-16
..... Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer Matry Adams
Invitation Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Steve Usery

Sunday, August 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry Mitchell
Assisting Jerry McGlocklin
Serving Danny Johnson Marvin Putman
..... David Terry Nathaniel Adams
Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Marty Adams
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer Mot Dollar

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 24th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Landon Adams