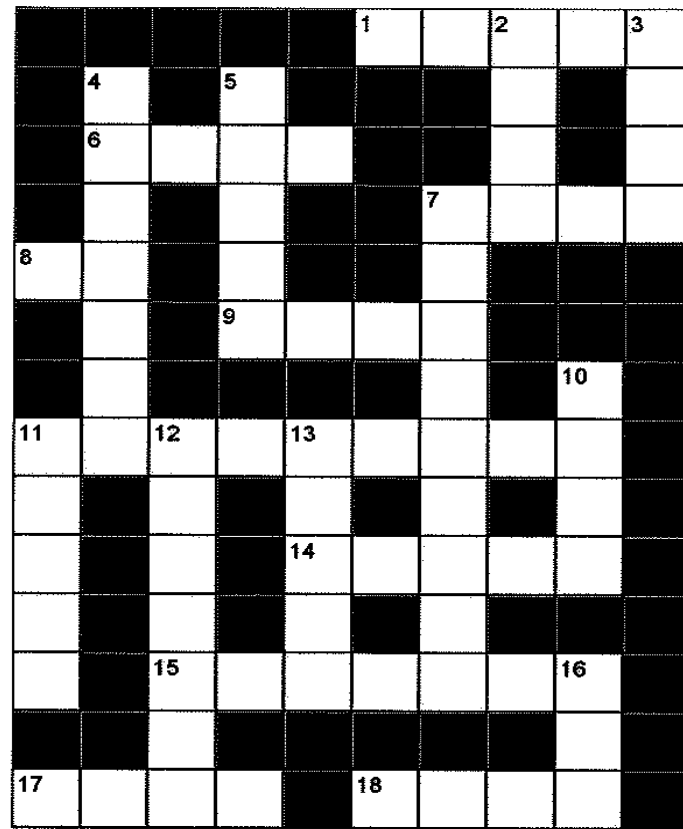


General Knowledge



Across

1. His mother made savoury meat for his father.
6. He traded his birthright to his brother.
7. The mother of James.
8. Peter said, "Lo, _____ have left all, and have followed thee.
9. Killed himself by falling on his sword.
11. David committed adultery with her.
14. The husband of Bathsheba who was murdered by David.
15. Thomas was also called by this name.
17. In the beginning was the _____.
18. Jesus plucked this and ate on the sabbath day.

Down

2. Jesus and his disciples attended a wedding here.
3. We are all baptised into one _____.
4. Esau's mother.
5. Absalom was killed by three of these.
7. The thousand year reign of Christ.
10. David ran for fear of Saul to the king of _____.
11. The inspired word of God.
12. James and John were called the sons of _____.
13. Time will come when they will not endure _____ doctrine.
16. Breaking God's law is called _____.

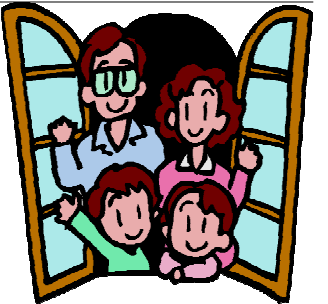
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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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THE PROVING GROUND OF OUR FAITH

By Larry G. Reynolds

The book of James deals with subjects that Christians are often faced with in their everyday living. The very first topic that James speaks about is universal to all mankind, it is the fact that all of us have problems. Dick Sztanyo, one of our lectureship speakers titles this section of James, "Into every life a little rain must fall". No matter if you are rich or poor we all have problems.

But what should be our reaction to the problems and trials of life. James tells us that when these trials come we should count it all joy. (1:2) WHAT did he say? "Count it joy"? Why? Because if we meet these trials and problems of life with **faith** it will help develop our character. He said, "knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. And let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:3,4).

Brother George Bailey, (a missionary for many years) points out that a gem cannot be polished without friction, a razor cannot be sharpened on velvet, and a smooth sea never made a skillful mariner. Problems, successfully met, make us better people.

James moves us to the next section that will help us deal with trials and problems of life. It is the need for wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (1:5). Wisdom can be contrasted with knowledge by saying that knowledge is primarily concerned with facts while wisdom is primarily concerned with the application of those facts. The wisdom that James is talking about is the wisdom that is from above. If we **trust** the facts that God has revealed and make proper application of those facts we can successfully deal with any problem that may come our way. God reveals that the testing of our faith produces patience. Now the question is, do we really believe what God has said? If we do, we will face these problems knowing that God is willing to help us. James 1:5-6 says "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind."

As we walk in this life and are faced with problems we must rely on God and His word knowing that in the end everything will be alright.

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Danny Odle, Building &
Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Missions
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
David Birdsall
Brandyn Graves

WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 15

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Don Allison
 Opening Prayer: Howard Goodman
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
 (James 1:13-16)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "Faced With Materialistic Desires"
 Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Closing Prayer: Jim Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side: Clayton Parker & John Schock
 East Side: Mark Stewart & Gunnar Taylor

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 Opening Prayer: Richard Messer
 Scripture Reading: Rick Cox
 (Philippians 4:8-12)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "I Am Young"
 Communion Table: Volker Jaromin
 Closing Prayer: Mike Haviland

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2009

AM: "I Don't Want To Do What God Says" (Genesis 2:15,16)
 PM: "There Are Opportunities To Serve" (Luke 1:13-17)

FEBRUARY

GREETERS:

East Door: Jane Clark & Bryce Bayer
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow & Forrest Hurst

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Maryann Bayer, Jennifer Clark, Gail Parker

BUILDING CLEANING: Kendall & Jane Clark, Larry & Connie Reynolds, Brian & Tyann Huffman

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Angie Akins
Kris Briant, Lola's daughter
Rachel Chambers
Angie Dick, Julie's sister
Alex Fortriede needs our prayers. Send encouragement to www.caringbridge.org
Mimi Gerkey
Charles Henley fell and broke some ribs.
Shirley Hines, friend of Lisa
Jack Knotts. Send encouragement to his home at 252 Pisgah Pk.; Pulaski, TN 38478
Maryann Noonkester. Send encouragement to N. 86 West; 6258 Brookdale; Cedarburg, WI 53012.
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Margie Oakley has breast cancer. She had surgery Feb 9. Send encouragement to 14109 W. Main, Daleville, IN 47334
Gail Parker
Trevor Qualkenbush broke his arm
Rachel, Nancy's son's mother-in-law
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Mark Stewart's dad
George Welker
Jerry Wilhoite, Betty Smith's brother-in-law
David Witty is in urgent need of a kidney donor
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster
Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Brian Noonkester - Germany
Justin Spence-Iraq

Sympathy

Clyde Daggett, Susan Welker's father, passed away Feb 9. Please remember this family in your prayers.

COMMUNION REQUESTS

If anyone knows of someone needing communion served at home, nursing home, hospital, etc. see Lowell.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb 15—All interested (ages 10 & up) in helping with the Cochran GA VBS Mission trip will meet after morning services.
Feb 15—Group 2 will meet in the small classroom after evening services.
Feb 16, 18 & 20—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.
Feb 17—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.
Feb 15—Elders and deacons meet at 4:30.
Feb 22—Carry-in lunch with early evening services at 1:30.
Mar 1—Elders meet at 4:30.
Mar 8—Daylight Savings time change. Clocks should be set forward an hour.
Mar 11—Make plans to join us for fellowship and pizza Wednesday at 5:30.
Mar 15—Elders and deacons meet at 4:30.
Mar 20 & 21—Camp Indogan lock-in at Breeden YMCA in Angola. Sign up on the bulletin board.
Apr 18 & 19—UTR Lectureship here at West Side.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 8, 2009

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Sunday Worship pm	101
Wednesday Bible Study	89

Be sure to check out our website at www.westsidecoc.net

2009 Lectureship "Speaking Sound Doctrine" April 18-19

HAS MAN OUTGROWN THE GOSPEL?

Time is changing. The new soon becomes old; the modern becomes ancient; the technological breakthrough becomes yesterday's news; the popular becomes lost in the latest; and the up-to-date is soon out-of-date.

Eternal truth never changes. It reads the same today as yesterday and as it will tomorrow. It is "once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Those who would change it become "accursed" (Gal. 1:69) and find that it will meet them in judgment unchanged (Rev. 20:12).

Modern man feels he has outgrown the ancient gospel. He thinks an absolute standard is obsolete. Exaltation of self and sensuality replace the idea of sin and spiritual death. He ridicules blood and the need for forgiveness. He scoffs at the virgin birth, sinless life, sacrificial death, and miraculous resurrection of Christ. He regards these as myths of a bygone era.

HAS MAN OUTGROWN THE GOSPEL?

Never! The only way man can outgrow the gospel is to conquer sin. He has not. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" was true in Paul's day and is true today. Sin is still the transgression of the law of God (I John 3:4), which can include violating one's conscience (Rom. 14:23), omitting a duty (James 4:17), and lawlessness (I John 3:4).

Never! God, not man, determines what is sinful; sin will not change. Men may call sin by another name, but that will not alter what it really is. Forgiveness is still the most basic spiritual need that man has (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). The only way a person can be forgiven is through the gospel (Rom. 1:16).

Never! The gospel is the power to overcome temptation (Eph. 6:17), and man needs its power because temptation is still with us. Mankind has not conquered carnal desires. He still gives in to the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (I John 2:15-17). He cannot overcome without the power of the written word (Heb. 4:12).

Never! The devil is still "as a roaring lion" walking about "seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet 5:8). Man is still in danger; therefore he needs the unchanged gospel, for it is God's great power to save. When humans can defeat Satan without the truth, then they will no longer need the truth. They cannot. No one is strong enough to conquer the Evil One without an "it is written" (Matt. 4:1-11).

Never! The soul of man needs food. If man could invent a substitute for "soul food," he would not need the gospel, but he has not. Peter stated that the soul feeds on the "sincere milk of the word" (I Pet. 2:2), and Paul wrote that he could progress to eat "strong meat" from the hand of God (Heb. 5:12-14). The gospel fills those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5:6).

Never! Man still needs a map to heaven. Men try to invent a roadway to heaven, but these maps will only get one lost. If we follow the road of "faith only" or the lane of "direct operation of the Holy Spirit" or the path of "once saved always saved," we are traveling a broad way that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). Only Christ and his gospel can lead one to heaven (John 14:6). "I must needs go home by the way of the cross; there's no other way but this."

Jesus plainly stated the conditions by which men can reach much needed salvation. A sinner must believe in Christ (Mark 16:16), decide to change his sinful life (repent) (Luke 13:5), confess the sweet name of Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), an be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Rom 6:4). We can choose to heed these scriptures or harass them, to read them or reject them, to respect them or ridicule them. Still, the same ancient gospel is the cure for all the spiritual ills of men! Why not obey today?