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Sovereign Grace

Missionary Baptist Church

*"Where the Truths of God's Word Have Been Taught
for Sixty-Two Years" Since October 21, 1961*

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****Our Prayer List****

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Kathy Johnson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Shane and Brook Sims.

****Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works****

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

"13 Things a Lost Person Cannot Do" Part 1

By Curtis A. Pugh, (Now with the Lord.)

You can read this entire article here, <http://72.219.6.125:81/13things.html>

That the lost sinner must cast himself wholly on the mercy and grace of God must be obvious to those who read and believe the Scriptures. But the Bible knows nothing of such foolish man-made ideas as "praying the sinner's prayer", or "making a decision for Christ", or "inviting Jesus into your heart" or "going forward to receive Christ." No New Testament preacher ever used such terms or tactics! To tell spiritually dead sinners that there is something they can do to bring about their salvation is damnable heresy for by its false hope sinners are taught to trust in what they have done rather in Christ who has done all.

Consider these thirteen spiritual things an unsaved person cannot do:

1. **HE CANNOT THINK AS GOD DOES:** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)
2. **HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND GOD:** ". . . thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself . . ." (Psalm 50:21) "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?" (Job 11:7-8)
3. **HE CANNOT SEE SPIRITUAL THINGS:** "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)
4. **HE CANNOT KNOW HIS OWN HEART:** "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)
5. **HE CANNOT PROPERLY DIRECT HIS OWN PATHS:** "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23) "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12)
6. **HE CANNOT FREE HIMSELF FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW:** "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." (Galatians 3:10).
7. **HE CANNOT RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT:** "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not . . ." (John 14:17)
8. **HE CANNOT HEAR (receive & understand) GOD'S WORDS:** "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God." (John 8:47) "But the natural (unsaved) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." (1Corinthians 2:14)

Part 2 Next Week

"A Message from Pastor Johnson"

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,
taking the oversight thereof..."*

1st Peter 5:2

"The bible is our prophecy."

By Pastor Randy Johnson

Revelation 9:21 *"Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."* Revelation 18:23 *"And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."*

I believe that we are certainly living in the last days. I also believe that the bible is being fulfilled in its prophecy. Over the thousands of years since Jesus Christ, many men have spent countless hours, days, months, years, and yes even decades trying to master scriptural prophecy. I have in by Christian life heard many accounts of what men believed about the last days, and most of it has faded away in the revelation of time. We have even seen great men in the Lord lose their minds trying to figure out the scriptures, but mostly prophecy. The word "prophecy" as a noun means - the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God – and as a verb it means - telling forth the divine counsels of God – together this word prophecy means – to speak thing of the mind and counsel of God, or to reveal the divine counsels of God. There is only one way this could be accomplished and that is by a revelation from God. Jesus said when speaking of the Holy Spirit or the Comforter which was to come, *"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."* John 14:25 – 26 No man, outside of Jesus Christ has known the works or counsel of God without a revelation from the Holy Spirit, Who shall teach us of the things of God. Therefore, we must understand that as humans our biblical learning and understanding are ordained and controlled by God.

No man wrote the scriptures, they are the breathed and inspired word of God by the Holy Spirit. *"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."* 1 Corinthians 2:10 No matter how hard we read, study, or educate ourselves, our biblical minds are limited by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Peter, a man of God, a close friend of Jesus, and a writer of two books in the bible said this,

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"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:20, 21. No one, no matter who you are can interpret the Scripture by their own thinking, or according to their own minds, so as to make their private sense be the true sense of the Scripture, but to seek the understanding of it from God, who shows them the meaning of the word in the word itself by the power of the Holy Ghost.

God's word is beyond our learning as fleshly men. As bible students we must first learn and never forget that everything from God is a gift and God as a Sovereign Being distributes gifts as He chooses, and not as we desire. God said, *"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."* 1 Corinthians 12:4 We need to understand that any gift from God is a spiritual gift, but especially those having to do with our biblical intellect. Therefore, while God commands that *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God..."* 2 Tim. 2:15 we are still limited to what learning God chooses to give to us.

I know the world of Christianity has had brilliant men and women who have been truly blessed with spiritual understanding and have gotten so much right but at the same time have gotten some things wrong. This we can be assured of every revelation from God has been right without question and every private interpretation of man has been wrong. The Truth of the bible is by revelation only.

"Church Announcements and Upcoming Events"

- Please remember to pray daily for one another and our church. It is important that we (as a church) pray without ceasing and work for church unity with much love.

