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Dealing With Difficulties In The Family

How can I deal with difficulties in the family? Better question is: Why should I have to deal with the difficulties in my family? We all want to solve our problems, but we want someone else to do it for us. We don't want to deal with them. The Bible gives us examples of how to deal with family problems.

Genesis 37:1-27 – Joseph is the perfect half son and half brother -- Not really! -- his father spoils him, his brothers HATE him. He is always speaking when he should keep quiet. He tattles tales on his brothers. His brothers not only hate him but are willing to contemplate KILLING him. In the end, Joseph comes to love his brothers, to understand them, and to forgive them. He also learned that this was God's will [Genesis 45:1-7; Genesis 50:21-25].

James has a perfect half brother. Jesus never told a lie. He always obeyed his parents. He never sinned! Obviously all his half brothers and sisters just loved having the perfect older brother [Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21-22; 1 John 3:5]. But they learned to love him [James 1:1; John 7:5; Matthew 13:55; Acts 1:14]. These men knew to Trust and Obey God.

You may ask, "Why should I deal with my family problems?" Because, in so doing, we will learn self-control, patience, and LOVE [2 Peter 1:5-7; Galatians 5:22]. If we go to God with our problems, He is willing to help us and show us how to deal with them [1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:13; Matthew 7:12].

Trust God? Why? God will deliver us. God will protect us. God's trust is better than the trust in man [Psalm 37:3-5; Psalm 40:1-4; Psalm 62:6-10; Psalm 118:8-9]. Trust in the Lord, not in self [2 Corinthians 1:9-10]. Trust in God who raises the dead [Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 28:25-26]. Trust God even through troubles [1 Timothy 4:10].

Obey God? Why? Obey and gain blessings [Deuteronomy 11:27; Deuteronomy 28:1-14]. To obey is better than sacrifice [1 Samuel 15:22]. Obey parents in the Lord for this is right [Jeremiah 7:23; Ephesians 6:1].

Obedience in the Lord will gain us blessings. We will grow in self-control, patience, and love to God and our family.

Trust in our Father to provide us someone we can depend on to be there when we need them the most.

Bottom Line – We need to Trust and Obey God.

Our family problems may seem insurmountable now but "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," [Philippians 4:13]; . . . but with God all things are possible [Matthew 19:26]. Duane Bull, Las Vegas Trail church of Christ, Fort Worth, Texas



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Wrestling In Prayer

On the Mat!

Before we leave this focus on wrestling in prayer, there is one more clement we need to bear in mind. **ENDURANCE!**

There is a coach in wrestling. There is also a team. However, the competition on the mat depends most on the individual performance. Though the coach trains and encourages and the teammates shout and cheer during the match, the wrestler is out there on the mat grappling alone with the opponent. And we are not talking “tag-team” wrestling here. The wrestler's individual skills must be developed and conditioning must be maintained so as to have the **ENDURANCE** necessary to compete. Three 3-minute rounds may not seem like a long time unless you are the one out there on the mat. The wrestler must keep pushing. To relax gives the opponent the opportunity to gain control.

In our Christian walk, there are times we find ourselves taking a stand alone (though God is with us). There are times when we have to put everything we have into a situation to remain standing. There are times we may not be able to count on the relief or aid of other human beings. How do we stand at those times? Have we developed the **ENDURANCE** required to do so?

We must persevere in prayer as Paul encouraged the Thessalonian brethren: “pray continually.” First Thessalonians 5:17. We must also persevere in the focus and study of God's Word in order to maintain the endurance necessary to keep pressing on to victory. “(4) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (5) Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: (6) That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:4-6.

Have a great day **CONDITIONED** to keep on keeping on! Carl Henson, www.thechurchofchrist.com/teenmail.

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As a curse, Joshua made the Gibeonites serve as woodcutters and water carriers for the Israelites. Joshua 9:23

Jesus called James and John “Sons of Thunder.” Mark 3:17

Moses had two sons, Gershom and Eliezer. Exodus 18:3-4.

According to Solomon's proverb, what is in Wisdom's right and left hands? Answer on Back Page.

Shall We Dance?

While walking through the mall recently, I noticed evening wear and prom dresses prominently displayed everywhere – beautiful colors and immodestly bare in style. I realized that students are already marking their calendars and planning their “evening at the prom.” And the stores were up and ready to show them their merchandise, looking to sell the girls the dress that probably will be worn one time. Restaurants will plan package deals for the delight of the evening. Young men will be expected to buy dinner, flowers, etc. Some parents hire limos for the evening.

This is a good time to reflect on the question, “What does the Bible say about dancing?” Webster’s Dictionary defines dancing as “to move the body, especially the feet, in rhythm, ordinarily to music.”

Let’s look at biblical examples of dancing, as well as principles of righteousness that include godliness, upright character, setting the proper example, and moral purity.

The children of Israel danced around and worshipped the golden calf while Moses was receiving the Ten Commandments and God’s covenant, Exodus 32:19. That was **not** approved. In Judges 11:34, a daughter of one of the Israelite judges (Jephthah) danced *alone*. Exodus 15:20-21 gives the account of women dancing to celebrate God’s deliverance of Israel from Egypt after the Red Sea crossing. Men were not dancing with them. In 2 Samuel 6:14-16, David danced before the ark of the covenant; soldiers [men only] danced, 1 Samuel 30:16; women danced to celebrate one of King David’s victories, 1 Samuel 18:6. In Ecclesiastes 3:4, Solomon says there is a time for almost everything. He includes a “time for dancing,” in contrast to a “time for mourning.” The Bible records women dancing with women in celebration, men dancing with men in celebration, and dances reflecting joy.

The Hebrew word used in the Old Testament carried the idea of whirling and turning. Greek words in the New Testament talk of lifting up the feet or leaping. Hardly the present-day concept of provocative holding of the opposite sex, or of imitating sexual acts while dancing.

In the New Testament, dancing is mentioned in Matthew 11:17 and Luke 7:32 in illustrating the Jews’ lack of interest. Herodias’ daughter danced before Herod. It pleased the king so much it cost John the Baptist his head. There was dancing when the prodigal son returned home, Luke 15:25. Nowhere does it mention men and women dancing with one another as they do today. There are no examples of Jesus, the apostles, or Christians dancing.

Today’s dances have men and women in close bodily contact or gyrating themselves in each other’s presence in sexually provocative ways. Most all dances today are intended to arouse sexual feelings. Galatians 5:19-21 lists the “works of the flesh” – implying excess, absence of restraint, indecency and unchaste shameless behavior. James 1:27 and 4:4 urge sexual purity and holiness. The intent of most dancing generally portrays immoral behavior. Most dances are designed as an art form to express lovemaking, stimulating sexual desires.

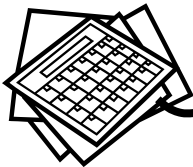
The Scriptures teach that sexual desires are to be fulfilled within marriage. Sexual impurity is condemned in Galatians 5:19. If a man and his wife want to dance in the privacy of their home, no sin occurs. Jesus condemns looking on a woman with lust in Matthew 5:28.

Going to a dance, even if not dancing, can introduce a Christian to great temptation.

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
1 Corinthians 3:17

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Matthew 28:19, 20



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WOMAN, CREATED BY GOD! SUPERB!!

“The only thing women have won with women’s liberation is that we work more; we have double the responsibility. The men now have more time to drink beer, watch soccer and get a lover.” This is a quote of Isabella Santo Domingo, A Colombian soap-opera actress and niece of one of the country’s most powerful businessman, who has just published a book on male-female relationships, Gentlemen Prefer Them Stupid. [Insight, Austin American-Statesman, February 20, 2005].

The world has felt the force of the “feminist” movement, or “women’s liberation.” Most agree that men and women should have the same rights under the law; equal pay for equal work should be expected and encouraged. But, what about woman’s position as God’s creation?

In Genesis 2:18, we are given God’s creation of woman, a helper for man. God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” Adam, created in the image of God, was male, not female, as some try to make the Bible gender free. With each creation God made, there was a purpose and a work expected of that creation – the grass to yield seed of its own kind, the tree yielding fruit after its own kind, the lights to divide the day from the night and to be signs for the seasons, days and years; the sun, moon and stars to give light upon the earth with days and nights specified; the fish, fowl, beasts and cattle to be fruitful and multiply in the seas and in the earth [Genesis 1]. God saw that it was good.

Women are described throughout the Bible as man’s helper in the home and the church. The woman’s influence was revealed when Satan used his craftiness to entice Eve. Eve not only sinned against God’s command, she convinced Adam to sin also. Man’s condemnation came because of woman, but salvation for man came through woman also. God gave woman the power to influence, but she was to influence for good. Lydia’s home was the support of the church in Philippi; Dorcas was “full of good works...”

Since the beginning of time woman was created equal to man but with a different role. The purpose of God for women has not changed – only when society moves away from God’s pattern do problems arise. Women’s rights were limited in the early days of our nation, but the feminist movement has had little to do with improving their fate. Their concern was acceptance of an alternative life-style, homosexuality and lesbianism. They were looking for a unisex society, removing “sexist” language from our vocabulary – chairperson, police person, now known as politically correct terms.

We need to examine the Scriptures every day to see what is the truth. First and foremost, God created woman as a wife and helper. God represents marriage as an ideal and holy state [Hebrews 13:4]. This included male *and* female. Through marriage, homes are the foundation of society. Eve was made a helper “suitable” for Adam, a woman equal to and adequate for the man. A cry for equality takes away the clear difference between man and woman - men trying to be like women and women who imitate the look of men. By God’s design, women are elevated and happiness is achieved through love; through liberation women have lost protection and dignity.

God created man and woman equal but different. **And God saw that it was good.**



MAN, CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD! AWESOME!!

Man’s physical and mental form was created by God in His own image, Genesis 1:7 – *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him*. David says in Psalm 139:14, *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well*.

Man is made **upright**, Ecclesiastes 7:29, *Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright...* God gave man an **intelligent** mind, Job 35:11, and gave him dominion over other creatures, naming them all, Genesis 2:19, 20. God took a rib from Adam’s body and made a helpmeet for him; Adam called her woman. In Genesis 2:7 we read, *...and man became a living soul*; thus, superior to animals, Matthew 10:31. God made man a little lower than angels, crowning him with glory and honor and setting him over the works of God. Psalm 8:5-6, Hebrew 2:7.



...There is a feeling of awe when we see young boys and men in an image of God! Being made in His image gives a man the **gift of love**, 1 John 4:8, *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love*; **long suffering**, Exodus 34:6, *And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth*; **impartial**, 1 Peter 2:17, *And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work...*; **truthful**, Hebrews 6:18, *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie...*; Psalm 117:2, *For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever*.

Man is given a **will** to make responsible choices, 1 Corinthians 9:17; a **conscience** to discern good and evil, Romans 2:15, 1 Timothy 4:2; **affection** for things above, not on things on the earth, Colossians 3:2; and **understanding** of the hope of his calling and of the riches of the glory of his spiritual inheritance, Ephesians 1:18.

Paul exhorts Corinthian brethren in I Corinthian 6:19; *know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?* And in Philippians 4:8, *...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*.

And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31.

A PIZZA, A PARTY, AND A MOONLIGHT RIDE

Jenny was so happy about the house they had found.
For once in her life 'twas on the right side of town.'
She unpacked her things with such great ease
As she watched her new curtains blow in the breeze.
How wonderful it was to have her own room.
School would be starting, she'd have friends over soon.
There'd be sleepovers, and parties; she was so happy.
It's just the way she wanted her life to be.

On the first day of school, everything went great.
She made new friends and even got a date!
She thought, "I want to be popular and I'm going to
be,
Because I just got a date with the star of the team!"
To be known in this school you had to have clout,
And dating this guy would sure help her out.
There was only one problem stopping her fate,
Her parents had said she was too young to date.
"Well, I just won't tell them the entire truth.
They won't know the difference; what's there to lose?"

Jenny asked to stay with her friends that night.
Her parents frowned but said, "All right."
Excited, she got ready for the big event.
But as she rushed around like she had no sense,
She began to feel guilty about all the lies,
But what's a pizza, a party, and a moonlight ride?

Well the pizza was good, and the party was
great,
But the moonlight ride would have to wait.
For Jeff was half drunk by this time.
But he kissed her and said that he was just fine.
Then the room filled with smoke and Jeff took a
puff.

Jenny couldn't believe that he was smoking that stuff.
Now Jeff was ready to ride to the point.
But only after he'd smoked another joint.
They jumped in the car for the moonlight ride,
Not thinking that he was too drunk to drive.

They finally made it to the point at last,
And Jeff started trying to make a pass.
A pass is not what Jenny wanted at all
(and a pass, I don't mean playing football).
"Perhaps my parents were right ... maybe I am too young.
Boy how could I ever, ever be so dumb?"
With all of her might, she pushed Jeff away:
"Please take me home, I don't want to stay."
Jeff cranked up the engine and floored the gas.

In a matter of seconds, they were going too fast.
As Jeff drove on in a fit of wild anger,
Jenny knew that her life was in danger.
She begged and pleaded for him to slow down,
But he just got faster as they neared the town.
"Just let me get home! I'll confess that I lied.
I really went out for a moonlight ride."
Then all of a sudden, she saw a big flash.
"Please help us. We're going to crash!"
She doesn't remember the force of impact.
Just that everything all of a sudden went
black.
She felt someone remove her from the twisted
rubble,
And heard, "Call an ambulance! These kids are in trouble!"



Voices she heard ... a few words at best.
But she knew there were two cars involved in the wreck.
Then wondered to herself if Jeff was all right.
And if the people in the other car were alive.
She awoke in the hospital to faces so sad.
"You've been in a wreck and it looks pretty bad."
These voices echoed inside her head
As they gently told her that Jeff was dead.
They said, "Jenny, we've done all we can do.
But it looks as if we'll lose you too."
"But the people in the other car?" Jenny cried.
"We're sorry, Jenny, they also died."

"Tell those people's family, I've made
their lives dim,
And wish I could return their families to
them.

Tell Mom and Dad I'm sorry I lied,
And that it's my fault so many have died.
Oh, nurse, won't you please tell them that for me?"
The nurse just stood there – she never agreed.
But took Jenny's hand with tears in her eyes
And a few moments later Jenny died.

A man asked the nurse, "Why didn't you do your best
To bid that girl her one last request?"
She looked at the man with eyes oh so sad.
"Because the people in the other car were her mom and
dad.

-Adapted, Hatton church of Christ



EVIDENCES - I BELIEVE BECAUSE . . .

The Heavens Declare God's Glory

By Wayne Jackson

The Heavens and the Wisdom of God

The wisdom of the Creator is evinced in the brilliant precision characteristic of the Cosmos. Incidentally, *kosmos* (order) is the name the Greeks gave to the universe. They perceived that it was like a great machine. Balbus, a Stoic philosopher, asked, "Can one behold heaven, and contemplate what passes there, without discerning with all possible evidence, that it is governed by a supreme divine intelligence?" ... We live in a *universe*, not a *multi-verse*! Jeremiah was quite deliberate and accurate when he spoke of the "ordinances" of the heavens [31:35].

Consider the mechanics of our own solar system. The earth is spinning on its axis at the rate of a thousand miles per hour (at the equator). In addition, it is traveling in an elliptical orbit around the sun at the speed of 72 thousand miles an hour. It takes 365¼ days to make a complete trip. As the earth makes its way along its charted orbital route, the course is slightly altered – one-ninth of an inch every eighteen miles. If the alteration were as much as one-eighth of an inch, we would swing so close to the sun that we would burn up. If the curvature was as slight as one-tenth of an inch, we would be so far out in space as to freeze (*Science Digest* [January/February 1981,] p. 124.) Someone programmed it just right!

In addition to the intricacies of our own planetary system, the entire solar system (the sun with its nine planets, moons, etc.) is moving in a giant orbit within the Milky Way galaxy. It is estimated that we are being propelled through space at the speed of approximately 600 thousand miles per hour. It is remarkable that David spoke of the sun going in "his circuit" (Psalm 19:6) according to the divine scheme of things.

Why these heavenly bodies behave the way they do remains a mystery. Great Britain's premier astronomer, Sir James Jeans, was correct a few years back when he suggested:

"The ultimate realities of the universe are at present beyond the reach of science, and may be – and probably are – forever beyond the comprehension of the human mind. It is *a priori* probable that only the artist can understand the full significance of the picture he has painted, and that this will remain for ever impossible for a few specks of paint on the canvas," (Jeans, James Sir, *The Universe Around Us* [New York: The Macmillan Co., 1929], p. 318).

When we survey skies on a clear night, and reflect upon the existence, power, and wisdom of the grand Architect of the universe, surely we must ponder, as David did elsewhere, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou hast visited him?" (Psalm 8:4). With Paul we acknowledge, "For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. Psalm 102:25

Let No One Despise Your Youth

*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. *** ... give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 1 Timothy 4:12-13.*

Joseph was seventeen years old when he was sold as a slave to Potiphar, Genesis 37:2; God used David, "but a youth" to defeat Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:33. Solomon considered himself as just "a little child" when David appointed him to succeed him, 1 Kings 3:7. At eight years of age, Josiah became king, and was a good one, 2 Chronicles 34:1-2. God told Jeremiah not to say, "I am a youth," when he tried to escape his prophetic call. God said He would be with him. Daniel was perhaps in his early teens when he was taken into Babylonian captivity, Daniel 1:3-5, and between fifteen to eighteen when he was brought to Nebuchadnezzar and began

**What can God Do
For You?
Isaiah 40:30-31**

serving as his counselor. Mary, as a young virgin, was chosen to bring the Savior into the world, Luke 1:26-33, and Timothy was young when Paul selected him to join him on his journeys, Acts 16:1-3.

What can you do for God? Be like Joseph and Timothy and run away from immorality, Genesis 39:7-12 and 2 Timothy 2:22. In keeping your bodies pure, you are a temple where righteousness abides; you can do much good, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Trust God like David, and seek wisdom as Solomon. Be humble as Josiah and willing to do God's will as Jeremiah. Daniel refused to compromise his beliefs. Submit to God's will. Mary accepted the idea that with God nothing is impossible. Timothy lived as an example to others as Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 4:12-16.

Be active in doing the work of the Lord. Jesus was busy studying at the temple at age twelve, Luke 2:41-49. You will save not only yourselves, but others as well. *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee,* 1 Timothy 4:16. You are God's representative in your community, in school and in your family. Go to God through prayer, reading and studying the Bible, and giving attention to the advice of believers who had walked before you. God will use your skills and abilities, in His way, in His time, and for His glory.

God promises in Isaiah 40:30-31 to help young people, *Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait [hope in, ed.] upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Bible Search Answers from page 8: (1) A; (2) A; (3) A; (4) A; (5) A; (6) A; (7) B

Signs of Decay

When the distance to the meeting house seems too far,
 When it seems too much trouble to get ready or get out in the
 weather to go to the service,
 When the singing comes hard and seems dreary,
 When the sermon seems too long,
 When you see much you dislike in the brethren,
 When the preacher's or teacher's lessons make you angry,
 When the members frequently say things that offend you,
 When prayer is a burden,
 When the Bible reading is dull and puts you to sleep.
 When it frets you to be called on to give more,
 When you try to make excuses for your sins and to persuade
 yourself that God will not punish or judge,
 When you feel you are being slightly neglected,
WATCH OUT!!! Spiritual Decay is setting in!!!

-- Companionship --

by Rachel Marr, 2nd year student at Southwest School of Bible Studies, Austin, Texas

What comes to mind when you think of the phrase, two heads are better than one? I picture two people coming across the same question or situation, and when one of them does not have the answer or solution, the other one does. The one who has the answer then helps his friend out by either helping him find the answer or telling him the answer.

Basically, two heads are better than one because one of the people will help the other one. Not only will one help his friend, but he will also be there for his friend when times get tough.

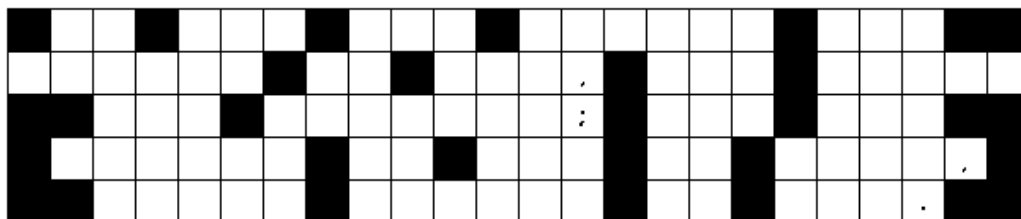
A great passage that helps instruct us about two being better than one is Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. This passage says, "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

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Bible Search –First Principles / Salvation

(Multiple Choice)

1. Like Noah, are we saved by grace through faith?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Ephesians 2:8-10

2. Does salvation by grace through faith omit obedience to God?

- A. No
- B. Yes

Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 5:9

3. Was Naaman able to cleanse his own leprosy?

- A. No
- B. Yes

2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-14

4. Did Naaman have to do everything God commanded? Why?

- A. Yes
- B. No

2 Kings 5:1-5, 9, 14; Deuteronomy 4:2

5. Has God's saving grace appeared to all men? Does this mean that all men will be saved?

- A. Yes; No
- B. Yes; Yes
- C. No; No

Titus 2:11; Matthew 7:13-14, 21, 23; 2 Thessalonians 1:8

6. Is the blessing of salvation in Christ?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Ephesians 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:10

7. Are we saved by grace?

- A. No
- B. Yes

Ephesians 2:8-9

Answers on page 6

JUST THE FACTS --

When the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah ran away from their enemies, they got stuck in some tar pits. Genesis 14:10.

Aaron's hunchbacked or flat nosed descendants couldn't offer food to God. Leviticus 21:18-20

Once Jesus called demons out of a man and sent them into a herd of pigs. Mark 5:13

After Haman was hanged on the gallows, King Zerxes hanged his sons, too. Esther 9:14

Solomon's throne had six steps and a gold footstool attached to it. 2 Chronicles 9:18

Some city officials put Jeremiah in a mud hole to starve to death. Jeremiah 38:6

When God needed to punish David, He gave him three choices: three years of famine, three months of enemy pursuit, or three days of plague. 2 Samuel 24:13

When an Israelite stole something, he had to return it with an additional fifth of the value in order to make restitution. Leviticus 6:5

When Aaron and his sons were ordained, Moses had to put rams blood on their right ear lobes, right thumbs, and right big toes. Exodus 29:20

The children had been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'" A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, She's dead."

Fallen Phrase Answer, Page 7: 1 Corinthians 3:17

Solomon's Proverb: Proverbs 3:16, Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.

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