

## School Days, School Days: Dear Old Golden Rule Days - -



Some are ready to be back with friends and activities; – some are not quite so overjoyed. Each student will get back into the routine of things and become a part of programs and activities. Involvement in the school’s programs gives a feeling of pride through competition and achievements.

What guidelines should you, a Christian, use in deciding what programs and activities to participate in? Below are some biblical principles to help you determine “right or wrong” when there is a question as to what Jesus would require you to do in these instances.

Write down the activity about which you have a question. Then answer the following questions concerning this activity with a “Yes” or “No” answer. Be honest with yourself and be willing to accept what the Bible says.

1. **Am I commanded not to do it?** – *Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin,* James 4:17.
2. **Can I do it to the glory of God?** – *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,* 1 Corinthians 7:19-20. And, *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,* 1 Corinthians 10:31.
3. **Can I do it in the name (with the authority) of the Lord?** – *And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him,* Colossians 3:17.
4. **Is it of the world?** – *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world,* 1 John 2:17-18.
5. **Would Jesus do it?** – *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps,* 1 Peter 2:21.
6. **Does it have the appearance of evil?** – *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil,* 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22.
7. **Is it a weight?** – *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,* Hebrews 12:1.
8. **Is it an example to the believer?** – *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.
9. **Is it a stumbling block?** – *But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your’s become a stumblingblock to them that are weak,* 1 Corinthians 8:9. See also, *Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way,* Romans 14:13.
10. **When Jesus returns, would you like to be found doing it?** – *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming,* 1 John 2:28.
11. **Is there any doubt in your mind?** – *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin,* Romans 14:23.
12. **Will it make me a better Christian?** – *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,* 1 Peter 7-8.
13. **Will it help lead others to Christ?** – *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels,* Mark 8:36-38.

These biblical principles are copied from a Daily Devotional published by the Wooddale church of Christ in Knoxville, Tennessee. The author is not known, but the message is strong, and meaningful. Consider this: the Light of Christ will shine through the darkness, “...now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them, Ephesians 5:8-11.

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**BIBLE QUIZ – (Answers on Back Page)**

- When Herod the tetrarch heard of the miracles of Jesus, whose works did he think they were?
  - Simon
  - Elijah's
  - John the Baptist
- What did Thomas say after he put his fingers into Jesus' nail prints?
  - "My Lord and My God!"
  - "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!"
  - "You are the Christ."
- Which of the seven churches in the Book of Revelation had the name of a major American city?
  - Bethlehem
  - Philadelphia
  - St. Paul
- Who said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here, if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah?
  - Phillip
  - Lazarus
  - Peter
- Which book says that when Jesus returns, every eye will see Him?
  - 2 Peter
  - 1 Thessalonians
  - Revelation
- When a group of men wanted to stone a woman for sinning, who did Jesus say should throw the first stone?
  - The one against whom the woman had sinned
  - The high priest
  - Those who had never sinned
- After Jesus' resurrection, what did Jesus tell his disciples to wait for before they left Jerusalem?
  - They would see a sign in the clouds.
  - Power from on high in the form of baptism of the Holy Spirit.
  - John the Immerser would be resurrected.
- Jesus once angrily remarked that certain buyers and sellers of goods had turned God's house into a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Local market
  - Den of thieves
  - National disgrace
- In the anointing at Bethany, what did Jesus foretell about Himself?
  - His betrayal
  - His arrest
  - His burial
- In what parable did Jesus say, "Many are called, but few are chosen"?
  - The Parable of the Lost Sheep
  - The Parable of the Wedding Feast
  - The Parable of the Sower
- What question did Christ's disciples ask in Acts 1:6 which showed that they did not understand the correct nature of Christ's kingdom?
  - "Lord, where will your kingdom be located?"
  - "Lord, will you now deliver the kingdom to Israel?"
  - "Lord, which one of us will be the greatest in the kingdom?"

# Light at the Bottom of a Bottle

It is no mystery to the honest mind that we live in a world of great selfishness. Time and time again we hear of men and women who seek their own self-centered wishes by no means taking into account that the results of their actions may indeed harm more than just themselves. The impact of a self-sufficing person can affect spouses, children, parents, friends, coworkers, and the list could go on. I believe that such selfishness manifests itself in the humanistic behavior that some do during or following a time of heartbreak.

Many are the occasions we might think of that a man or woman has attempted to drown their sorrows in a bottle of alcohol. On one hand the world would approve of this. But on the other, God does not. However there seems to be some confusion among people today concerning God's thoughts on this matter. Consider a passage that is easily misunderstood by many: "*Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more*" (Proverbs 31:6-7).

Now, to one looking to justify trying to find light at the bottom of an empty bottle this passage may just be his favorite. But does this passage really permit the consumption of alcohol as a remedy for sorrow? Does God really approve of it? Let us consider the following thoughts.

First of all if it is the case that this passage permits drinking in sorrow then the Bible is contradictory. There are many passages that speak of the sinfulness of alcohol. Paul admonished the church at Corinth to not be drunk with wine (Ephesians 5:18). He also condemned drunkenness in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and Galatians 5:19-21. In fact Proverbs 23:29-35 is a direct contradiction to the idea of drinking to sooth sorrow because there the Bible says that the one who drinks brings about sorrow!

Second of all, if indeed this passage allows the consumption of alcohol in times of sorrow God is commanding us to sin. God commands us to be sober, clear thinking (1 Peter 1:13). We are also told that our bodies are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19) and we are to possess our bodies with honor. If God were to allow us to drink alcohol in excess to sooth our sorrow we would be directly violating these and many other precepts.

Finally we must note that every time the Bible speaks of wine it does not mean intoxicating wine. A study of fermentation and of Bible wines will show that the word "wine" in the Bible has a variety of meanings. Sometimes it means the juice still in the fruit (Isaiah 27:2), or in the vat which had not time to ferment (Isaiah 10:10), also juice still in the wine press (Proverbs 3:10). Just because the word "wine" is used in a certain passage of scripture does not necessarily mean that it is referring to alcoholic wine as we use the term today.

What then does the passage mean? In the ancient times inebriating drinks were given as an act of mercy to

criminals to render them less sensible during the time of their punishment. You might recall this being offered to Jesus on the cross though he refused it. However, we must note that the wine was not given in excess, and may in fact have not been intoxicating. The proper use of it was to return tone to frail bodies and disheartened minds (Psalm 104:15). I believe this passage is referring to this very thing.

Drinking alcohol in excess is not a remedy for sorrow today. It never has been, and it never will be. Instead we should seek God, the source of all comfort and lean upon his mighty arm. --Cody Westbrook

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## Speak where the Bible speaks: That is what Jesus did.

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16. Christians are to be guided by the scriptures, God's inspired Word: Study to show thyself approved unto God, ...rightly dividing the word of truth, 2 Timothy 2:15.*

**Jesus believed the Scripture is the words of God** – Jesus used the Scriptures as evidence when He was tempted by Satan, Matthew 4. He believed that the Scriptures, the Bible, are the words of God when answering Satan's trials of temptation. After 40 days without eating, Satan told Jesus, if he were the Son of God to command that the stones be made bread. Jesus' response was, ***It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,*** Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3.

**Jesus believed the Scripture did not contradict itself** – Satan used scripture attempting to show contradiction in the Scriptures in Matthew 4:5-7. He tempted Jesus, saying, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone," Psalm 91:11-12. Jesus answered, ***It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God,*** Matthew 4:7.

**Jesus believed the Scripture is God's power** – When Satan tempted Jesus to worship him, Jesus replied, ***Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve,*** Matthew 4:8-11. Romans 15:4 reads, ***For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*** See Deuteronomy 6:13.

Christians, following Christ by knowing the Scriptures, have the assurance of courage and strength to face life's temptations.

## Thoughts to Begin Your Day

– You Choose!

### THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BEGIN THE DAY:

\_\_\_ With prayer      \_\_\_ Without prayer

**You began today in one of these two ways – which will you choose?** *“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up,”* Psalm 5:3.

### THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF SPENDING THE LORD’S DAY:

\_\_\_ Idly      \_\_\_ Devotionally

**You spend the day in one of these two ways – which will you choose?** *“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord,”* Psalm 122:1.

### THERE ARE TWO POWERFUL MASTERS OF MEN IN THE UNIVERSE:

\_\_\_ God      \_\_\_ Satan

**You are serving one of these two masters – which did you choose?** *“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon,”* Matthew 6:24.

### THERE ARE TWO ROADS WHICH LEAD THROUGH TIME AND INTO ETERNITY:

\_\_\_ The broad road      \_\_\_ The narrow road

**You are walking on one of these two roads – which will you choose?** *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it,”* Matthew 7:13-14.

### THERE ARE TWO CLASSES OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD:

\_\_\_ The saved      \_\_\_ The unsaved

**You belong to one of these classes – which are you?** *“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal,”* Matthew 25:46.

### THERE ARE TWO DEATHS WHICH PEOPLE DIE:

\_\_\_ Some die in the Lord – *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth,”* Revelation 14:13a.

\_\_\_ Some die in their sins – *“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins,”* John 8:24.

**You will die one of these deaths – which one will it be?**

### THERE ARE TWO PLACES TO WHICH PEOPLE GO:

\_\_\_ Heaven *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye 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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*

\_\_\_ Hell *“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works,”* Revelation 20:13.

**You will go to one of these places!**

– which one will it be?

## WORD STUDIES

According to the Scriptures, each of the following words is a form of sin. Using the dictionary, a brief definition of the word is given:

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| Adultery       | illicit married intercourse                        |
| Fornication    | illicit sexual behavior                            |
| Sodomy         | unnatural sexual intercourse, homosexuality        |
| Uncleanness    | defilement, offensiveness, foulness, unchaste      |
| Lasciviousness | lust, wantonness, dancing                          |
| Idolatry       | worship of a made image as a god                   |
| Witchcraft     | association with evil spirits, black magic         |
| Hatred         | to feel an intense aversion to                     |
| Variance       | strife, dissension, discord                        |
| Emulation      | jealousy   |
| Wrath          | anger, fury  |
| Strife         | conflict, fighting                                 |
| Sedition       | resistance to lawful authority                     |
| Heresy         | doctrines in conflict with clear biblical teaching |
| Envy           | jealousy, begrudge                                 |
| Murder         | to kill a human being unlawfully                   |
| Drunkenness    | intoxication with strong drink                     |
| Reveling       | festive in a riotous or noisy manner               |
| Gambling       | betting; wagering                                  |
| Lying          | speaking untruth, gossip                           |

God exhorts everyone to make sure that our hearts, our speech, and our thoughts are pure. His admonition – warning, caution, reprimand – can be found in Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 4:25; Romans 14:21; Luke 21:34; 1 Corinthians 5:11; Genesis 19:13, 17, 24; Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:24, 26, 27, 30-32, and other passages.

Let’s be reminded of the inspired words in Philippians 4:8:

*Finally, brethren,  
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.*

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, “When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah.” The teacher asked, “What if Jonah went to hell?” The little girl replied, “Then you ask him.”

## Does Jesus Live Here?

If someone knocked on your door and asked, "Does Jesus live here," what would your answer be? We know that Jesus was not just a man who lived hundreds of years ago; He is living even today. Where does He live?

It might cause us to look to ourselves and ask if characteristics of Jesus could be seen in us when we are among our family and friends, as well as the people we see in our daily lives. Do your friends, family and acquaintances see Jesus in your life and characteristics?

Would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in? Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been? Would you change the channel on the TV or change the radio dial because of the music you were listening to?

If He sat down for a chat would you say the things you always do, use the language you always use? Would you invite Him to go with you to meet your closest friends? Or would you cancel your plans until His visit was over?

Ask these questions – "Am I truly a Christian? Can the character of Jesus Christ be seen in my life? Would I be ashamed to have Jesus in my home? Would it be an honor to have Christ as a guest?"

As a Christian, Jesus lives in you. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you," 1 Corinthians 3:16. If you would sigh with relief when He at last would leave, some serious thought needs to be given to your spiritual standing and goals.

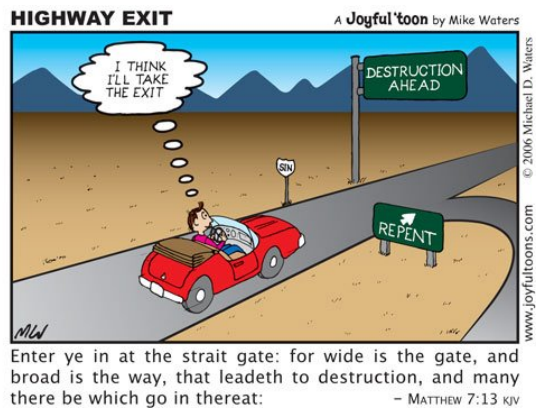
As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280 Interstate. Please be careful." "It's not one car," said Herman. "It's hundreds of them!"

## Is Being "Good" Good Enough?

The rich young ruler asked Jesus, "Good Master, what "good" thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" [emphasis added]. Jesus' answer was, "... if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." The young ruler asked which ones should he keep and Jesus listed "do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself," Matthew 19:16-19.

The young ruler responded that he had done all those things all his life, what did he lack? Jesus told him to sell all that he had and give to the poor - he would have treasure in heaven - then to "come and follow me." The young ruler went away "sorrowful, for he had great possessions," verses 20-22.

We are to be obedient to Christ's plan of salvation. Christ tells us to hear His Word, Matthew 15:10, and study to show ourselves approved unto God, 2 Timothy 2:15. Then we must believe and repent, Mark 1:15, confessing our sins, Matthew 10:32, and be immersed in water for the remission of those sins, Acts 2:38. To complete His commandments, we must work the works of God, John 9:4, then be faithful unto death, Revelation 2:10. Then we will receive the reward of a home in Heaven, Luke 6:23.



## Where In The Bible Will I Find . . . The religious Title for the Preacher?



The Pharisees, a religious group in the days of Christ, loved to make a show of their religion by enlarging the borders of their garments, love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and to be called Rabbi. All the work they did was to be seen of men, they loved the "praise of men more than the praise of God." Any religious title that sets one person above another is condemned by Christ, He says, "Be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your teacher, and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father on the earth; for one is your Father, even he who is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters, for one is your master, even Christ," (Matt. 23:8-10). A person that earns a degree, such as "Doctor of Divinity," or if a person is a "Schoolmaster" certainly they have the right to wear these titles in the field in which he or she has earned them, but not in the church of our Lord as Christ does not authorize any religious degrees! People today who love to be elevated above others by turning their collars backwards, wearing robes, taking the titles such as "Doctor," or "Reverend" are in abomination to God as were the Pharisees. All Christians are "brothers" or "sisters" in Christ, no one is above another, we are "all one in Christ" (Gal. 3:28). New Testament names such as apostle, elder, deacon, etc., were not religious titles, but positions denoting the type of work being carried out by those individuals. The desire for preeminence has always hindered God's work. When we desire to be "noticed" our service to God is not what it should be. Preachers of the gospel have no authority from Christ for any religious title that sets him apart from other members of the Lord's family. All saved are in the church of our Lord, and are Christians and Christians only. -Where In The Bible Will I Find..., I. D. Byars, Volume 1, p. 22.

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Lectureship

## "Be Transformed"

"Be not conformed to this world:

"... but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...."

Romans 12:2

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## The Little Word "But"

"There is one little word in the English language that has the power to disannul every acknowledgement of truth and seemingly noble intention – that word is "but." When someone says, "I know I ought to, but..." you immediately know what's about to follow. The use of the word "but" becomes a process of explaining why a particular truth does not apply to them. By their use of the word "but," they have in effect denied their responsibility.

Have you ever heard folks say, "I know I ought to obey the gospel, but ...?" The truth is that while God has provided mankind salvation through Jesus Christ, (Acts 4:12)\*, there are conditions listed in the simple gospel of Christ to be obeyed (Romans 10:17; Romans 1:16; Romans 10:9-10; Romans 10:9-10; Mark 16:16; Acts 17:30; Galatians 3:26-27; Revelation 2:10)\*. Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth...." (1 Peter 1:22)\*. The Hebrew writer said of Jesus, "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered, being then made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey him," (Hebrews 5:8-9)\*. If you comply with the conditions of salvation as presented in the New Testament, then God washes away your sins through the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Revelation 1:5; cf. 1 John 1:7)\*.

The disciple says, "Oh, I know I ought to, but...." The excuses come flowing as rushing waters down a mountainside. That which follows the word "but" runs the gamut from, "I've got a hangnail on my pinky" (a very serious illness to some), to one-in-a-lifetime special events. This writer knows of one member who says, "It's ok to miss worshipping God for special events, as long as I don't do it all the time." God's word, however, says something entirely different (Hebrews 10:24-27)\*.

James says that man is inconsistent and acts contrary to what is natural when he, from the same source, speaks evil and good – "Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?" (James 3:11 – NKJV). It is just as inconsistent to acknowledge God's truth, and then deny its applicability to self." -- Mike Riley, <http://preachersfiles.com>.

\* Acts 4:12 – "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 1:16 – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Romans 10:9-10 – "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Mark 16:16 – "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Acts 17:30 – "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

Galatians 3:26-27 – "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Revelation 2:10 – "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer ... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

1 Peter 1:22 – "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

Hebrews 5:8-9 – "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

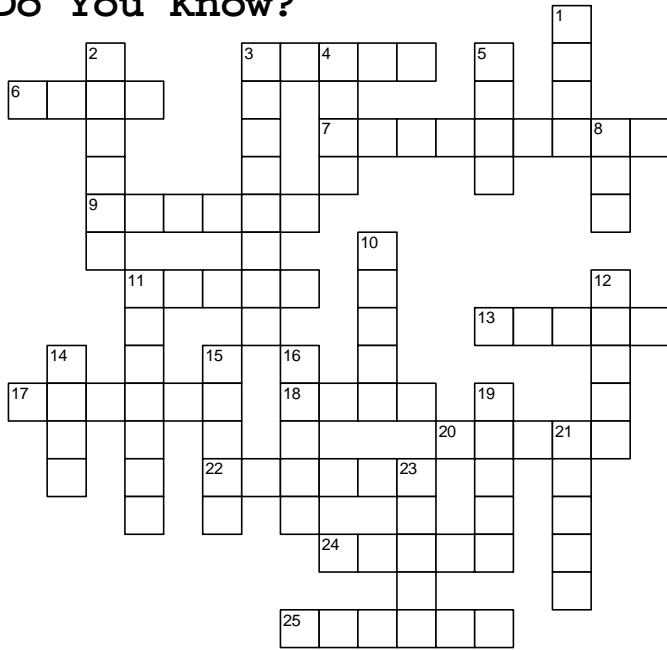
Acts 22:16 – "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Revelation 1:5 – "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

1 John 1:7 – "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Hebrews 10:24-27 – "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

# Do You Know?



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## Across

- 3 There is a parable about one of these that had great price
- 6 Another name for Jerusalem
- 7 Word describing the woman brought to Jesus because she had been caught in the act of adultery
- 9 This prophet was called "baldhead!" by a group of young men
- 11 Amos the prophet was a shepherd from this place
- 13 Sold Jesus for the price of a slave

- 17 Noah and his family were the only survivors of this event
- 18 Book in the New Testament that records conversions of people to Christianity
- 20 This - in an unleavened form - is used in the Lord's Supper to represent Christ's body
- 22 In Christ's parable, some seed fell among \_\_\_ and was choked out
- 24 He was King of Judea at the time of Christ's birth
- 25 King of Judah who was 16 years old when he began to reign

## Down

- 1 According to Proverbs 23:31-32, this "bites like an adder"
- 2 Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are accounts of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Third of Revelation's seven churches
- 4 King of the Amalekites whom Samuel hacked into pieces before the people of Israel
- 5 Bible book, woman's name
- 8 Transgression of God's law
- 10 Mary and Joseph fled into this land after the birth of Christ
- 11 In 2 Timothy 2:9 he said he was having to suffer \_\_\_ as if he were an evildoer
- 12 King Saul tried to kill his future king of Israel
- 14 "As far as the east is from the \_\_\_," God will separate us from our sins if we are faithful to him
- 15 When Paul was not preaching, he was a maker of these
- 16 Gideon was described in Judges 6:12 as being a "mighty man of \_\_\_"
- 19 In Malachi 4:3, God said that He would "\_\_\_ upon" the wicked
- 21 Only his sons could be high priests
- 23 Sarah's previous name

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## Smile

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

A heavy snowstorm closed the schools in one town. When the children returned to school a few days later, one grade school teacher asked her students whether they had used the time away from school constructively. "I sure did, teacher," one little girl replied. "I just prayed for more snow."

Upon entering a little country store, a stranger noticed a sign reading, "Danger! Beware of Dog!" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor besides the cash register. He asked the store manger, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" "Yep, that's him," he replied. The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?" "Because," the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

A merry heart doeth good: Proverbs 17:22.

# EVOLUTION IS AGAINST THE LAW!

Sometimes you will hear scientists speak of a **hypothesis** (high-POTH-eh-sis). This means that they have an idea (a "guess") about something, but do not yet have any facts to tell them if their idea is true or false. Sometimes scientists talk about a **theory**. If something is a theory, that means there are facts which show it might be true. Further testing will settle the matter.

However, if scientists speak of a **law** in science, they are talking about something which has been shown to be true **all the time**. In science, a law means there are no exceptions to the rule. The Law of Gravity is one example of this. Everyone knows that gravity holds things down—**no exceptions**. Gravity is not just a theory, it's a law.

There is another well-known law in science. It is known as the Law of Biogenesis (bye-oh-GEN-uh-sis). This law says two things: (1) living things always come from living things; and (2) living things produce only more living things like themselves.

For example, to get a cow, you must first have a living thing. But, that living thing cannot be a horse, or a donkey, or a whale. It must be a cow. To get a rose, you must have a living rose. To get a dog, you must have a living dog. That is what the Law of Biogenesis says. And remember—there are **no exceptions** to this scientific law.

Evolution is against the Law of Biogenesis! Evolutionists tell us that living things came from nonliving matter. They also tell us that one kind of animal gave rise to a different kind of animal. Further, evolutionists tell us that this happened over and over again to produce all the millions of animals which have ever existed. But that would break the law!

The Law of Biogenesis is real, and accepted as true by all scientists. Evolution cannot be true, because it is against this law. To have a law there must be a law-giver. Who gave us the Law of Biogenesis? That Law-Giver could only be God. Bert Thompson, *DiscoveryMagazine.com*, April 1992.

**Bible Quiz:** 1. (c) Matt. 14:1-2; 2. (a) John 20:28; 3. (b) Rev. 3:17; 4. (c) Matt. 17:4; 5. (c) Rev. 1:7; 6. (c) John 8:1-11; 7. (b) Luke 24:49; 8. (b) Mark 11:17; 9. (c) Matt. 26:12; 10. (b) Matt. 22:14; 11. (b) Acts 1:6.

**S**erve God acceptably.  
Hebrews 12:28

**O**bey them that rule over you.  
Hebrews 13:17

**W**ork while it is day.  
John 9:4

**I**ntant in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

**N**ever faint.  
Galatians 6:9

**G**row in grace.  
2 Peter 3:18

**R**eward is great in heaven.  
Luke 6:23

**E**ternal Life.  
Romans 6:23

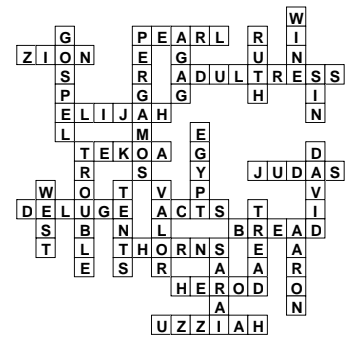
**A**fter death.  
Matthew 25:46

**P**lace prepared.  
John 14:2, 3

**I**mmortal body  
1 Corinthians 15:53

**N**ew heaven, earth  
Revelation 21:1

**G**lorious resurrection  
1 Corinthians 15:43



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