

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE (3rd 100 questions)

Answer the questions below with the scripture where it can be found. The answers will appear in the following bulletin.

16. What man and his wife expounded the way of God more perfectly to an “eloquent” preacher?
17. Who wrote we should “speak as the oracles of God?”
18. Where do you find “churches of Christ” in the New Testament?
19. Who said that Christ purchased the church “with his own blood”?
20. Who were told to “feed the church of God”?



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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.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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MANIPULATED? By Kevin Cauley

Have you ever been manipulated by someone to such a degree that when the entire thing is over you feel like an old bath towel that has been hung out to dry, just kind of waving back and forth in the wind? I know that I have, and I don't really care to relive those experiences or recount them. They are quite embarrassing to recall and usually emotionally painful as well. Perhaps the biggest perceived manipulations in our culture and society are the philosophies of post modernism. Whether we realize it or not, and most do not, the way that we think in our society and culture is influenced by these philosophies. Television, advertisements, the evening news, sitcoms, buying products at the grocery store, video games, movies, restaurants, theme parks, religious services even our closest friends are all influenced and in turn result in influencing and manipulating our thought and lives.

Post modernism is the period of philosophical thought in which we live. It occurs after the period of modernism when rationally prevailed as the primary methods of seeking to understand reality. In the 19th century, however, certain philosophers divorced rationality from reality and placed a greater emphasis upon physical personal experience and existence. This meant that personal subjective experience became the arbiter for truth and reality. We can also credit these philosophies with divorcing faith and knowledge by redefining these terms based upon personal experience. Today most simply accept this dichotomy of thought without question. Such was not always the case; the distinction between faith and knowledge made by early post modernistic thinkers was not present in the thinking of early Christians (John 6:69, John 10:38, I Tim. 4:3,5:13).

Today you will see post modernistic thought reflected in just about every aspect of our society. The focus of society has shifted away from the question, “What do you think?” “Feeling,” as a way of discerning truth, has replaced “thinking” in the post-modern philosophies. Nevertheless, these philosophies manipulate them into patterns of behavior that are personally destructive.

We need to understand that such thinking is militantly antagonistic to Christian thought. Christianity exhorts us to control our passions with reason. The New Testament concept of sobriety emphasizes exactly this point. Christians must be sober (I Peter 1:13) and not allow their personal feelings, passions, or experiences to overwhelm their thought and knowledge. In Christianity, thought leads feelings, not vice versa. This is why Paul writes in Philippians 4:8 “think on these things.”

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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

Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Mike Haviland, Missions/
Evangelism & Fellowship
Jerry Hoyt, Benevolence
Lowell Huffman, Bible
Correspondence Course
and Widows/Widowers
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Finance
Jim Witty, Upon The Rock

SUMMER YOUTH INTERN

Cooper Groger

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
India
Scott Richards
Memphis School Of
Preaching
David Dixon

WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 8

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman
Opening Prayer: Todd Stults
Scripture Reading: John Schock (Luke.23:28-31)
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
Sermon: Cooper Groger
Sermon Topic: "Voices of Jesus"
Closing Prayer: Jim Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Mark Stewart
West Side—Outside: Jim Hoover
Inside: Gunnar Taylor
East Side— Inside: Jonah Stults
Outside: Ira Chambers

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Mike Haviland
Opening Prayer: Richard Messer
Scripture Reading: Ira Chambers (2 Peter 1:1-4)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Christian Growth"
Communion Table: John Schock
Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR AUGUST 15, 2010

AM: "My Name Is In The Book Of Life" (Heb. 10:34-39)
PM: "To Live Like Jesus" (Heb. 8:1-6)

AUGUST GREETERS:

East Door: Janet & Ginger
Front Door + Ushers:
Forrest & Kendall

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene
Clean-up: Kathy & Skylar

BUILDING CLEANING:

Lola, Betty, Lela, Norma , Ginger

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margret Anderson, Sally's mother-in-law
Mary Bole, neighbor of Lisa
Kate Bowerman, Larry's and Mike's aunt has lung cancer
Holly Chambers
Susan Cloninger- Send encouragement to 18 Knight Bridge Rd; Sherwood, AR 72120.
Don Gaw
Julie Harris, Sue's friend
Robert Huddleston, relative of Herb & Jim.
Karen Jaromin is recovering from surgery
Shane Mann
Darletta Odle, prayers only, please no visits or calls
Totty Perry, Dorothy and Ellen's friend has colon cancer
Rachel Ryan, friend of Hannah from Freed, was injured in an accident.
Kent Sanders
Suzy Sanders, sister-in-law of Kent
Verdie Smith is currently taking chemotherapy. Her address is in the directory.
Pat Stuart, friend of Sandy Phillips, has cancer
Cathy Welmer, Dorothy's aunt
Everett & Ann Witty
Vada Zeek is now at Willowbend Living Center, 7524 E. Jackson; Muncie, IN 47302

Shut-Ins: Virginia Ashley - Westminster. **Juanita Broderick**, **Mary Norris** - The Woodlands. **Evelyn Vannatter**—Elmcraft.

Away in the Military: **Brian Noonkester** - Germany.

SUPPORT THE YOUTH

Sign up on the bulletin board to host a Teen Devotion in your home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Aug 8—Preacher's Pals begins at 6:00.

Aug 8—Group B (Brian) will meet after evening services.

Aug 10—Men's fellowship breakfast, 8 AM at IHOP.

Aug 8-11—South Central church of Christ Gospel Revival. See bulletin board for details.

Aug 14—Summit City church of Christ in Ft Wayne Ladies' Day. See bulletin board for details.

Aug 18—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.

Sept 11—Goshen church of Christ Ladies' Day, "Did I Say That?!!" Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board as well as further details.

Sept 18—West Side Ladies' Day.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF AUG 1, 2010

Sunday Bible Study
Sunday Worship am 119
Sunday Worship pm
Wednesday Bible Study 108

MANIPULATED? (CONTINUED) By Kevin Cauley

By virtue of our thoughts controlling and shaping our experience, the Christian has the peace that passes all understanding (Phil 4:7). However, when our experience leads our thoughts, then we become "like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed" (James 1:6).

Moreover, the Bible teaches that the Christian owns a positive, optimistic view of life (Philippians 4:4). However, when personal experience dominates our thinking, our focus shifts to the physical and we begin to look for physical solutions to spiritual problems. This results in pessimistic thinking and a generally destructive view of life. Ultimately, as a result of our thoughts being dominated by existential thinking, we will have no thought patterns that are capable of processing our experience meaningfully and constructively. Instead our thought patterns will be processed by our experience first, whatever that experience might be. In contrast, early Christians found themselves "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name" (Acts 5:41). This was due to this fundamental shift in thinking away from the dominance of personal experience and toward allowing divine thought (revelation) to control their lives.

It takes a fundamental shift in thinking and a supreme effort of the will in order to bring our loves back into a pattern that is not dominated by personal experience, but by thought. It helps when we have individuals around us who are also willing to make the effort. It is incredibly difficult to make this shift in a society where experience trumps thought in every direction we turn. The church can play a great role in providing a haven against post modernistic thought when Christians reject experience as the arbiter of truth and embrace the principles of Christianity. Let us then, not be manipulated by society, but rather let us transform society to God's truth.

Answers from 07/25

- 11. What apostle rebuked another apostle? **Paul. Gal. 2:11**
- 12. How many days and nights did it rain during the flood? **Forty. Gen. 7:3**
- 13. To whom did Paul refer as "pillars"? **James & John. Gal. 2:9**
- 14. Where are we admonished not to "neglect so great salvation"? **Heb. 2:3**
- 15. What people "searched the scriptures daily"? **Bereans. Acts 17:11**