



# The PARAKLETE

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## TIME TESTED

This subject is inspired by John 11:7-10, especially verses 8-9 where we read, ***“But Rabbi.” they said, “a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world’s light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light.”***

There is a little ditty that goes like this: “Only one life, twill soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last.” It’s not good poetry and even bad verse, but the points are made which are: Life is short, Time is valuable, Spend it wisely. These are the same points made in our text. Jesus delayed two days after hearing Lazarus had died and he used that situation and time to teach his disciples a valuable lesson.

John’s Gospel usually shows great interest in time. Notice the opening two chapters. In seven days John denies he’s the Christ, he points to Jesus and the disciples follow and brought others. Then Jesus goes to Galilee and turns water to wine. All of this happened in one week.

Time is marked by special events in John’s Gospel like the Passover in 2:13 and 6:4. Then he mentions the Dedication in 10:22 and the Feast of Tabernacles in 7:2. He uses words like “sometime later,” and “Six days before Passover.”

There is significance in other terms of time like ***“My time has not yet come,”*** and ***“His time had not come yet,”*** ***“time has come when,”*** ***“time had come,”*** and the great significance of ***“Time is coming when you will be scattered”*** and ***“Father the time is at hand.”*** God controls time, but we control what we do with it.

To a great degree what we do with time indicates our trust in God or lack of trust in Him. That is exactly how Jesus approached the subject. When He heard Lazarus had died He did not say, “Let’s go to Lazarus.” He did not say, “Let’s go to Bethany.” He said ***“Let’s go to Judea.”*** That is where the people tried to stone Him. He was testing His disciples with this remark.

Notice that Thomas said ***“Let us also go that we***



***may die with him.”***

Comparing verse 8 with verse 16 we see Thomas’ faith. The point is, in times of danger trust God regardless of what the outcome may be. In times of fear we must remember our time is divinely appointed.

Jesus simply asked: ***“Are there not twelve hours of daylight?”*** Nothing can shorten time. When the disciples reminded Jesus’ His life was threaten by Herod in Judea He replied: ***“Go tell that fox, I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow and on the third day I will reach my goal,”*** Luke 13:32. Yes, Jesus would die, but His Father would determine when and how, not Herod. Life is not cut short by enemies by even one minute. I will not die too soon or too late, nor will you. Our days are numbered and that can mean more than one thing. They have to meet their God’s determined number. Most life threatening things we fear we have no control over. If nothing can cut our lives short of what God has determined the span of it to be then why fret?

“Time tested” in this case is not things tested by time but man being tested by time. The disciples thought it was an urgency that they go to Bethany because Lazarus had died, but Jesus knew time didn’t matter to God. God needs no Timex.

Jesus asked the disciples a question: Are there not twelve hours of daylight? He was trying to get His disciples to compare God’s sense of time with ***“this world’s light,”*** verse 9. He was drawing a comparison with the true light (Himself), and the Word. Translated: If we walk in the light of His Word we will not stumble but if when we walk in the light (darkness) of this world, we stumble.

The death of Lazarus was a teaching tool about Himself and trusting God. He had no fear for His life or the time of His death, as both life, death and time are in the Father’s hands.

Who can read our text in John 11 without thinking of John 9:4-5 ***“As long as it is day we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when***

### TIME TESTED (continued)

*no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

John 8:12 comes to mind as well, *"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"*

All this teaching came before the death of Lazarus. Now comes a time to put the teaching into practice, so He uses the same language.

I doubt there is a person living who has not wondered, "How will I die and when?" I suppose that is a normal human question. However, when we firmly believe that these things are in God's hands and not ours we can relax and enjoy living as well as go about enjoying life. In addition to that we will want to go about doing His will.

This is being Time Tested.

Karen Peck and a group called New River wrote a song about Lazarus and Jesus. I think it is good and I think it applies to our text as well.

*"The news came to Jesus. Please come fast  
Lazarus is sick and without your help he will not last.  
Mary and Martha watched their brother die  
They waited for Jesus, He did not come  
And they wondered why.  
The death watch was over, Buried four days  
Somebody said He'll soon be here the Lord's on his way  
Martha ran to Him and then she cried  
Lord if you had been here you could have healed him  
He'd still be alive.  
But you're four days late and all hope is gone  
Lord we don't understand why you've waited so long  
But His way is God's way, not yours or mine  
When He's four days late He's still on time.  
Jesus said Martha show me the grave, but she said Lord  
You don't understand He's been there four days  
The grave stone was rolled back then Jesus cried  
Lazarus came forth.*

*You may be fighting a battle of fear  
You've cried to the Lord I need you now  
But He has not appeared  
Friend don't be discouraged because He's still the same  
He'll soon be here He'll roll back the stone  
And He'll call out your name  
When He's four days late, He's still on time."*

When Abraham was offering Isaac, in obedience to God's command, the Lord's angel appeared on time. When the Israelites were trapped by the sea, the waters opened on time. At just the right time God sent His Son. By delaying to go to Bethany Jesus taught the valuable lesson that time is in God's hands. He also taught the lesson of trusting God's timing. He also displayed the greatest lesson of all: He has power over time, life, death, and the power to rise again. Time Tested. When He's for days late...He's still on time.

### DENNY'S SCHEDULE

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**Feb 10-13 Winter Worship and Workshop,  
Pigeon Forge, TN - Barnabas Ministries**

### DANNY EVANS' SCHEDULE

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Feb 10-13 Winter Worship and Workshop,  
Pigeon Forge, TN - Barnabas Ministries.**

### CREATION AND A YOUNG EARTH

According to young-earth creationism, the universe was created with appearance of maturity and fully functioning, during six literal days around 10,000 or less years ago.

Young earth creationism disagrees with evolution and theistic evolutionist by denying that macroevolution (evolution of one species into another) had anything to do with origins. It disagrees with progressive creationism by affirming that the days of Genesis were literal 24-hour days.

This text indicates that when God created the universe, He did so instantaneously. Psalm 33 tells us, *"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made...for He spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm,"* verses 6:9, see also Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, and 24. Hebrews 11:3 likewise tells us that *"the universe was created by the word of God."* These verses do not describe a slow process of evolution.

This viewpoint interprets the Genesis account in a plain, straightforward, literal fashion. The text of Genesis gives every indication that it is to be taken as a historical account. No marks of poetry or saga or myth are evident. The text of Scripture must not be mythologized to make it fit with a current theory which is not scientific. It does not and cannot use the scientific method to get past theory.

If we interpret Genesis as a myth because of a perceived scientific problem, what is to prevent us from interpreting other passages the same way, such as the account of the incarnation and resurrection?

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR JACOB'S SON JOSEPH

7. Get pants of many colors to go with the coat.
6. Get rid of T-shirt that reads "Dad's Favorite."
5. Don't fall for the "look in the pit" trick.
4. Never listen to boss's wife.
3. Write a Broadway musical and call it a Technicolor Dream Coat, it'll sell.
2. Ratify NAEFTA (North African-Egyptian Free Trade Agreement).
1. Warn Benjamin to watch older brothers closely.



## - .DOTS AND DASHES FROM DANNY. -

### No Laughing Matter!

Do you like to laugh? I know that there are people in my life that when I am around them I seem to laugh a lot. There is a young lady that I know that loves jokes and every time we are together she expects me to have a joke or two. Her reason for this is, she likes to laugh and loves to hear a funny story, riddle or a joke, and as she describes it, "it makes her day." She even enjoys those jokes that consist of just silly things at our house we call them "Papa humor."

We are familiar with the statement, "Laughter is the best medicine" and some want us to believe that this is a biblical quote but this is not found in scripture. However, the origin of laughter as the best medicine does come from the Bible.

Proverbs 17:22 reads, "*A joyful heart is good medicine. But a broken spirit dries up the bones.*"

The Amplified version reads "*A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up bones.*" While the idea that bringing laughter and joy to others can have a healing affect, over the years this famous quote has evolved to take on a more secular and phony meaning. The Bible verse has more to do with a person's heart, i.e. internal attitude and beliefs, than with a person being entertained.

Over the recent years I have witnessed something that is nothing to laugh at. The concern I have is the misunderstanding and the self-definition of the word "faithful" in scripture. The word faithful (Gr: *pistos*) is used 68 times in the original and is used to describe believers (e.g. Moses, Abraham, Onesimus, Paul and Silvanus "Silas") in their relationship with God. Yet today I am afraid that we have watered down the word to mean anything we like. I mean everyone seems to have their own definition and are convinced they are faithful yet their actions indicate otherwise.

I know we are not to judge and those whose allegiance, loyalty, or ongoing obedience to God have drifted are quick to point that out. But we are to know them by their fruit and some of their fruits are rotten. Is it just me or have others noticed that being in the assembly on the Lord's Day has become optional to some. I know that circumstances happen that are beyond our control that prevent attendance. However, being absent many Sundays in a row so little Johnny can play ball doesn't seem to be such a circumstance. Attending Johnny's game is a choice and we are not only teaching Johnny it's all right to disobey God

but we are also robbing ourselves of the benefits of worship.

I wonder if we treated our spouse in the same manner we treat God and His church would we be considered a faithful spouse? If we didn't come home for a few weeks and we had no regard for our responsibilities as a mate would that be called faithful? By forsaking the assembly one is saying that he doesn't care much about Christ giving His life's blood for His church and them personally.

I am not trying to be legalistic or create a "to do" list to be checked off and feel good about their relationship to God. What I am trying to do is to get people to understand the covenant they made with Christ when they were baptized. Just because we have a baptismal certificate in our sock drawer does not mean we are guaranteed a ticket to heaven. On the contrary we may be stressing baptism as an essential that means less stress on the essential of faithfulness in the Christian journey as stated in Heb. 10:25.

The early *Christians* "*continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers,*" Acts 2:42. In Acts 20:7 we see the same pattern of faithfulness. Christians are to be committed to faithfulness in worship of God together. Being faithful until death includes being faithful to God and His church, the bride of Christ, Rev. 2:10.

We need the church and we need more faithfulness! Believe me, this is not a laughing matter.

HENRY AND  
SWEETIE SAY:



S: Well, here we are in a new year.

H: I'm glad last year is over. I don't want to go through that again.

S: Now Henry, we made it through all right.

H: Yes, but I don't know how we did it.

S: It was with God's help.

H: I sure couldn't have made it without Him.

S: Now just look what we have to look forward to.

H: What do you mean Sweetie?

S: For one thing it is WWV 2020.

H: And it is at a good time too, close to the first of the New Year when we need encouraged and help us look ahead.

S: Now you're sounding like my old Henry.

H: Watch how you use the word "old."

***"We urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid help the weak, be patient with everyone," 1 Thessalonians 5:14***

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Abundant Living	Spiritual Growth	8 sessions	Derek Stump
Angels	What They are Doing Now	6-8 sessions	Denny Coburn
Belief	What We Really Believe	6 hours	Danny Evans
Enemies of the Church	Just as the name states	6 sessions	Denny Coburn
Christians war w/Satan	Our daily spiritual battle	5 sessions	Danny Evans
Christianity vs Islam*	Origins and contrast	6 – 8 sessions	Denny Coburn
Church Discipline	When and How to	4 sessions	Denny Coburn
Conflicts	Resolving	3 sessions	Denny Coburn
Debt	Getting out of debt	3-4 sessions	Danny Evans
Depression	Knowing and Dealing with it	3-4 sessions	Denny Coburn
Encouragement	Understanding the Necessity	6 - 8 sessions	Denny Coburn
Evangelism	Knowing How and Doing	6 sessions	Denny Coburn
Faith	Growing in Faith	4 sessions	Derek Stump
Family	Impacting My Family	6 sessions	Derek Stump
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Holiness	Setting Ourselves Apart	6 sessions	Denny Coburn
Humanism	What it is and does	6 sessions	Denny Coburn
Leadership	Developing Leaders	5 sessions	Derek Stump
Leadership	Understanding Leadership	5 sessions	Danny Evans
Leadership	The Real Qualifications	5-7 sessions	Denny Coburn
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Marriage Enrichment	Developing Partnership	6–8 sessions	Denny Coburn
Miracles	What was/is Their Place	6 sessions	Denny Coburn
My Church	Impacting my Congregation	5 to 10 sessions	Derek Stump
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Satan	Declaring War on Self/Satan	5 sessions	Danny Evans
Spiritual Gifts	Finding our Gifts	2 sessions	Denny Coburn
Spiritual Walk	Growing Spiritually	9 sessions	Derek Stump
Worship	Examining Worship	5 sessions	Danny Evans

\*This seminar will be available after June 2020

Most seminars are flexible, according the purpose, time allotted, and to those addressed. You may receive more information on the content of each seminar by calling the facilitators at the following numbers or email addresses indicated.

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# BARN-a-book (a Barnabas Ministries study series)

## A series of studies in encouragement by Denny Coburn

### Study Number One Hundred Eight – Encouragement from Being Loved by God

God loves you. We need to let those words sink into our spirit. They are three of the most encouraging words that you can ever hear or speak. Many people in our world today are starving for God's love. Most people receive very little affirmation in their lives and very little love. I have heard many people say, with tears in their eyes, "My father never told me he loved me." I, myself never heard those words from my father. I don't blame him or feel he didn't love me, because he came out of an era where men didn't express their love well. I could tell he did, but, I don't remember his ever saying those words to me. However, many never hear those words, nor even sense their father's love for them.

Some have never sensed a father's love because they lost their father when they were very young, perhaps even before they developed a memory of their father. Some have had fathers that were harsh and critical, and some have had stepfathers that did not relate to them in a loving way and did not receive any affection or personal concern. This can create loneliness in their lives and for some it has a negative effect on their lives in many ways and for many years.

Because of these things some have never "felt" the love of God in their hearts. They may know that God loves them on the basis of His Word, but never have the "feeling" that He loves them. I use the word "feeling" to mean they never sensed an internal reality of his love, only the intellectual understanding of the words.

One preacher said that he had ministered for many years before he had an experience in which he truly felt the love of God filling his heart. He said that it was an experience that he wished every person could have, stating "There's nothing as glorious this side of heaven as knowing that God loves you with an infinite, unconditional love and that it is out of His love that He has created you, forgiven you, and received you fully as his beloved child." It may help us all to look at a few of the wonderful truths about God's love for us.

- **GOD LOVES EACH ONE OF US UNCONDITIONALLY AND ABSOLUTELY.** God's love is absolute, and it does not change over time or according to your behavior. Consequences of bad behavior can rob you of the joy of that truth, as King David experienced. After he sinned he cried out "*Have mercy on me, O God according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions,*" Psalm 51:1. He then requests of God "*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me,*" verse 12. This request had to be made because of his sin against God, but God still loved him absolutely. God's love is not influenced by circumstances, and it cannot be diminished.

God can never love you more than He loves you today, and neither can He love you less. He loves you because He created you and because He chooses to love you, now and every moment of your life. Nothing can separate you from God's love. "*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written*"

*"For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."*

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creations, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord,"* Romans 8:35-39.

- **GOD LOVES US FIRST.** God does not wait for us to come to Him with an expression of love before He extends love to us. On the contrary, God loves us first. John said it simply and eloquently: "*We love Him because He first loved us,*" 1 John 4:19. God is always waiting with open arms, ready to receive those who turn to Him, and to bless us as His children.

In Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus He stated, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son,"* John 3:16-18. It should be noted that God loves the whole world and sent His Son to express His love before love was expressed to Him. God loved us first. We can be secure in God's love that was expressed to us first and the goodness of God should lead to repentance. God loves us unconditionally and absolutely and that love was expressed to us before we thought of loving Him.

- **GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.** I suppose every preacher has heard someone say: "I think God's love has left me, I don't feel loved by Him anymore," or words to that effect. However, the Bible could not be clearer about the fact that God's love endures forever. In Psalm 136 those very words: *"His love endures forever,"* is stated twenty-six times. Imagine, in one Psalm twenty-six times! Here are a few phrases that are followed by those words:

- ❖ *"For He is good, his love endures forever."* – verse 1
- ❖ *"Who alone does great wonders, his love endures forever."* – verse 4
- ❖ *"His understanding made the heavens, his love endures forever."* – verse 5
- ❖ *"Who divided the Red Sea, his love endures forever"* – verse 13
- ❖ *"Who gave their land as an inheritance, his love endures forever."* – verse 21
- ❖ *"Who gives food to every creature, his love endures forever."* – verse 25

Each of these statements and twenty others are followed by the words *"His love endures forever."* God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He does not change and His love never fails.

Every person I know could use more encouragement and not just a little more encouragement, but a lot more encouragement. For the most part, our world is experiencing a drought of encouraging words, uplifting examples, genuine heroes, "good news" stories and genuine expressions of appreciation. We hear far more negative words of criticism, blame, and ridicule on a daily basis than we hear positive words of praise, recognition, and thankfulness.

Why is it that each of us has a deep need for encouragement, and yet so little encouragement is to be found? I believe the foremost reason is that so few people feel encouraged in their own spirits. It is very difficult to share with others something that you do not feel yourself. I believe that there is nothing more encouraging than knowing that God loves us.

Knowing His love, that is really sensing it, gives us dignity because we belong to Him and He has designed us as we are and after we have sinned He sent His Son to pay the price for that sin and gives us a down payment of His Holy Spirit. There is a hymn written by Mrs. Frank A. Breck titled "When Love Shines In" that expresses the results when one comprehends God's love.

Jesus comes with power to gladden, when love shines in,  
 Every life that woe can sadden, when love shines in.  
 Love will teach us how to pray, love will drive the gloom away,  
 Turn our darkness into day, when love shines in.  
 How the world will grow with beauty, when love shines in  
 And the heart rejoice in duty, when love shines in  
 Trials may be sanctified, and the soul in peace abide,  
 life will all be glorified, when love shines in.  
 We may have unfading splendor, when love shines in,  
 And a friendship true and tender, when love shines in.  
 When earth victories shall be won and our love in heaven begun,  
 There will be no need for sun, when love shines in.

God's love is unconditional, absolute, first, and forever. That is real encouragement. Have a great day!



## REDNECK DICTIONARY

**ABILITIES**, *n. and pron.*: Is a statement of charges for services rendered and subsequent action to be taken by a specific male person. *"I don't care if he's broke, Ma, the house payment's **abilities** got to pay."*

**CAJUN**, *n and conj.*: An enclosed space used to confine a being, especially as connected with an action. *"They just threw that bear in a **Cajun** let him there."*

**DISARM**, *adj. and n.*: A specified unity, support, or appendage; in particular, the human forelimb. *"I'm goin' to the doctor, 'cuz **disarm** is killing me."*

**FLUID**, *n. and v.*: The predicted effect of a viral sickness that causes fever, chills, sneezing, and cough. *"My grandma's so dehydrated if she caught the **fluid** kill her."* From Jeff Foxworthy's *Learning the Talk More Gooder Fastly Redneck Dictionary III.*

## JESUS

If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,  
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,  
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness,  
So God sent us a Savior.

Charles R. Swindoll, *The Grace Awakening*

## NAMES

Other than the Bible I think Pilgrim's Progress is the best novel written. For those who read it they will not forget the main character's name: Christian. However, few remember his original name. In the scene where it first appears, pilgrim's conversation with porter reads: Porter: "What is your name?" Pilgrim: "My name is now Christian, but my name at first was Graceless." The same could be said of us all who claim Christ today. The title "Christian" is given by the grace of God to the saved and should be shamed by our behavior. God has blessed us!

## FEAR OF WITNESSING

To overcome the fear when considering approaching someone with the gospel, we need to have a conviction that God has given us something to say that our audience needs desperately to hear. Such a conviction will free us from fear.

For example, consider a person walking down a street who notices a meeting of a large group of people inside a building. Then he sees a fire in the upper part of the building where the meeting is being held. He would immediately run in and tell the people to get out. And there would be no fearful thoughts and hesitation. Why? Because he knows that they need to hear what he had to say. How convinced are we that people need to hear a word from God?" The answer to that question will either free you from fear of witnessing or make us consider our own faith in the Gospel.

## ELDER, DO YOU QUALIFY

If you can't stand the smell of sheep, you shouldn't be a shepherd.

~

A Pastor-teacher who does not love people is like a shepherd who is allergic to sheep, or a woman who wants to have a family but can't stand children.

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A survey of many churches was taken by the American Association of Theological School. Each church sampled was to list the qualities desired in a leader they would consider employing. The results: First – Humility Second – Honesty Third – Good example in daily living Fourth - Excellence in ministerial skills (i.e., teaching, counseling, and winning souls.

## A SLICE OF TRUTH FOR A STUDENT

After the school pictures were completed, the teacher was trying to persuade each student to buy a group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look back and say: There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer, or "There's Michael, he's a doctor."

A small voice was heard saying, "And there's the teacher; she's dead."

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Jan.9-10** Church Leadership, Cambridge, OH,  
Person to Person Min. – Kerry Allen, Director  
**Jan.21-23** Florida Bible Conference, Kissimmee,  
FL, CRA, Lee Mason, Director  
**Feb. 10-13** Winter Worship And Workshop, Pigeon  
Forge, TN, Barnabas Ministries, Denny Coburn,  
Dir.

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS MATE'S PRAYER

I graduated from Ironton High School in 1954 in a class of 127 (or 129, not sure). Due to a wonderful committee of Janet Stone, Jane Nelson, Jeanette Hartwig and Dolores Bryant (married names) we have kept in touch over the years.

Due to the information they gave me I was able to reach an old friend, Bruce Morgan, who now lives in California.

We have had a couple of conversations in the last month and I was pleased to learn that he writes out a prayer every day that he is able. I asked him to send me one or two of them and I'm happy to share the following one with you:

“We pray today to our Lord in heaven, the hand that controls and guides things on earth. Faith in God helps us to understand the meaning of our lives on earth. There can be no other explanation than creation was by the high deity, God! We pray for His wisdom and forgiveness. We also pray to thank Him for all of our blessings that can be brought by no other than our Lord in heaven. We gladly state these beliefs, in Jesus' name, Amen.”

Thanks Bruce. It is good to know that so many of the ole Ironton Tigers class has a faith in the Lion Of Judah, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE BIBLE

It has been said that since praying is not allowed in school, the kids may have to go to a motel just to read the Bible. However, as long as there are tests in school there will be prayers said.

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“It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible.” – George Washington

~

“In regard to this great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it.” – Abraham Lincoln

## GOD, GIVE US MEN!

God, give us men! a time like this demands.  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his treacherous flatteries without  
winking!

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking;  
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,  
Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingle  
in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,  
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.

Josiah Gilbert Holland, quoted in Hazel Felleman,  
*The Best Loved Poems of the American People*

### GOLF HUMOR

On the seventh tee Tom sliced his shot deep into a wooded area. Taking his eight iron he climbed down the rough embankment in search of the ball. After many minutes of hacking at the underbrush trying to find his ball, he spotted something glistening in the foliage. As he drew nearer, he discovered to his shock it was an eight iron in the hands of a skeleton.

Tom called up to his friend, “Pete, I've got trouble down here. Better bring me my wedge. I'll never get out of here using an eight iron.”

### WORDS ABOUT CRITICS

- A critic is a legless man who teaches track.
- A critic is a wet blanket on a cold night.
- A critic gives advice to successful people.
- A critic arrives after the world was created.
- A critic doesn't bother those who say nothing, do nothing, and are nothing.
- A critic doesn't get tired running...down people.

### DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

What **BARNABAS MINISTRIES** believes

**BIBLE:** The only inspired record of God's revelation to us

**SIN:** The only thing standing between God and man

**JESUS CHRIST:** The only perfect One who paid for sin

**THE GOSPEL:** The only record of Jesus' life

**SALVATION:** The only hope of man

**FAITH:** is only “saving faith” if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and being baptized for the remission of sin.