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Life and Death: Finding God's Peace in Sorrow

By James Moriello

1. Everything, including death, has its time. *"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die"* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2).

2. Life is short in duration. *"The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away"* (Psalm 90:10).

3. Death entered the world as a result of sin. *"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned"* (Romans 5:12).

4. The human spirit continues after death. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Him-*

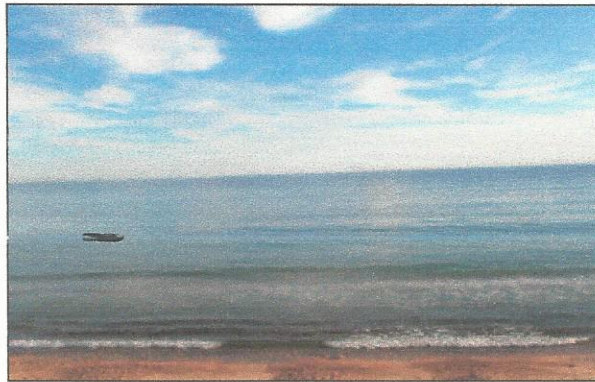


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"A time to be born, And a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:2)

self, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come

forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:25-29).

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Take Life as it Comes

By Scott Lancot

Life is a precious gift from God. As a Christian growing in faith, sometimes you can take life for granted. You can begin to think that you are untouchable, and that nothing bad can happen to you. It always happens to someone else. I received a phone call one night from my son's mother. Shock and disbelief were ringing in my head as she informed me that my son had passed away. I went into denial of the fact, broke down crying, praying to God to give me the strength to get through what was happening.

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Carried By Four (Excerpted From the Sermon Delivered March 19, 1871)

By C.H. Spurgeon

"And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed. And it came to pass on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before Him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the

midst before Jesus. And when He saw their faith, He said unto him, Man, your sins are forgiven you. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, 'Who is this which speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?' But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answering said unto them, 'Why reason you in your hearts? Which is easier to say, Your sins are forgiven you, or to say, Rise up and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has power upon earth to forgive sins (He said unto the sick of the palsy), I say unto you, Arise, and take up your couch, and go into your house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and



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"then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him" (Luke 5:18)

they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today." (Luke 5:16-26, KJV). JESUS CAN REMOVE BOTH THE SIN AND THE PARALYSIS IN A SINGLE MOMENT. It was the business of the four bearers to bring the man to Christ, but there their power

ended. It is our part to bring the guilty sinner to the Savior; there our power ends. Thank God! When we end, Christ begins, and works right gloriously, too! Observe that He began by saying, "Your sins are forgiven you." He laid the axe at the root!

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Science is Right!

By Tanya Hay

For many years, people have placed their trust in science. While science is great, it seems to vary and change given different circumstances. One thing that science has correct is the fact that living things need some basic elements in order to live. These elements include water, food, light, and air. It's amazing that the Bible tells us some-

thing very similar. The Bible tells us that not only is Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), but He is also:

The Living Water (water) - John 7:37-39

The Bread of Life (food) - John 6:35

The Light of the World (light) - John 8:12

The Breath of Life (air) - Job 33:4

I agree with science in this case. Science is right! We absolutely, beyond a shadow of a doubt, need Jesus to live!!!! Amen.

Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Christian Colorado Baker

By NECB Staff

June 4, 2018 (Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission)

In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that this Christian owned cake shop was not required to bake a cake for a 'same-sex wedding.' The case pitted the right to practice one's freedom of religion against the pro-

hibitions against discrimination.

Editor's Note: The Supreme Court got it right. The owners of the cake shop have a sincerely held belief that God ordained marriage between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24). When we start forcing our own citizens to violate their religious conscience (whatever the religion), we are on the slippery slope to tyranny, as our freedoms erode one by one.

Eagles: God's Reminder that He Lifts us Up

God Will Carry You Through Hard Times

By Tanya Hay

Recently, I was reading that eagles use winds, as well as "updrafts" coming off of mountains and hills to help them gain altitude. This sets them up for a long soaring flight to move to another location, especially when they migrate great distances north or south. This saves the eagles a great deal of energy, and the eagles as a result hardly have to flap their wings.

Reading this reminded me of a few Scripture verses:

Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." God rewards those who trust in Him.



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Deuteronomy 32:11 - "As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings." God carries us and strengthens us, his children.

Reading these things reminds me of God Himself.

God is like the wind in that He lifts us up; He did the work for us, through Jesus, to make salvation possible. God is also like the eagle who carries us on His wings. He carries us through good times and bad times. It has been said that when life gives you more than you can stand, kneel and pray.

A heartfelt prayer is always beneficial. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Luke 18:1 tells us, "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not

lose heart." In closing, I'd like to encourage you and remind you of Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This holds true even on the toughest of days. Amen.

Take Life as it Comes (Continued From Page 1)

By Scott Lanctot

The next morning, we went to the coroner's office. As we drove there, I was hoping that they made a mistake. However, the guy behind the glass informed us that, in fact, my son was there. The reality was setting in. My son was gone. The pain is beyond words. A piece of me died. The Scripture that popped into my head was, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians

5:18). I'm not saying that I was glad to hear the news; the opposite was true. What I do know is that God has a purpose, plan, and reason, and some things we're not to know. His ways are not our ways, nor can we understand them. There is a time to live, and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:2). Everything has a redemptive purpose in God's plan. I don't believe that God is in heaven causing tragedy, pain, and sorrow to get peo-

ple's attention. I'm so glad in my walk today. I have the ability to pray, read God's Word (the Holy Bible) daily, and the gift to be able to talk about what is going on in my life: the good, the bad, and the ugly. I seek wise counsel, letting people know where I'm at. My birth family and my church family were most supportive in that trying time. God has put wonderful people in my life.

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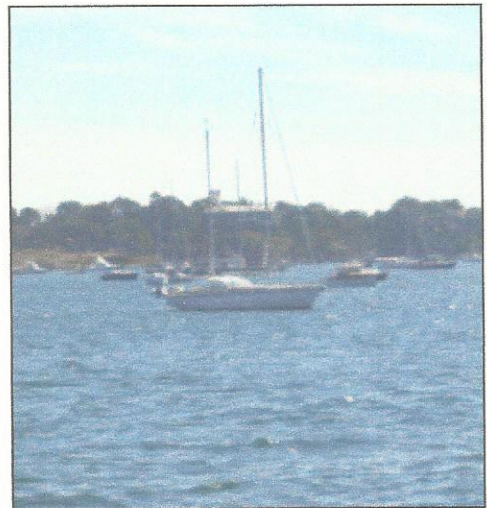


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"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8)

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Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

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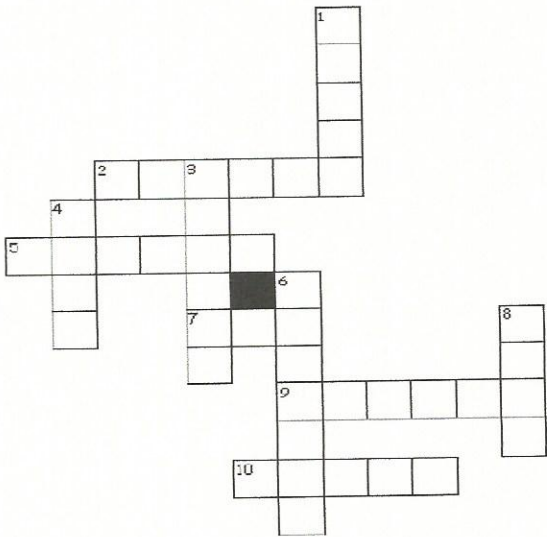
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Women in the Bible



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2. ALWAYS BUSY SERVING

9. OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN
- Down

1. SELLER OF PURPLE

6. ISAAC'S WIFE
5. TIMOTHY'S MOTHER

10. ABRAHAM'S WIFE
7. THE FIRST WOMAN

3. JACOB'S FAVORITE WIFE

4. MARRIED BOAZ

8. MOTHER OF JESUS

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5. Death is a shadow, and divine help is offered to those who live, and those who grieve, even while believers who die physically are ushered home to heaven. *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever"* (Psalm 23:1-6).

6. The death of God's saints is precious in His sight, and believers enjoy eternity with Him from the moment of passing. *"Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints"* (Psalm 116:15). *"We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord"* (2 Corinthians 5:8).

7. True believers have certainty of being with the Lord, because they have a reservation in heaven which cannot be taken away. *"Blessed be the*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:3-9).

8. Until

the very last breath, everyone has opportunity to be with Jesus Christ our God in Paradise, simply by trusting in Him in faith. The Bible does not teach universalism, but it does teach that God grants us every opportunity. It is possible that in some cases, people make final peace with God on the deathbed, even unknown to any man, but to God only. *"And Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise'"* (Luke 23:43).

9. Jesus Christ has already won the victory over death once for all, through His death and resurrection. *"So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"*

(1 Corinthians

15:54-56).

10. God promises comfort for those who are grieving now. *"Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted"* (Matthew 5:4). *"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble"* (Psalm 46:1).

11. God promises us continual comfort, and we are called to comfort others after the same manner, with sympathy, love, and compassion. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God"* (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

12. Now, a question that you must answer. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"* (John 11:25-26).

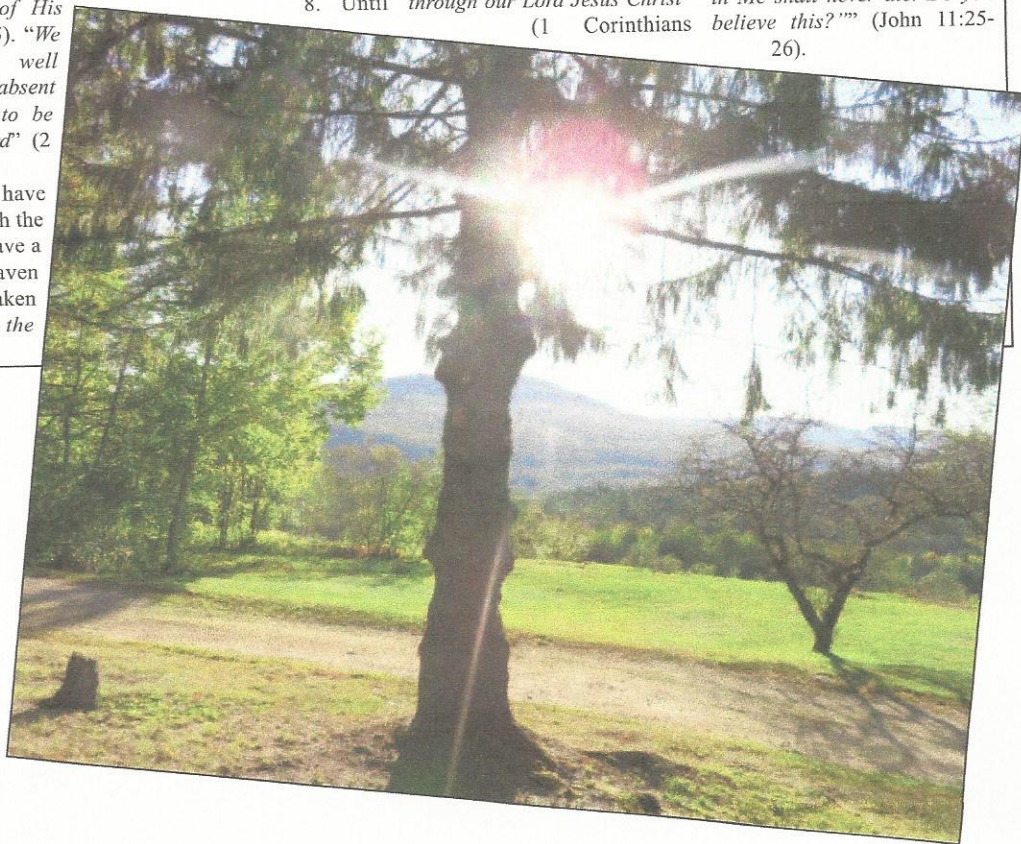
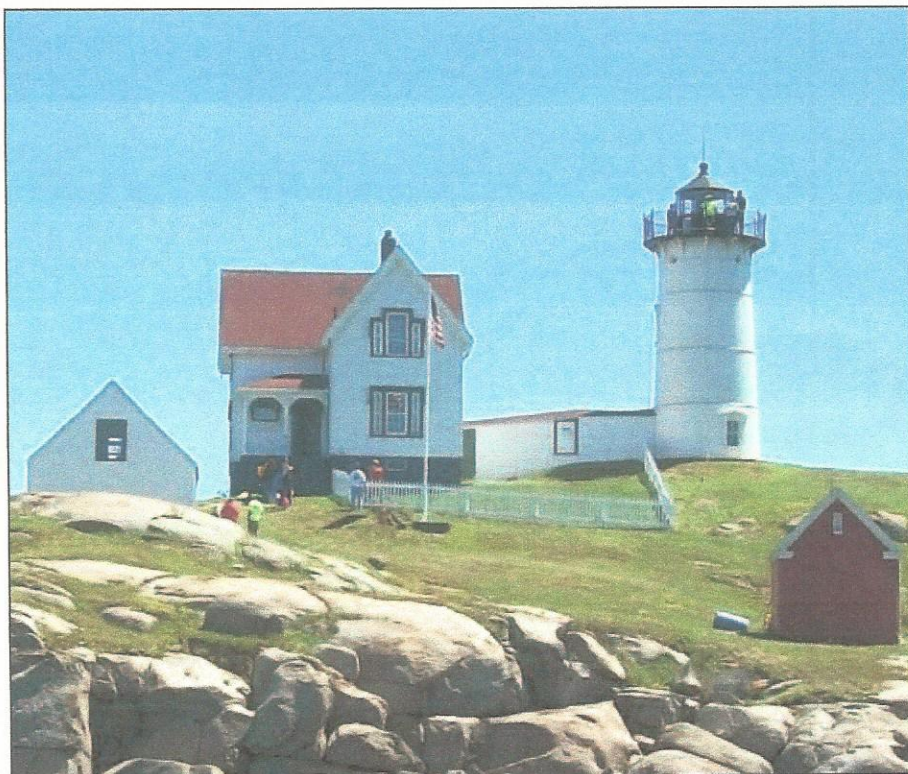


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"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due" (Romans 1:24-27).



Biblical Perspective on Sinful Lifestyles

By James Moriello

Those who have the agenda of getting everyone to accept and celebrate sinful homosexual behavior are pursuing their goal in several different ways. One of these ways is by presenting loaded questions to faithful Bible-believing Christians who affirm God's position that such behavior is sinful and unrighteous, and that marriage is an institution of God defined as the union between one man and one woman (Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5). Christians should be alert to some of the questions that may come up, and be educated in presenting a biblically informed response to them. It is good for us to be familiar with them, since people such as Matthew Vines are out in the world, and in the professing church, twisting words to advance an ungodly agenda. Mr. Vines has posed many of these questions publicly on internet blogs such as that on the "Religion News Service". The seven questions below are his, and the responses are mine.

Do you accept that sexual orientation is not a choice? I do not accept this premise. Homosexual behavior is against nature (Romans 1:26-27). God does not

set people up with temptations to fall prey to sin that cannot be overcome (James 1:13).

Do you accept that sexual orientation is highly resistant to attempts to change it? Confusion about one's sexuality is not of God (James 1:13). Sinful desires, especially sexual desires, can be powerfully ensnaring (Hebrews 12:1). However, with the help of Jesus Christ, one can overcome even the most difficult trials and temptations (1 Corinthians 10:13). Ungodly lifestyles can be changed with the help of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

How many meaningful relationships with LGBT people do you have? This is a loaded question. There is no such thing as a "LGBT person". The term assumes that God has created someone that way, which is the opposite of what the Bible teaches.

Do you accept that lifelong celibacy is the only valid option for most gay people if all same-sex relationships are sinful? No. The two valid options are celibacy and heterosexual marriage. Through finding a relationship with God

through Jesus, through prayer, with the aid of Christian counsel, and therapy, it is possible for one to overcome sinful proclivities.

Do you believe that same-sex couples' relationships can show the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? No, not in the biblical sense. The sinful works of the flesh cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:19-24). We are called to crucify fleshly sinful desires, not justify them. This question borders on blasphemy. Sinful behavior can never produce godly results.

(James 1:13)

Do you believe that it is possible to be a Christian and support same-sex marriage in the church? Theoretically, it is possible, if an individual supports it out of ignorance of the Bible's views and teachings. In the vast majority of instances, the answer is an emphatic "No". The Bible teaches that that lifestyle is an immoral lifestyle characteristic of unsaved people (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Furthermore, those professing Christians and churches who sup-

port and approve of ungodly lifestyles are compounding the sin, and are seen by God as guilty themselves (Romans 1:32).

Do you think supporting same-sex marriage is a more serious problem than supporting slavery? This is comparing apples and oranges, and is an attempt to entrap the respondent. First of all, the "gay-rights" movement is different than the "civil-rights along racial lines" movement. Race is inherent, and is not sinful, for God creates people a certain way. Engaging in behavior that God calls sinful is not inherent, for people are not created set up to fail and fall to sin (James 1:13). Nobody is advocating slavery today. The issue here is not slavery, but sinful same-sex behavior. Let's stick to the issue.

At this point, I should like to answer some common questions that I am asked.

1. Would you officiate a "same-sex" wedding? No, because that would violate my sincerely held belief that marriage is God's institution between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5).

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By C.H. Spurgeon

He did not desire that the man's sins might be forgiven, or express a good wish in that direction. He pronounced an absolution by virtue of that authority with which He was clothed as the Savior! The poor man's sins, then and there, ceased to be, and he was justified in the sight of God! Do you believe this, my hearer, that Christ did this for the paralytic man? Then I charge you believe something more, that if on earth Christ had power to forgive sins before He had offered an atonement, much more has He power to do this now that He has poured out His blood, and has said, "It is finished," and has gone into His glory, and is at the right hand of the Father! He is exalted on high to give repentance and remission of sin. Should He send His Spirit into your soul to reveal Himself in

you, you would, in an instant, be entirely absolved! Does blasphemy blacken you? Does a long life of infidelity pollute you? Have you been licentious? Have you been abominably wicked? A word can absolve you, a word from those dear lips which said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

I charge you ask for that absolving word! No earthly priest can give it to you, but the great High Priest, the Lord Jesus, can utter it at once! You twos and fours who are seeking the salvation of men, here is encouragement for you! Pray for them now, while the gospel is being preached in their hearing! Pray for them day and night, and bring the glad tidings constantly before them, for Jesus

is still able "to save to the uttermost those who come unto God by Him." After our blessed Lord had taken away the root of the evil, you observe He then took away the paralysis, itself. It was gone in a single moment! Every limb in the man's body was restored to a healthy state; he

could stand, could walk, and could lift his bed! Both nerve and muscle were restored to vigor; one moment will

(Mark 2:3)

suffice, if Jesus speaks, to make the despairing happy, and the unbelieving full of confidence. What we cannot do with our reasoning, persuading, and entreaties, nor even with the letter of God's promise, Christ can do in a single instant by His Holy Spirit, and it has been our joy to see it done!

This is the standing miracle of the church, performed by Christ today, even as before: paralyzed souls, who could neither do nor will, have been able to do valiantly, and to will with solemn resolution! The Lord has poured power into the faint and to them that had no might He has increased strength, and He can still do it! I say again to loving spirits who are seeking the good of others, let this encourage you! You may not have to wait long for the conversions you aim at; it may be before another Sunday ends, the person you pray for may be brought to Jesus! Or if you have to wait a little, the waiting shall well repay you, and meanwhile, remember He has never spoken in secret in the dark places of the earth! He has not said to the seed of Jacob, "Seek you My face in vain."

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Christian Humor Column

Compiled by NECB Staff

1. Honk and drive if you love Jesus. Text and drive if you want to meet Him.
2. Jesus is coming back. Hopefully, before election day.
3. Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
4. Jesus said "I'll be back" way before Arnold did.
5. Get off Facebook and get your face in the Book.
6. I was addicted to the hokey-pokey, but I turned myself around.
7. You have to wonder about humans. They think God is dead, and Elvis is alive.
8. The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.
9. Without the Bread of Life, you are toast.
10. Forgive your enemies. It will mess with their mind.
11. If the devil is knocking at your front door, let Jesus answer it.
12. Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help. (An actual bulletin blooper)
13. Come to church. Don't wait for the hearse to bring you.
14. Wanted: Singers. In choir within.
15. Eternity is a long time to be

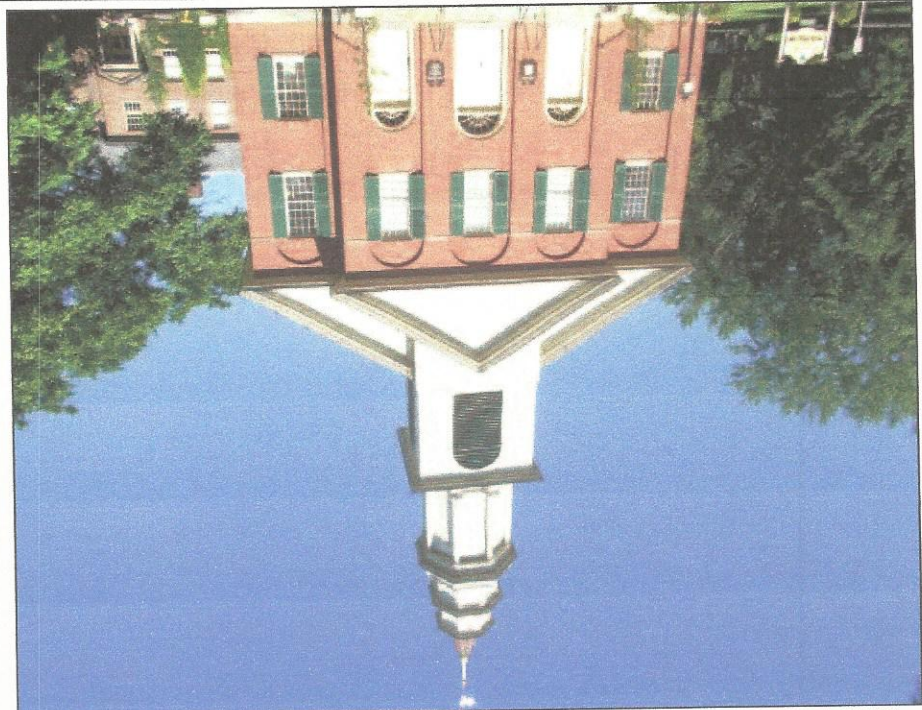


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"Those who have turned the world upside down have come here too" (Acts 17:6)

16. Applications are now being accepted for two year old nursery workers.
17. The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at

- the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
18. Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.
19. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvi-

- ous pleasure to the congregation.
20. The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

Are You An Alien?

By Tanya Hay

A recent sermon at our church sparked this idea for an article.... In order to answer this question, we first need to consider, what is an alien? Aliens that we see on TV are often times little green people from another planet that arrive on a space ship. An alien according to Merriam-Webster is 1. belonging or relating to another person, place, or thing 2. relating, belonging, or owning allegiance to another country or government 3. exotic 4. differing in nature or character typically to the point of incompatibility.

In the Bible, we are taught that once we believe in God, we are fellow citizens with the saints. Ephesians 2:19 says, "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Philippians 3:20 says, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait

for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." When we trust in Him by believing in Jesus Christ, we become a part of God's kingdom which is made up of people from all time who have also trusted in Him. In God's household, there are no strangers or foreigners there. When we are a part of God's family, all redeemed sinners become heavenly citizens,

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"

(Philippians 3:20)

eliminating the possibility of being an alien. When we put our faith in Him, we gain His eternal love and a place in heaven. John 14:1-2 tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." God's chosen people belong to Him. Those who do not believe are aliens. They put their trust in someone or something else. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" - Joshua 24:15. What about you? Will you be an alien or a citizen of the true and living God through the blood of Jesus Christ?



"that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the common-wealth of Israel" (Ephesians 2:12)

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By Scott Lanctot

I heard once that if you have five true friends in your life, you are a blessed man. That I am. Although my son is no longer on earth, my hope is that one day we will be together in heaven. "What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:30-31). Blessed is he who is not offended by the name of Jesus. Some time has passed. The pain has lessened. Time heals wounds. But there's not a day that goes by that I'm not thinking of my son Scott. The lesson for me today

is not to take life for granted, not even for one minute. Cherish the ones you love. Enjoy the moments. Time is most precious. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean

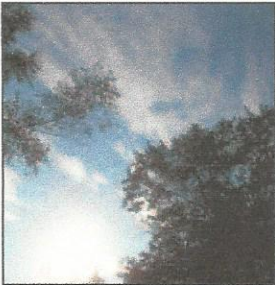


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not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). I know that my God, my Lord, my Savior loves me. My job is to accept His will, not mine be done. God gives us the strength to march forward day by day, and the ability to get us through any and all situations that life throws at us.

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(Exodus 20:2-17)

1. I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not worship Gods before Me. (20:2-3)
2. Thou shall not make idols. (20:4-6)
3. Thou shall not take the Lord's Name in vain.(20:7)
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. (20:8-11)
5. Honor thy father and thy mother. (20:12)
6. Thou shall not murder. (20:13)
7. Thou shall not commit adultery. (20:14)
8. Thou shall not steal. (20:15)
9. Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor. (20:16)
10. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods. (20:17)

Do You Think You Know the Book of Revelation?

By NECB Staff

a. What are the two general categories of Bible prophecy? b. Which Scripture(s) forbid setting a date for the end time? c. Genesis is paradise lost. Revelation is paradise _____. d. Which chapter in Matthew correlates the most with the Book of Revelation, in that it has much teaching by Jesus about end times? e. Who wrote Revelation, and approximately what year did he write it? f. What attributes of Jesus Christ are emphasized in Revelation 1? g. What are the "seven spirits"? h. What are the "seven stars"? i. What are the "seven lampstands"? j. Describe two things about the appearance of the Glorified Christ? k. How and where will Jesus return in His Second Coming? l. True or False: An understanding of the Old Testament prophets is essential to a proper deep understanding of Revelation. m. What are two Old Testament Books that have many cross references with the Book of Revelation?

Answers: a. Forth-telling and Fore-

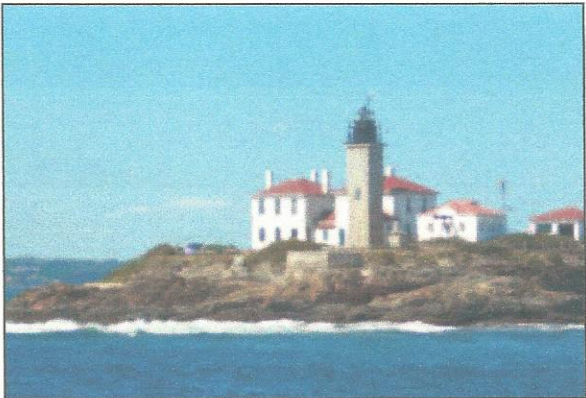


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"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches" (Revelation 1:20) telling, b. Matthew 24:36; Acts 1:7, c. Restored, d. Matthew 24, e. John the Apostle in 95 AD (1:9-11), f. eternity, faithfulness, etc..., g. Those listed in Isaiah 11:2, h. Angels of the seven churches (1:20), i. Seven churches (1:20), j. white hair, eyes as fire, etc..., k. With the clouds, at Bozrah in Edom (Acts 1:9-11; Isaiah 34:1-7, 63:1-6), l. True, m. Daniel, Isaiah, etc...

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Lake of Fire (Luke 16:19-31)

By James and Susan Moriello

Hell is a Fiery Place
Not something you want to Face
Bound by Sinful Desire
I Fell into the Lake of Fire

I Fell Into the Burning Lake of Fire
I Went Down, Down, Down
And the Flames Went Higher
And it Burns, Burns, Burns
The Lake of Fire
The Lake of Fire

I was Warned by Prophet Jeremiah
I did not Listen
And took it to the Wire
And I Spurned, Spurned, Spurned
The Christ Messiah
The Christ Messiah

The Face of God is Sweet
But I'm Stuck in this Heat
I urge you, Seek God's Grace
So you need not come to this Place

(Adapted from "Ring of Fire", by Johnny Cash, and meant as a sober warning of spiritual reality. Read Jesus' take in Luke 16:19-31.)

Biblical Perspective on Sinful Lifestyles (Continued from Page 5)

By James Moriello

2. Is your opposition to "same-sex" relationships bigoted and discriminatory? No. To the contrary, it is in the spirit of love, because it affirms God's truth, which is in the best interest of all people (John 8:31-32). I love people enough to tell them the truth. People pleasers will twist God's Word and approve lies because of fear of men. I fear God more than men.

3. Should I attend a "same-sex"

ceremony? No, not under any circumstances should a Christian attend or participate in such an affront to God's institution of marriage and/or natural order between the two sexes (Ephesians 5:3-12; Romans 1:32).

4. Why do Bible-believing Christians participate in marriage ceremonies of an unbelieving man and woman, but not "same-sex" ceremonies? There is no moral equivalency between the two. The first is a natural union which is in accord with God's covenant of marriage between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5). The second is based upon unnatural sinful behavior, and is inconsistent with the divinely prescribed definition of marriage (Romans 1:26-27).

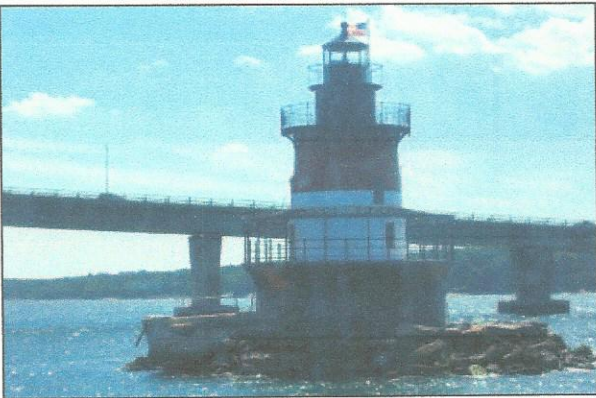


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"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32)

Carried By Four (Continued From Page 6)

By C.H. Spurgeon



Passing on, and drawing to a conclusion: WHEREVER OUR LORD WORKS THE DOUBLE MIRACLE IT WILL BE APPARENT. He forgave the man's

sins, and took away his disease at the same time. How was this apparent? I have no doubt the pardon of the man's sins was best known to himself, but possibly those who saw that gleaming countenance which had been so sad before, might have noticed that the word of absolution sunk into his soul as the rain into the thirsty earth! "Your

sins are forgiven you," fell on him as dew from heaven! He believed the sacred declaration, and his eyes sparkled! He might almost have felt indifferent whether he remained paralyzed or not, it was such joy to be forgiven, forgiven by the Lord Himself! That was enough, quite enough for him, but it was not enough for the Savior, and therefore He bade him take up his couch and walk, for He had given him strength to do so! The man's healing was proved by his obedience! Openly, to all onlookers, an active obedience became indisputable proof of the poor creature's restoration! Notice our Lord bade him rise, he rose; he had no power to do so except that power which comes with divine commands. He rose, for Christ said, "Rise."

