



Pastor and First Lady Hackett

## What does the Bible say about Rioting!!!

From Got Questions.org

Answer: A riot is a violent, noisy disturbance of the peace by a crowd. Riots usually result in property damage and injuries to people. We are seeing an increasing number of riots across the world, fueled by everything from race to religion. Sometimes a peaceful gathering can turn into a riot when something triggers strong emotion among the majority of attendees. Often those who are rioting believe themselves in the right as they passionately express their opinions en masse. But are they right? Does the Bible say anything about rioting?

The Bible mentions a few riots, none of them favorably. Paul was the victim of rioters on several occasions (2 Corinthians 6:5; Acts 17:5; 19:23–41). In each case, jealousy and deception were at the heart of the riot. It was the hate-filled agenda of the instigators that fired up the townspeople, many of whom were not even sure of the issues at stake. The fact that most of the Ephesian rioters “did not even know why they were there” says volumes about the mob mentality (Acts 19:32).

The most infamous riot in the Bible occurred during Jesus’ trial before Pilate. The governor had found no fault in Him (Luke 23:4; John 19:4). However, the chief scribes and religious leaders were determined to kill Jesus, so they stirred up the crowd (Matthew 27:20; Mark 15:11). Here we have a clue as to the nature of most riots. Many of those in the crowd had seen Jesus’ miracles, heard Him teaching in their synagogues, and may have even been healed by Him. Yet, under the influence of impassioned leaders, they quickly turned against Him. The same people who had shouted “Hosanna! Hosanna!” only days before (Mark 11:9–10) now shouted, “Crucify Him!” (Mark 15:13–14)

Most riots begin with an instigator, someone with an agenda. Riots may appear to be spontaneous outbursts of unified outrage, but closer investigation usually reveals people behind the scenes stirring up the passions of the crowd. Those who expect to benefit from the riot may use inflammatory speech, exaggerated details, and the cooperation of a few colleagues to make the riot seem spontaneous. In other words, those who incite riots today use the same tactics that the scribes and Pharisees used in Jesus’ day.

People caught up in the fervor of the moment don’t realize they are being used. They have been manipulated into believing they are making a righteous point by pillaging and indiscriminately destroying the property of others. Social pressure is a powerful motivator, and when everyone around us is inflamed with fury, shouting opinions and slogans and demanding “change,” it is easy to be swept along with the crowd. It would be interesting to know how many of

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**Too great to grasp**

For more than three decades, St. Augustine of Hippo toiled over the mind-boggling doctrine of the Trinity. According to legend, one day the church father was strolling along a shore, wrestling with this puzzle. He saw a boy running back and forth, using a seashell to pour water from the ocean into a hole he'd dug in the sand. When Augustine asked what he was doing, the boy proclaimed, "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole!" "That's impossible," replied Augustine. "The sea is so great, and the shell and the hole are so little."

"That's true," the boy said. "But it would be easier to draw all the water out of the sea and fit it into this hole than for you to fit the mystery of the Trinity and his divinity into your little intellect."

Indeed, only through faith can we accept the infinite nature of our Three-in-One God; for our finite human minds, it's simply too great to grasp. Amen.

Sundays are a holy day in Christianity, and Trinity Sunday is particularly holy. This is the first Sunday after Pentecost, and celebrates the Holy Trinity – the father, the son, and the holy ghost. On this day Christians worship God and give thanks for everything the Trinity has done to save us from our sins



**SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH**

- ◇ **Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020**
- ◇ **Flag Day, June 14, 2020**
- ◇ **First day of Summer, June 20, 2020**
- ◇ **Father's Day, June 21, 2020**



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those who demanded Jesus' crucifixion later regretted it when passions cooled. We have one glimpse into a possible change of heart in Luke 23:47. A centurion who had helped with Jesus' crucifixion suddenly realized what he had done and said, "Surely this was a righteous man!"

Rioting is a form of lawlessness, which the Bible condemns (1 John 3:4). Even if the rioters are seeking to advance a just cause, they are going about it in a sinful way. As the city clerk of Ephesus reminded the rioters in his city, "The courts are open and there are proconsuls. . . . If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly" (Acts 19:38–39). To be lawless is to consider oneself an exception to the law or to act as though there were no law. The lawless think rules don't apply to them, and they become a law unto themselves. That's what happens in a riot. Even normally law-abiding people can become inflamed with fury and self-righteousness and decide that their cause is worth breaking legal, moral, and ethical laws. They may destroy property, hinder transportation, harm innocent bystanders, and tie up law enforcement personnel who could be spending their time on more worthy pursuits. Rioters place themselves and their leaders above the law, and that is sin (Romans 13:1–2). Anger, especially when motivated by vengeance or spread by self-seeking rabble-rousers, is never a trustworthy guide (James 1:20). Those who allow themselves to be controlled by it may become foolish participants in ungodly riots.

*Submitted by Pastor Hackett*



## Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

### Wisdom

#### Quarter At A Glance

by Larry Shallenberger

We admire wisdom, but struggle to define the term. In 2016, a team of psychologists attempted to understand how people perceived the concept of wisdom. The team presented historical figures who were generally esteemed as being wise, then asked what specific qualities made them wise. Three templates emerged: practical wisdom, philosophical wisdom, and benevolent wisdom.

Scripture confirms that wisdom manifests itself in many ways. Bezalel was filled with wisdom for his work constructing the tabernacle (Exodus 31:2, 3). Joshua was filled with wisdom to lead Israel into the promised land (Deuteronomy 34:9). A wise woman persuaded her city to slay David's enemy and save themselves (2 Samuel 20:16–22). Even in biblical times, it was apparent that wisdom has diverse blossoms.

#### The Roots of Wisdom

True wisdom is rooted in a single source: God himself. We open unit 1 with a survey of wisdom in the book of Proverbs. King Solomon, the primary contributor to the anthology, taught young men that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7). The word fear is best interpreted as a worshipful awe and respect of God, not an unhealthy terror of the divine.

Solomon's belief that wisdom was accessible to anyone is evident through his anthropomorphizing (giving human characteristics to) wisdom as being a woman. She stands at the gates of the city and invites anyone who would come to partake in her lavish feast. But Solomon also recognized that wisdom wasn't the only voice calling out to his rising leaders.

#### .Unit 1: Wisdom in Proverbs

**Lesson 1, June 7 - Listen to God's Wisdom - Proverbs 1:1–4, 7, 8, 10, 20–22, 32, 33**

**Lesson 2, June 14 - Value Wisdom - Proverbs 2:1–11**

**Lesson 3, June 21 - Receive Wisdom's Gifts - Proverbs 8:8–14, 17–21**

**Lesson 4, June 28 - Feast with Wisdom Proverbs 9:1-6,8-10,13-18**

*We believe that the Sunday School Ministry helps the church in reaching the lost, edifying the saved, and raising up spiritually healthy disciples for Jesus Christ . Pastor Hackett*

From the GSBC Nurses Ministry

## ***HEALTH NOTES FOR JUNE 2020***

### **Coronavirus Testing**

Know symptoms of coronavirus and when to get medical assistance. Many are anxious about the threat of getting coronavirus. At this point, the list of possible symptoms has grown to include: Fever, Headache, Runny nose, Sore throat, Shortness of breath, Cough, Weakness, Fatigue, Muscle aches & pains, Nausea, Stomach upset, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Loss of smell and taste, Red eyes. Some people may have Covid-19 and not have symptoms (asymptomatic) however they may spread the virus unknowingly to those they come in close contact (family and co-workers). Free testing is available at the following locations:

Covid-19 testing in Louisville

#### **LOUISVILLE:**

**CVS Health will open seven new COVID-19 test sites at drive-thru locations across Kentucky.**

- These new sites will utilize self-swab test.

Tests will be available to individuals meeting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria, in addition to state and age guidelines. Patients must register in advance at [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com) beginning Friday, May 29 to schedule an appointment.

- Patients will be required to stay in their cars and will be directed to the pharmacy drive-thru window.
- Tests will be sent to an independent, third-party lab for processing and the results will be available in approximately three days.
- Testing will not take place inside any retail locations, and CVS Pharmacy, HealthHUB and MinuteClinic will continue to serve customers and patients.

The new testing sites in Louisville include:

- CVS Pharmacy, 2311 Lime Kiln Road, Louisville, KY 40222
- CVS Pharmacy, 10490 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40223

A complete list of CVS Pharmacy drive-thru test sites can be found at <https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/testing-locations>

**Norton Healthcare offering tests to anyone -- including those without symptoms**

- Norton Healthcare has opened a drive-thru testing center in the former Walmart on Poplar Level Road.
- Appointments are required.

To make an appointment, [click here](#) or call (502) 861-4611, option 1.

- Testing will also be available at Norton doctor or pediatrician's offices, immediate care centers and Norton Walgreens locations.

[Schedule an appointment](#) at one of these locations.

- You don't have to have symptoms to get an appointment. "
- Those with health insurance should have their insurance card on hand when registering and bring it to the appointment.

**Walmart at Bashford Manor - daily drive-thru testing**

- Anyone with symptoms is eligible to make an appointment for a test.
- Site is located in the parking lot of the Walmart at 2020 Bashford Manor Lane
- The site will operate daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.
- Test are also offered for health care workers and first responders with or without symptoms.
- Testing site is supported by eTrueNorth and local and state officials.
- It is staffed by volunteers, including Walmart healthcare professionals and eTrueNorth team members.

**You can** access the eTrueNorth online portal to schedule an appointment. Call 800-635-8611 for more information.

**Kroger - Louisville Southern High School** 8620 Preston Hwy, Louisville, KY 40219,

- May 26 - 29
- 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Open to Everyone

Register [through Kroger online](#)



(Continued from page 4) **Health Notes from the Nurses Ministry**

As Governor Beshear allows more businesses to open, we must be aware of the increased risk of contracting Covid-19.

Multiple times a day, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if you have symptoms of acute respiratory illness.

Stay home from work or school until you are free of fever, signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours and without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medications.



#### DR. BEVERLY COLEMAN

Pictured to the right is Dr. Beverly Coleman, nurse practitioner, dressed in protective equipment (PPE) to test for coronavirus at one of the local testing sites.



#### GET READY AND VOTE IN THE 2020 KENTUCKY PRIMARY

Please check to make sure you are still correctly registered at this [site](https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky). <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky>  
Because of the coronavirus pandemic, everyone is being encouraged to vote by mail-in absentee ballot. For the first time, you will not need an excuse to vote absentee.

Voter may now request mail-in ballots in a portal on the [State Board of Elections website](#). You also can request a ballot through the Jefferson County Clerk's Office.

If you are a registered voter in Jefferson County, go to [jeffersoncountyclerk.org/AbsAppReques](http://jeffersoncountyclerk.org/AbsAppReques) to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot application or call 502.574.6100. If you choose that route, you will receive an absentee application in the mail, which you will need to return to the Clerk's Office to receive a ballot.

After voting, ballots will be sent to the County Clerk. Mail-in ballots will have to be requested by June 16, postmarked by June 23 and be received within three days of Election Day. In-person voting, with the possibility of drive-through voting, will be allowed, in new ways, for those who need to vote in person.

Post cards will be sent out to Kentucky voters explaining the whole process.

#### In-Person Absentee Voting:

[http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/inhouse\\_absentee/](http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/inhouse_absentee/)

#### Mail-In Absentee Voting:

<http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/mail-in-absentee-voting/>

#### Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center

701 West Ormsby Ave., STE 301

Louisville, KY 40203-3143

Phone: 502.574.6100

Fax: 502.574.5014

Email: [Absentee@jeffersoncountyclerk.org](mailto:Absentee@jeffersoncountyclerk.org)



## Highlighting our Youth and Graduation News

Hello Church Family;

My name is Richard Garrison, III, also known as "Trey" and of course the son of Deacon Richard Garrison, Jr. Sis. Betty Garrison is my grandmother. I serve as one of the Junior Ushers at Greater Salem. I have also participated in the Drama Ministry and other Youth & Family Ministry presentations.

I am a graduating senior at South Oldham High School where I have played football and run track all four years of high school. My fondest memory is probably playing in the South Oldham High School versus Oldham County (our biggest rival) football games and winning.

I enjoy hanging with friends, playing sports, video games and working.

The Corona virus pandemic has definitely changed things in this world. I have seen some crazy things during this time, but times have been fun and enjoyable, too. A huge change I have noticed is everyone is wearing a mask, now. Although it seemed rather weird to me at first, now it's the new normal around the world.

I am looking forward to life after graduation as I will be attending Western Kentucky University and majoring in Criminology.

My favorite bible verse is found in **Jeremiah 29:11 NIV** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Love,

Richard "Trey" Garrison III



Hi Church Family,

My name is Phillip Hardin and my parent is Sharon Wheeler. I'm one of the junior ushers at Greater Salem Baptist Church.

I am a graduating senior at Shawnee High School and have played basketball there for all four years.

My hobbies include playing basketball and video games.

One of my best memories is taking a trip with other youth from Greater Salem to a college campus during my sophomore year.

When asked about the Corona virus, I have to say that I am not moved by this virus as some people are. I feel that the worst thing a person can do in a situation such as this, is panic. Therefore, I am keeping a cool head and trying to live life as normal and safe as possible.

My plans after graduation is to find a good job and attend Jefferson Community Technical College (JCTC), where I will be majoring in Computer Science.

My favorite scripture can be found in Exodus 15:2, The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God and I will exalt Him.

-Phillip Hardin



Phillip Hardin



It's Coming on Saturday, June 27 at 3 PM - The 2020 GSBC High School and College Graduation Celebration Parade for graduating members

Look for details on the GSBC website and in the Bulletin or ask a member of the Scholarship Committee!!!



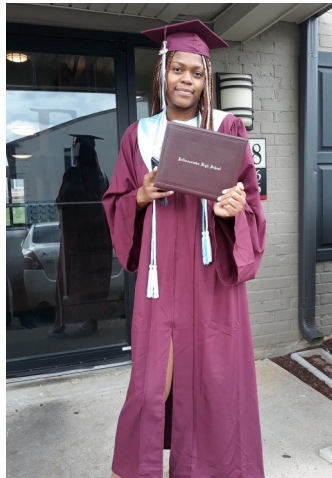
In addition to Trey and Phillip we salute these 2020 Graduates!!!



**Jaleah Beason**  
Central High



**Kaylin Dennison & Kameron Dennison**  
Male High and Butler High



**Kennedy Ellis**  
Jeffersontown High



**Anthony R. Anderson**  
Pleasure Ridge Park High

***Hello Church Family,***

My name is Taylor Garrison, daughter of GSBC Deacon Richard Garrison and granddaughter of Betty Garrison. I was a Junior Usher at Greater Salem for several years.

I recently graduated Cum Laude (w/ Honor) from Bellarmine University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in Communications.

I was involved in various activities/groups on campus, such as, residence life, the Student Government Association, and the Black Student Union.

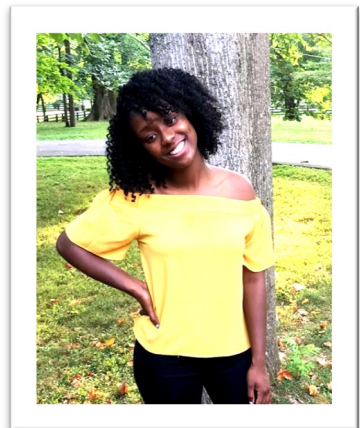
I chose the field of psychology because of my interest in social work; it is very versatile and it will allow me an opportunity to serve others in many different areas, specifically, those who are marginalized and/or under-represented in our society.

One of my fondest memories is attending the annual Black Solidarity Conference (BSC) at Yale University with my fellow Black Student Union executive board members. In short, this group is student-run and it networks with other races, religions and ethnicities from all over this country to discuss issues pertaining to the black diaspora in our communities and explore solutions that can be implemented on college campuses.

I enjoy traveling and eating different foods. I am a fan of any beach and so far, my favorite is in Cozumel, Mexico. I also enjoy Do-It-Yourself projects and activities. I recently learned how to do my own dip-powder manicures like the ones offered at professional salons. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

I feel that COVID-19 has changed life as we know it and life will probably never be the same. Although, COVID-19 has taken away many things; it has also brought people together. I find comfort in the fact that we are all getting through this together.

Now that I have completed my undergraduate degree, my plan is to return to school as I have been accepted into the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville and will begin graduate studies for a Master's Degree this fall. My favorite bible scripture is found in Philippians 4:13; "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".



Love,  
Taylor

**DETERMINATION, PERSEVERANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRUE HONOR!!!**



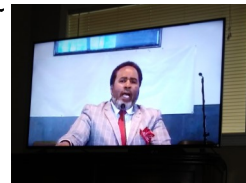
God Is the same Yesterday, Today and Forevermore (Hebrews 13:8) and God is Awesome!!!

50+ Years after starting at UK, Wilbur Hackett, Jr. is a 2020 Graduate from the University of Kentucky with a Liberal Studies Major

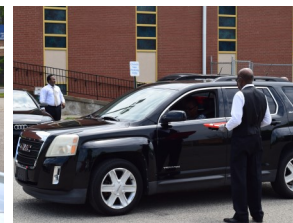
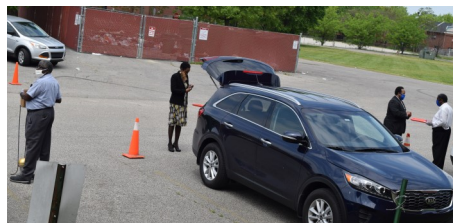
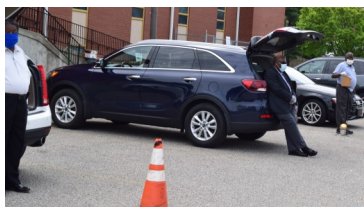
**CONGRATULATIONS ON EARNING YOUR DEGREE,  
BRO. HACKETT!!!**

## Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

*Pastor and First Lady Hackett and a small cadre of Ministers, Deacons, lay members, and Musicians have helped provide a continuation of regular worship services, Weekly Bible studies, Sunday School, and Prayer Services. How have they accomplished this???*



- ⇒ **Sunday Worship services are now streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: [greatersalembaptist.org](http://greatersalembaptist.org) or the Greater Salem Facebook page.**
- ⇒ **The weekly Bible study continues on Facebook Live each Wednesday at 5:30 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page.**
- ⇒ **Bro. LeRoy Winston & Sis. Rosa Battle will be leading the weekly Wednesday Prayer Service at 12 noon via conference call. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#**
- ⇒ **You can join in with Min. Kern Richardson, Sister Sara Toney and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson via conference call at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Just call 978-990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code 721799#**
- ⇒ **The Women's Ministry's Bible Study is being held via Conference Call. They are meeting on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:15 AM. For Audio only please call 978-990-5000, access code 703263# to be a part of the class. If you'd prefer audio and video go online at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett> . All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Tanisha Hackett at [tanishahackett@gmail.com](mailto:tanishahackett@gmail.com)**
- ⇒ **Pastor Keith Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The dial-in number is (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448#**
- ⇒ **Rev. Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#**
- ⇒ **Tithes and offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings.**
- ⇒ **If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)**
- ⇒ **You can get a paper copy of the GoodNewsLetter via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.**



The Lord's Supper is being served on the First Sundays on the Parking Lot to those unable to attend services.



## Question: "If Jesus paid the price for our sin, why do we still suffer the consequences of our sin?"

**Answer:** The Bible gives the good news that Jesus paid the price for our sin ([Ephesians 1:7](#)), yet in many ways we still suffer the consequences of our sins. For example, a drug dealer may become a Christian in prison, but that doesn't mean he will be released from prison the next day—he will still experience the consequences of his past sin. A born-again Christian who falls into adultery may lose his family, his career, etc.—even after he confesses and forsakes his sin, the consequences of his sin remain. Coming to Christ does not erase the *temporal* effects of sin; rather, our salvation guarantees that we will not face the *eternal* consequences of sin.

The consequence of sin is death ([Romans 6:23a](#)). As sinners, we deserve to be eternally separated from God and His holiness. On the cross Christ paid the penalty of our sin with His own blood. He who knew no sin was made to be sin on our behalf ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). On the basis of Christ's perfect sacrifice, those who believe are no longer under God's condemnation ([Romans 8:1](#)).

It's important to understand that, when the believer in Christ experiences consequences for sin, it is *not* because he is under God's condemnation ([Romans 8:1](#)), His wrath ([1 Thessalonians 5:9](#)), or His retribution ([2 Thessalonians 1:8](#)). Believers are under God's grace ([Romans 6:15](#)). Jesus took the wrath of God upon Himself ([Isaiah 53:10](#)). Sin's consequences still experienced by believers could be classified in one of these ways:

**Universal consequences.** Some of sin's consequences are experienced perpetually by every human being on earth, because we are all children of Adam. We all have weeds growing in our gardens, we all face natural disasters, we all get sick and grow old, and we all eventually die physically ([Romans 5:12](#)). As sinners living in a sinful world, there's no avoiding

these consequences of [original sin](#).

**Natural consequences.** We live in a world of cause and effect, where the law of [sowing and reaping](#) is in full effect. Some of sin's consequences are built-in and practically guaranteed, no matter if the sinner is saved or unsaved. The Bible warns that sexual immorality is a sin committed against one's own body ([1 Corinthians 6:18](#)). "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?" ([Proverbs 6:27](#)). If you steal something, you should expect to get caught and face the natural consequences that follow the sin of theft. If you resist arrest when you get caught, you pile on more consequences. Sowing and reaping.

**Instructional consequences.** Very likely, God allows some of sin's consequences to remain in our lives to teach us the heinous nature of sin and to remind us to depend upon God's grace. Sin is a serious enough problem for God to have sent His Son into the world to die. We dare not take sin lightly. In the face of sin's consequences, we humble ourselves and seek God's kingdom and righteousness all the more (see [Matthew 6:33](#)). When [Ananias and Sapphira](#) were disciplined for their sin, it was instructive for the church: "Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events" ([Acts 5:11](#)). See also [1 Corinthians 5:5](#) and [1 Timothy 1:20](#).

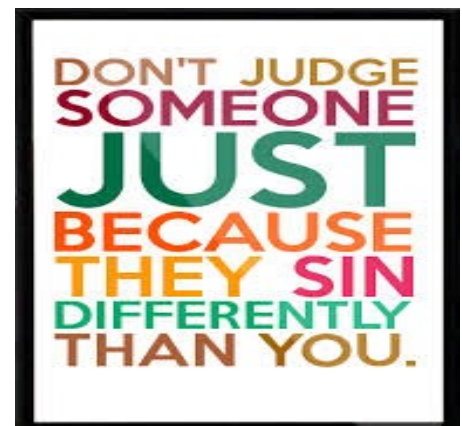
**Disciplinary consequences.** Some of sin's consequences are the result of God's treating us as a father should his children. There's a difference between a *penalty* for sin and *discipline* for sin. As God's children, we experience [discipline](#) designed to guide us back to the right path. "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son" ([Hebrews 12:5-6](#); cf. [Proverbs 3:11-12](#)). Note how many of God's children undergo discipline: "everyone" ([Hebrews 12:8](#)). We are all wayward at times. God's purpose in allowing us to experience disciplinary consequences of sin, true to His nature, is perfect: "God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness" ([Hebrews 12:10](#)).

The church of Corinth provides an example of Christians facing the disciplinary consequences of their sin: in partaking of the Lord's Table in an unworthy manner, they brought God's displeasure: "That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep" ([1 Corinthians 11:30](#)). We see similar disciplinary action taken in [2 Samuel 12](#). Even after David confessed his sin and was forgiven, God allowed certain consequences to befall David and his household (verses 11-14).

God allows us to experience some of the temporal consequences of sin to show His love for us. If God never disciplined His straying children, He would not be a good Father. If we were never disciplined or never suffered the consequences for our wrong action, we would never learn right from wrong. We tend to learn from our mistakes more readily than we learn from our successes.

Praise the Lord for His goodness. He allows us to experience the *temporal* consequences of sin (for our own good). But He has saved us from the *eternal* consequences of sin. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins so we will never experience the second death, which is the [lake of fire](#) ([Revelation 20:14](#)). Believers in Christ are promised that the curse and consequences of sin will be completely removed one day, and "nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain" ([Isaiah 11:9, NLT](#)).

**Recommended Resource:** [Overcomer by David Jeremiah](#) From [Got Questions.org](#)



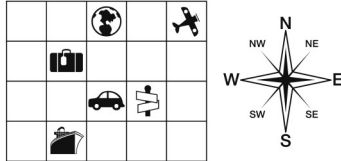
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# PUZZLE

## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



- Start at the SHIP.**  
Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N  \_ \_ \_
- Start at the WORLD.**  
Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE  \_ \_
- Start at the SUITCASE.**  
Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E  \_ \_ \_
- Start at the PLANE.**  
Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W  \_ \_
- Start at the CAR.**  
Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW  \_ \_ \_
- Start at the SIGN.**  
Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW  \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng both no\_ and for\_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

## Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest



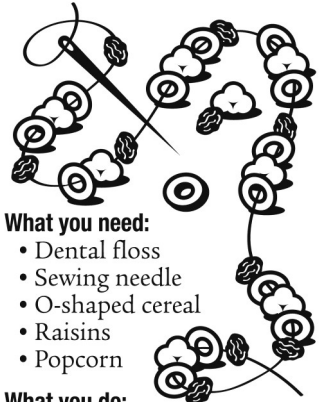
Answer: (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

## Christian Symbols



## ROAD TRIP TREAT!

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



**What you need:**

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

**What you do:**

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



“Their first argument — over whose parents they’ll move in with.”

## OLIVE BRANCH—

The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah’s ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY—REMOVE & SHARE THIS PAGE

WE began "The Assurance of Salvation" series of articles by covering "The Basis of Assurance" in the May issue of the GoodNewsLetter. This Month we will cover.....

## The Tests of Assurance

We do not say that every person who professes to be a Christian is saved. There are some tests by which one can tell.

**(A) The test of obedience.** 1 John 2: 3 says "and hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments ". We can know that we have eternal life because we are keeping his commandments. The Greek word translated "keep" was used to describe the "watch" of a soldier who was keeping guard at his post; just as one who is saved is to keep his eyes fixed on the commandments of God. It is not natural for man to want to obey God and please him in all things. God's command often runs contrary to the things we would naturally like to do if we had our own way. But as Christ takes up residence in our hearts, He gives us new desires to please Him and new power to carry out his commandments to the glory of God. John says then that the very fact that we want to keep God's commandments is one sure sign that we abide in Him and He abides in us.

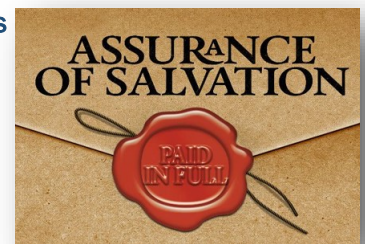
**(B) The test of loyalty.** 1 John 2: 15 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him". The passions and pursuits of the worldly mind are altogether contrary to the delight and the activities of the spiritual mind. The things which the believer once loved he now hates. The things which he once hated he now loves. One who is born again does not mind going against the world's ways and notions and customs. He finds no pleasure in the things most people around him like to do. He cannot enjoy their entertainments. Those things weary him. They appear vain and unprofitable. To please the world is out of the question for the Christian. His first aim is to please God.

**(C) The test of conduct.** 1 John 3:9 says, "Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for God's seed (Christ) remaineth in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." The real child of God will do what is right and will keep himself from evil. A person who is born again does not commit sin as a habit. The Christian does not keep on sinning. He may fall into sin, but sinning is not his habitual way of life. No one can say he has not sinned. The scriptures even provide for our restoration in the event we do sin (1 John 2: 1). When God saves a person, He does not fix him so that he can't sin anymore, but He fixes him so that he can't sin and "get a kick out of it." The child of God hates sin and flees from it and longs to be delivered from its grip altogether. Any deviation from God's standard of conduct will result in a spiritual pain that makes the genuine Christian uncomfortable.

**(D) The test of love.** 1 John 3: 14 says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." The Christian loves even the worst of sinners, and often weeps over them. But he has a special love for those who are believers in Christ. This love holds the Saints of God in high esteem and delights in kindly relationships with them. Any person who habitually dislikes and misunderstands his fellow Christian is evidently not walking in the light and cannot have the assurance of Salvation. But the Christian who has a genuine love for his brethren has evidence within that he has passed from death unto life. If you are conscious of a strange pull that unites you to others who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, this is a clear indication that you have passed out of death into life.

**The tests of obedience and loyalty and conduct and love for the brethren are guidelines by which we can evaluate our relationship with Christ.**

Submitted by Deacon Marshall Merrill for the Evangelism Ministry



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## Opportunities to be in the presence of God through the study of His word and In the Center of Prayer

**(See Page 8 for updated temporary schedule of online audio or video Opportunities)**



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"Walk a little slower, Daddy" said a little child so small.

"I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast, sometimes they're hard to see;

So walk a little slower Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want to be.

Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true; So, walk a little slower, Daddy, for I must follow you."



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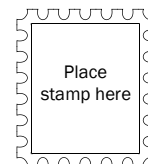
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