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*Jesus saith unto him,
I am the way, the truth,
and the life:*

*no man
cometh unto
the Father,
but by
me.*

John 14: 6

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

What's Your Reason for Abandoning Reason?

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3). We would do well to learn a lesson from the deception of Eve. While Satan is not appearing to us in the form of a serpent, he is still seeking to delude the minds of men from following the simple truth of God’s word (2 Cor. 4:4).

Eve was created from Adam’s rib as a companion for him (Gen. 2:20-24). She was in a beautiful paradise and with her husband who was given the work of tending to the garden (Gen. 2:15). How perfect their situation must have been. She and Adam were only given one simple restriction: do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17).

Satan came in the form of a serpent and said to Eve, “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1). The word “yea” in this question means *truly* or *really*. Satan tempts people to ask whether clear spiritual truths are really so. Is there really a God? Will there really be a judgment? Do heaven and hell really exist? Many people skeptically ask these questions today. Their denial of these facts displays their willingness to follow the father of lies (John 8:44). Eve answered the serpent with the simple, plain rule God had mandated and then added, “neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die” (Gen. 3:3). Perhaps she was highlighting how restrictive God was being in this whole ordeal; if so, Satan’s question was already working by impugning God’s goodness and motives. The serpent immediately told Eve a lie, saying, “Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:4-5). Eve would die the day she ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree. She and Adam were separated from God that day they ate, sinning and dying spiritually (Isa. 59:2; Rom. 5:12). As a consequence they would no longer be among the tree of life, which would lead to their eventual physical death (Gen. 3:22).

Eve knew the clear rule of God. The devil told her a lie. So why did she eat? She was not listening to reason when she ate. She “saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise” (Gen. 3:6). Since God made such a perfect paradise for her, it would stand to reason that He loved her and wanted what was best for her; He did not want her to die. But she abandoned reason and let her feelings take over. Many today claim that Bible believers do not listen to the voice of reason, insinuating that they, instead, do listen to the voice of reason. However, just as it was in the beginning of the world, so it is today – those who deny God and his plain laws are giving into their feelings and selfish desires rather than listening to reason (Rom. 1:22-28). The fool has said in his heart there is no God (Psa. 14:1; 53:1). Nature all around us testifies to God’s existence, power and goodness (Psa. 19:1-4; Mt. 5:45; Acts 14:17; Rom. 1:20). It is Christians who listen to the voice of reason and embrace true and sober thinking when they follow God (Acts 26:25).

So the next time you are tempted to question plain truths clearly set forth in God’s word and creation all around, remember Eve. Be honest and consider whether there is a selfish, sinful desire that is driving you to abandon clear thinking. -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- Mark Day- "*The 'I Am' Statements of Jesus*"

PM- Jerry Sturgill- "*Is There Nothing In A Name?*" (Mark Your Bible series)

Family Meals Needed

Meals are being coordinated for the Day family 2 or 3 times per week. Please, call Bev Conley at 606-923-7073 to assist. Thank you.

2016 Dates to Remember

Nov 27- All Youth/Parent devotion-7p- annex hosted by the Scotts

Nov 29- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 3- Scotts' pancake breakfast-8a- annex

Dec 6- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 10- Kathy Hall's Ladies holiday party- her home- 6p- sign up on bulletin board

Dec 13- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 18- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Dec 20- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 27- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 31- New Year's Eve Watch- 9p

Mark Your 2017 Calendars

Feb 5-9- Freed-Hardeman U. lectureship

Mar 26-29- 'Biblical Apologetics' Gospel Meeting with David Lipe here

Apr 14-16- Lads to Leaders convention- Nashville

Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here

Sep 8-9- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole

Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt-8:30a

Gauging Our Faith

	11/20/16	Goal	11/22/15
Bible Study	106	110	106
AM Worship	144	150	153
PM Worship	85	110	104
Mid Week	86	110	90
Contribution:	\$5190.84	\$5600.00	\$5546.25

Pancake Breakfast- Saturday

This Saturday, Dec. 3rd, the Scott family will have their annual pancake breakfast at 8am in the annex. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board for planning purposes. Please, sign if you plan to attend. Bring your favorite topping/syrup and drink (coffee is supplied) and join us!

Ladies Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6pm, Kathy Hall is hosting her Ladies Party at her home. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board with details. For planning purposes, please, sign if you plan to attend. If you need a ride ask someone on the list.

Food Basket Donations

We need to stock our food pantry for people who may need holiday baskets this year. A list of suggested donation items is on the foyer table. Please, leave donation items beside the food closet in the sound room hallway.

Benevolence

With our new benevolence program, you can direct assistance to a family in need. Each member has \$200 at your discretion for a family or person in need. You may speak with Nathan Parks or JC Hughes for details, approvals & procedure to access funds.

New Cookbook- 2017

We are making a new cookbook for our 2017 November 4th Ladies Day. Please, pick up the form and submit your clearly printed recipes to the office. See Ann Hughes, Jane Isaacs or Patti Reaves for details.

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?**



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Brad Morris

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Jeremiah Smith, Lowell Parsley,
Dan Stone, Shelby Steele,
Mitch Stafford, Darick Carter

Presiding PM: J.C. Hughes

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Denny Deskins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Tim Hammond

DEVOTIONAL: Steve Wallace

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is welcomed.

Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★ Tonight ★★

Youth/Parent Devo

7pm- annex-

hosted by the Scotts

Bring snacks and soft drinks to share



Memory Verse

Dec. 4– Psalm 100:5

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

Dec. 11– Romans 12:1

Dec. 18– Acts 20:35