

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

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Know Jesus

John 8:12 "Then spoke Jesus again to them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The Pharisees therefore said to him, You bear record of yourself; your record is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said to them, Though I bear record of myself, [yet] my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but you cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 You judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me. 19 Then said they to him, Where is your Father? Jesus answered, You neither know me, nor my Father: if you had known me, you should have known my Father also."

Knowing the Holy Bible is the only possible way a person may know Jesus. The Old Testament contains detailed prophetic descriptions of Jesus Christ and His work. That is what allowed Philip the New Testament evangelist to begin in **Isaiah 53** and preach Jesus.

Acts 8: 35 "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached to him Jesus."

The scriptures tell of Jesus.

John 5: 37 "And the Father himself, which has sent me, has borne witness of me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. 38 And you have not his word abiding in you: for whom he has sent, him you believe not. 39 Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they, which testify of me."

Through the inspired writings of the New Testament we have the mind of Christ given to us in the inspired writings of the apostles of Jesus.

1Corinthian 2: 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

The only thing that we may know about the mind Jesus is what the Holy Bible, the inspired word of God, tells us about Jesus. If we are going to know Jesus we are going to have to become knowledgeable in the message of the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testaments. If I do not know and understand the contents of the Holy Bible, I cannot know Jesus. The world at large does not know Jesus for exactly that reason. People talk confidently and at length about being "Christ like" without having the vaguest notion what Christ is actually like. They do not know what Jesus Christ was like because they do not study the Bible. They talk about the need to "know Jesus" but they do not do themselves, and do not encourage others to do the only thing on earth that can allow them to know Jesus. They do not study the Holy Bible and they do not encourage others to study the Holy Bible.

The point is not to study books about the Bible. The point is to study the Bible itself, notepad in hand, to learn what the Bible actually says. I need to know what Jesus thinks about marriage, divorce and remarriage. I need to know what Jesus thinks about baptism in water for remission of sins. I need to know what Jesus thinks about eating the Lord's supper. I need to know what Jesus thinks about dress and grooming. I need to know what Jesus thinks about church organizational structure. I need to know what Jesus thinks about church funds. I need to know what Jesus thinks about church works. I need to know what Jesus thinks about fornication. I need to know what Jesus thinks about lying. I need to know everything that I can know about everything that Jesus thinks. The only avenue of information about what Jesus thinks is the New Testament. Everything I need to know about what Jesus thinks is in the New Testament. That information is just waiting for me to reach out and take it. When I come to care enough about the Creator of the universe to begin to read and study the inspired word of God I am going to begin to be able to come to know Jesus. If I am an unrepentant, self-deluding, self-justifying pious sinner I will soon come to realize that this Jesus is not going to ignore my refusal to repent because of my piety. I will find that this Jesus is the one whose terms are "repent or perish".

Luke 13: 2 "And Jesus answering said to them, Suppose you that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, No: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think you that they were sinners above all men that dwelled in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, No: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish."

Paul told the Athenians that we all must turn away from our wickedness because God has appointed a day in which Jesus will judge the world in righteousness.

Acts 17: 30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent: 31 Because he has appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he has ordained; [whereof] he has given assurance to all [men], in that he has raised him from the dead."

We are assured that this Jesus is ready and willing to give us all the help that we need to overcome our sins by turning away from them in repentance, but we must also be assured that Jesus requires us to stop sinning in order to be saved.

Revelation 3: 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Remember To Pray For

Neil Erickson who is in Wales on business

Jim Spivey

Bill Robinson Jr.

Pat Wallace

Anne Harper and the baby

Donnie & Tracy Oliver and their baby.

Helen Stephens

Brayden Grushon

The mother of Lori Dailey

Chris Handshoe

Chris and Jen Dooley

Jeffrey Howerton

Ruel Baker

Addison Pervine

Carl Stripplehoff

Sybil Jamison

Blanch Thompson

Karen Handshoe

Tom Kemp

Freda Blakey is in Cardinal Hill

Hospital for therapy.

James Stauffer

The Holy Bible affirms that **One will** created the universe.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth.

Is that true? Is that reasonable? Is it logical to assume that there is displayed in the universe **one will**?

If it is true it would be most likely that this entire universe would be a coordinated whole dominated throughout by dependence on interaction of all parts at every level.

The bits and pieces would all be contributing parts of the whole from the largest to the smallest. Nothing would stand alone in opposition to the rest. Just as the ecology of the earth is one ecology so would be the entire universe, and that is exactly what it is one ecology, the product of **one will**.

Since the heavens and the earth exist, and since the entire ecology is one ecology it is vain and irrational to attempt to argue that **one will** is not responsible for it being here.

The Holy Bible gives the only logical explanation for the existence of the heavens and the earth. **They exist because one Will with the power, the knowledge and the ability to make them exist made them exist.**

Thoughts

Just how reasonable are the claims made in the Bible about the creation?

The Bible says that God made humankind in God's own image.

Genesis 1: 26 "And God said, Let us **make man in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 And **God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**"

If that claim were true you would expect humankind to be able to understand and copy the works of God. In other words you would expect a couple of Ohio bicycle mechanics to be able to study the construction of birds and make something heavier that air fly. You would expect humans to study lightning and discover how to use the force of electricity to work for them. You would expect humans to study fire and find out how it changes materials and make those forces work for them in cooking and pottery and metal and on and on and on.

Is there a likeness between the force that brought this universe into existence and humankind? **The Bible says yes and human behavior says yes.**

Did you know that this universe is made up of energy in orderly motion? In order for that to be true there are some things that the Creator of the universe **has to know**. The Creator of the universe has to know the weight, the speed, the attractive force and the specific location of every part all the time, from the time it started.

If God did not have and use that knowledge this universe instead of acting as it does would crash in chaos. If the moon were not going fast enough it would crash into the earth. If it were going too fast it would veer off into space to crash into something else. If the earth were not going fast enough it would crash into the sun. If the earth were going too fast it would hurtle off of its orbit and like the runaway moon crash into something and be destroyed.

The critical balance of energy required, for God to construct the universe as He did, of free moving bodies, requires God to know the weight, speed, attractive force and location of each body all the time in order to avoid crashes.

That is all the more incredible when you realize that this universe over which God presides stretches beyond human ability to imagine.

GOD KNOWS IT ALL AND THE UNIVERSE PROVES IT

Notes

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING 3:00PM
NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

PLAN FOR OUR SPRING GOSPEL
MEETING WITH GARY HENRY
APRIL 6-11

Solomon said, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:12-14)

Did I ever stop to consider how many people God has to keep up with in order to be able to do what Solomon claimed that God is going to do?

The reason to fear God and keep His commandments is because God knows everything.

In judgement before God the only thing that will matter is that I have in this life feared God and obeyed His commandments. Being on the same side my ungodly friends or kinfolk are on is not going to be an asset or comfort to me.

The New Testament contains the commandments of God for us today. When I stand before God in judgement the only thing that will matter to me is that I have in this life on earth feared God and proved that fear of God by obeying the teachings contained in the New Testament. Nothing else will matter to me.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship Service 10:45am

Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages 7:30pm

Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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