



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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Black & White?

Things are not always as clear-cut as black and white. Pat Morris wrote the following story about two youngsters who needed to learn this lesson. I have included it because some of us adults need to learn the lesson as well. Larry

As much as I'd like it to be true, things aren't always black and white. It reminds me of a story I recently read.

Seems there were two elementary school kids, one a girl and the other one a boy, who got into an argument. It was a very heated argument where the girl knew she was right and the boy wrong, and the boy felt as though he were right and she was wrong.

The disagreement was beginning to disrupt the class when the teacher stepped in to settle the matter. She brought them up to the front of the class and placed the girl on her side of the desk and the boy on the opposite side of the desk. In the middle of her desk was a large, round object. The teacher asked the young boy, "What color is the object on my desk?" "White," he answered. The girl couldn't believe her ears. The object was clearly black and another heated argument followed, this time about the color of the ball on the teacher's desk. After a brief moment, the teacher asked the boy to stand where the girl was standing and vice versa. The teacher then asked the young girl, "What color is the object?" "White," she humbly had to say. The ball had two differently colored sides. From his viewpoint, it was white while from hers it was black.

The lesson the teacher was trying to point out is you must stand in another person's shoes and look at a situation through their eyes to understand their perspective.

The same goes for us as Christians when spreading the gospel. While scripture may seem to be black and white to us, we need to see things through another's eyes to gain their perspective. Only then can we approach others in love to share the gospel. Isn't that what Paul did on Mars Hill? He

didn't start with *"Your gods are inanimate objects."* Or *"You fools, there is only one true living God."* Instead he started with, *"I see you are religious ... let me tell you about this unknown god."* Only then could he begin to teach the truth.

Some Christians are young in their faith, and other people may have been taught a certain doctrine all their life. Let us approach each in love and patience as we open up the scriptures to share God's truth. *Pat Morris, Valley Creek church of Christ*

How Do I Know the Bible is From God?

Its wonderful unity convinced me.

The Bible is not really one book; it is 66 books. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. If you were to print them on average 20-pound paper, with average margins, using an average size font, and put them in an average binding, they would fill an average shelf. They were written over a period of about 1500 years by at least 40 different authors and in at least three different languages. They were written by people of all walks of life. Some were poets. Some were shepherds. Some were kings. Some were herdsmen. Some were farmers. Some were prophets. Some were preachers. And some were priests. In many instances, the one writing had not read what the others had written. Yet when you gather these materials together, they don't read like 66 books. They read like one book.

How is that possible? God planned His Book from the beginning. *"Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21).* — Howell Ferguson, Bells, Tennessee

PSALMS 32:10-11

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about. (11) Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Family News

- **Jimmy Jones** is home after spending several days in the hospital.
- **Darlene Caldwell** continues to struggle with her health.
- **Wanda Williams'** brother did not receive a favorable report from his recent PET scan.
- Both **Joy and Kay Walsh** are in need of our prayers. Joy has several health matters while Kay has a leg wound that will not heal.
- Next Sunday (Oct. 15) we are to host the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House at 2:00 p.m.
- Because Marvin Whitt provided a children's home report last Wednesday (singing night), we will have singing night this coming Wednesday night.
- HRR pantry item for October is Kool-Aid.

A lady and her young daughter were together in the car while a car in front of them was driving very slowly. Traffic was thick, and they couldn't pass the car. The mom was fussing about the slow driver as she was in a hurry to get someplace. Her little girl said, "Mommy, don't be mad at her because she may be taking a pot of beans to someone who is sick, and she doesn't want them to slosh out." So we all should frequently remind ourselves, "Don't slosh the beans" since we NEVER know what is going on with other people that we so often criticize.

Napoleon Bonaparte

To whittle away the hours of almost twenty years of imprisonment (except for an aborted attempt at regaining his empire), Napoleon made an in-depth study of the life and person of Jesus Christ. His conclusion will interest you:

I know men; and I tell you that Jesus is not a man. Everything in Him amazes me. Comparison is impossible between Him and any other being in the world. His ideas and His sentiments; the truth that He announces; His manner of convincing; are all beyond humanity and the natural order of things. I defy you to cite another life like that of Christ.

The Infinite came down to earth in the form of an infant; He who spans the heavens and holds the ocean in the hollow of His hand condescended to hang upon a woman's breast—the King eternal became a little child. Let Bethlehem tell that He had compassion.

There was no way of saving us but by stooping to us. To bring earth up to heaven, He must bring heaven down to earth. Therefore, in the incarnation, He had compassion, for He took upon Himself our infirmities, and was made like unto ourselves. Matchless pity, indeed! *"Truly this man was the Son of God."* Mark 15:39