

PARAKLETE TE

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The Paraklete will have a new face beginning with the next issue under Director Denny Dawes.

THE VOICE OF GOD

In the contemporary world there is a problem when it comes to revelation from God. The issue centers around the question: "Is there a continual divine revelation outside the Bible?" The fact concerning new revelation is, it does not exist. The Lord does not communicate directly and audibly with people today as He did in the Old and New Testaments.

To support the theory that He does, some will quote John 16:13-15, "But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only wat he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

There are two false concepts that concepts that come out of this passage. First, there are those who

Ignore the context and apply these words to every Christian, when it was a clear discussion with the Apostles only. The beginning of this discourse goes back to John 14:22, as a reply to Judas (not

Iscariot) one of the Apostles. These words of Jesus are fulfilled in the recording of the New Testament, written by the Apostles, of course.

I spoke with a man who has the false understanding of the Bible who, in his own words, believes "Jesus is revealing new things every day." In other words the Bible will never be completed. Don't believe that.

Another theory and is just as misleading as the first is that though the passage quoted was directed to the Apostles only, those whom the Spirit chooses will be enlightened to have special understanding of what The Apostles had written. The big problem with this is that every unbeliever is lost because the Spirit of God has chosen to leave them in darkness while choosing to enlighten others. I encourage you to not believe that either.

God has revealed Himself to everyone, but not with "new stuff," or by special visitation "before" the Word of God is read or heard. The Lord has revealed Himself to all mankind through the intellect He has given them and the Word of God. "All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work," 2 Timothy 3:16-17. There is no need for more.

But even before that, He communicates to us through nature. "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, has eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse," Rom 1:20.

The complexity, design, beauty, and immensity of His creation speak of His being, and the "God breathed" revelation explains the rest.

You see, "Holy men of God spoke as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit," 2 Peter 1:21. God speaking through them gave us clear and complete revelation. There is no need for people be get puffed up and believe God needs to speak to them personally.

The Bible states we are "thoroughly furnished," with all we need to know concerning spiritual matters as stated in 2 Timothy. Things not revealed in Scripture are and will remain a mystery until the end.

All Christians have a direct communication "to" God in prayer. There is no reason to even suspect that God has a direct line with new information "to" us with some new disclosure.

There are times that I, in my mind, can almost hear the voice of God...but it is actually recalling the words of the Bible, coming back to mind. And I have to say that it is comforting and reassuring that I am either in the right path or should correct my direction.

There is one thing that we must be sure about when

THE VOICE OF GOD (Cont'd)

reading the Bible and that is this, we can't take statements made to and about the Apostles and apply them to us as individuals today.

For example statements made about the Holy Spirit revealing things, as in John 16:12-15 are made to the Apostles not us. We must be vigilant about keeping in mind the context of every passage in the Bible. Another example often used out of context is Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." This is not a Superman text telling Christians they can do all things. But Paul's expressing that he can endure hardship because God gives him that ability. That is the context.

God reveals Himself to us in nature as He appeals to our intellect to reason there is a Creator. He has also spoken to all mankind through the Prophets and the Apostles appealing to our will or moral attributes as individuals. These revelations speak to our spirit, not just to our minds. These revelations, by reason of our obstinate behavior, hamper our ability to yield to Him. It is not our ability to respond but our refusal to believe. God will not violate our human volition.

God has even revealed Himself in the incarnate person of Jesus Christ. The virgin birth, the sinless life, His death on the cross, burial, and resurrection are all recorded by the Apostles in the Scripture. Words can't match the reality of those events, but they are recorded for us so we will believe.

It is true that God is speaking today, not verbally but through nature and through the men He chose and guided to record words and promises of the Lord.

Children will believe there is a Creator by observation of nature. This belief is taught out of them...much like what we observe the educational system is attempting. The shame is to a good degree they are accomplishing it. It has been said, "they can't miss the truth of God without professional help," and they are getting it.

The test of truth must remain, not in what man experiences today, but what the Scriptures have stated years ago.

One's openness and obedience to the revelation of God by nature and recorded will result in a strong spiritual life. If we ignore these revelations, it will result in spiritual death as recorded in Romans 5:12-21. If you want to hear God's voice, simply read your Bible out loud.

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Has no plans except attend WWW in Pigeon Forge **Danny Evans, Associate. - Huntington, WV 304/633-5908.** Danny preaches often at congregations in his area as a supply preacher. He is available when needed.

APATHY

Did you hear about the company that makes blank bumper stickers? They're for people who don't want to get involved.

The nice thing about apathy is that you don't have to exert yourself to show you're sincere about it. "The penalty good men pay for not being interested in politics is to be governed by men worse than themselves." – Plato

DAFFY NITIONS

SUBDUED – Is a guy who works on a submarine.

POLARIZE – What penguins see with.

NOBLE – A herd of only female livestock

EFFICIENT - The aroma from the seafood counter

BABYLON - To keep talking on and on.

COURAGE

That old saying is true: "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." Be a person who has Christian values, and the stick-to those values.

Real courage isn't something you see in a Hollywood movie, it's down-to-earth virtue that men need in order to be a good husband, father, and citizen.

Courage is telling the truth when it may cost you. Courage is be a man of God in a world that scoffs at faith and real values

Courage is standing for what's right, even when it's not popular to do so.

If you believe in something sooner or later that belief will be challenged. That's when courage comes into play. It's one thing to believe something, it's quite another to stand for it when you're alone in that belief.

So...how are you doing with this courage test?

MINI THOUGHTS

God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, But He expects us to do the baking.

> Just over the hill is a beautiful valley, But you must climb the hill to see it.

The farmer doesn't go to work, He wakes up every morning Surrounded by it.

PAUSE WITH DAWES

As I write this article it is still early in November. Due to the upcoming celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the articles for the Paraklete need to be completed for an earlier mailing.

By now you are aware of the change in the Directorship of BARNABAS MINISTRIES to be effective January 1, 2025. There will be the change in the Directorship, but there will not be any change in the DIRECTION of BARNABAS MINISTRIES.

I am thankful for and humbled by the decision of Denny Coburn and the Trustees to appoint me, Director. I am thankful for their confidence that I can do this work. It is humbling to be chosen. It has been my pleasure to serve as a Trustee along with Danny Evans, Roy Wray, Gary Coburn, and Larry Boggs. These men love this ministry, Denny Coburn, our Heavenly Father.

It was the vision of Denny Coburn to establish this ministry more than 25 years ago. Each of us, who has been blessed and encouraged by this ministry is thankful that God allowed Denny to have this vision.

. BARNABAS MINISTRIES through Denny has been and will continue to be far reaching.

I feel like Joshua taking the leadership of the people of Israel. I was reading this account in Joshua 1 today. God is speaking to Joshua – <u>Joshua 1:5-6</u> - ... As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. In this first chapter of Joshua, we find the words 'be strong and courageous' four times. In one of those usages, it says 'be strong and very courageous.'

I am trusting the Lord to be with me as the Director of this ministry. I can be strong and courageous because He is with me and will never forsake me.

You might notice a few changes in BARNABAS but be assured the purpose of this ministry will not be changed. BARNABAS MINISTRIES was established to 'encourage the Church to continue in her work and to not grow weary in doing works We offer many different of service. opportunities for encouragement. One of our best times of encouragement is Winter Worship Workshop, which is held in Pigeon Forge, TN, the second week of February. This is one of the best gatherings you will ever attend. The dates for 2025 are February 10-13. You will be blessed by this meeting. I look forward to meeting you there.

Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement for me and for the ministry. We all want to help BARNABAS MINISTRIES grow and continue to be a strong support ministry. —Denny Dawes

As the parting Director I have already received congratulation from fellow preachers in the brotherhood on our selection of Brother Denny Dawes. I fully expect Barnabas Ministries to grow in its vision, ministry and influence.

Along with Larry Boggs and Danny Evans remaining as Trustees, Denny has selected these new Trustees: Bob Huron, Guyandotte, WV, Tom Logan, St. Paul, KY; and Willie Purdee, Ironton, OH.

You may view photos of these men on the Barnabas website: www.barnabasohio.com. Please keep these men and Barnabas Ministries in your prayers that the Lord expands this ministry.

DOTS AND DASHES FROM DANNY Something Light Hearted:

"When people ask me if I have any spare change, I tell them I have it at home in my spare wallet." - Nick Arnette

"Money doesn't change you. It reveals who you are when you no longer have to be nice." - Tim Ferriss

"Women marry men hoping they will change. Men marry women hoping they will not. So each is inevitably disappointed." — Albert Einstein

CHANGE

In scripture the word change can have a multitude of meanings, including "to exchange," "to turn," "to put or place," "to make other," or "to alter". The Greek word metanoia is used in theology to refer to a change of mind, a reorientation, or a fundamental transformation of outlook. It is the same with our everyday speaking. Change can mean to remove a diaper from a baby and put a new one on. It can mean the money you receive after making a purchase. When a light bulb goes out it has to be changed. If a tire on your car goes flat you have to change it.

I want to address the word "CHANGE" in this article. Because, as you read in the last copy of the Paraklete, Barnabas Ministries is going to have a change.

For nearly 25 years this ministry has had a man leading it that has allowed God to use him in a magnificent way. Denny Coburn was the senior minister at the Gallipolis Christian Church for many years and like most ministers after a period of prayer and thought he felt it was time to retire. But, like many ministers, he didn't retire he just went into a different ministry. Denny wanted to encourage people in their walk with the Lord and so, with God's leading, he began Barnabas Ministries, a ministry focused on uplifting people. He also wanted to have a gathering where people could come together and fellowship, hear good preaching and singing while growing in their

spiritual journey. He chose Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 24 years ago and started WWW. He hoped they might have 50 or so and the first year they had 200. In February 2025 we will have our 23rd annual WWW. As time went by Denny began to consider another change. Because of age, health and a desire to write a new book he discussed a change of leadership in the ministry. At the Trustee's meeting it was decided that Denny Dawes would be considered for this position.

Denny Dawes is someone I know. Back in 1968 Denny came to KCC for his freshman year of college. It was my privilege to get to know him at that time and we have been close friends ever since. Denny a few years back took the same road Denny Coburn did he decided to retire. Denny had been the minister at Central Christian Church in Portsmouth, Ohio for 30 years but because of age and other concerns he thought it was time to retire. But Denny didn't quit he also just changed ministries. Almost since the day of his retirement he has been the "fill-in" preacher at First Christian Church in Garrison, KY. Denny has accepted being the director of Barnabas because he too wants to see people encouraged. He has seen the impact Barnabas has had on people and he wants to see this ministry grow and be affective in the Kingdom.

I can't say enough about the joy I have had working with Denny Coburn over the years. It is a spiritual uplift to see the seminars and programs this ministry has developed. My many thanks go to Denny (Coburn) for allowing God to use him in such a great way. Denny has done an excellent job!

I also look forward to working with Denny (Dawes) as he and the trustees consider the future of this important ministry. Denny is a great worker for the Lord and will do all he can, with God's help to continue to encourage people.

We do have one blessing to look forward to. We don't have to remember the first name of the new director, because as you know it is the same as the old. Please pray for Barnabas as we experience this change.

Danny Evans is an associate and trustee with Barnabas Ministries

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

A series of studies in encouragement by Denny Coburn

Study Number Seven-Admonishing

"I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another," Romans 15:14

I have had to confront other Christians about obvious sin and I have to say it has not been easy. I have dreaded it every time and am glad it has not been often. However, in the end, it usually (but not always) has been very rewarding. I must also add the reward, if it ever comes at all, is not immediate. One benefit has been that I was forced to evaluate my own life as a Christian before addressing others and as often as not I realized a weakness of my own.

My first time for confronting anyone involved young men who were not Christians but I had to do selfexamination after the fact. On that occasion the young men were drinking alcohol on church property. I was a new Christian, but not a child I was in my early thirties. One of the elders of the congregation where I was a new member (Central Christian in Ironton, OH) was an older man by the name of Joe Shanault. He also taught the Men's Class I attended. When it was reported to Joe about the boys he turned to me and said, "Come on Denny go with me to talk to these boys." I was ready to unload on them. When we came face to face with the boys, Joe spoke softly and kindly as he said, "Boys, you know this is not right anywhere, but especially on property dedicated to serving the Lord."

Their hearts melted and they apologized. He spoke a few more kind words as they gathered their stuff and began to leave. They apologized another time or two as they left. My heart toward those boys was changed as well. I learned some valuable lessons from Joe that day and have thought about it many times since. Joe admonished those boys and me as well, but unknown to him. Since going into the preaching ministry I have had to confront Christians about their behavior and that elder paved the way for me with his gentle admonition.

WHAT IS ADMONISHMENT?

In the text above the NASB uses the words "admonish one another" rather than "instruct one another," as does the NIV. Williams uses the phrase "counsel one another," and Beck uses the words "correct one another." The Greek word is *noutheteo* and doesn't refer to casual communication or correction. Perhaps the best way to describe it is what Paul uses to address those who are idle and lazy which he does in 1 Thess. 5:14. The word he used there is translated "warn" in the NIV.

In our text above to the Romans it appears he, being guided by the Spirit, strikes a divine balance to his instructions to "accept one another," but not to accept the sin. In fact, it is our unconditional acceptance of others that gives us the credibility to admonish and correct. By valuing them as God does it earns for us the right to admonish.

WHAT MAKES US COMPETENT TO ADMONISH OTHERS?

Notice that Paul complimented the Christians at Rome by letting them know he was thoroughly convinced that they were "competent to instruct one another," and he tells them why. First they were "full of goodness." He expressed his confidence in their basic spirituality, in their own progress in becoming like Jesus Christ. In other words he thought the believers were able to admonish one another because they were making progress in their own Christian walk.

Though they, like us, weren't perfect, they were mature enough to make sure they had removed the "beam" from their own eye before they tried to remove the "speck" from a brother/sister's eye, Matt. 7:3-5. Christians who are sensitive about their own walk with God are capable and responsible to admonish other Christians. They have earned the right, in God's eyes based on Paul's inspired words to the Christians in Rome.

In addition to being "full of goodness," they were also "complete in knowledge." They did not know everything, weren't omniscient, but they had adequate knowledge of God's Word. They have matured in this area as well.

Admonishment must be based on God's specific will and way, not on what we *think* other Christians should or should not do. We must be careful at this point. Some Christians tend to confuse absolutes and non-absolutes. God's Word is the standard. Some congregations have a rigid list of do's and don'ts that has developed over time in response to cultural changes. It is important to realize that when we admonish other Christians, it should be based on scriptural lists of sins, not a list that we have added to the Bible.

There is power and authority in the Word of God even if some Christians never make appropriate changes. I recall that on more than one occasion when I was involved in admonishing Christians about their sin, they agreed that what they were doing was on God's "no list." They agreed not to cause difficulty in the church and would willingly withdraw their membership by letter. By the way, it has been my practice and that of the eldership I served with, that in such cases the letter would not be accepted if in the letter they attempt to place blame on the leadership, or anyone else in the congregation. In the cases I am referring to, those involved willingly submitted a letter stating it was they who were out of fellowship (sinning).

MORE BIBLICAL GUIDELINES

We are fortunate that the Bible gives us additional examples of exhortation that we can draw lessons from.

- 1. Admonishment must be done with deep love and concern. Paul himself is a good example of this principle. When he met with the Ephesian elders on his way to Jerusalem, he exhorted them to be on guard against false teachers. He told them, "Remember that for three years I never stopped warning (admonishing) each of you night and day with tears," Acts 20:13. There could be no doubt in those men's minds that Paul loved them. His tears were a reflection of his deep concern for them and the congregation at Ephesus.
- 2. Admonishment must be personal. That is not to say that sometimes a general admonishment should never be given, but generally it is personal. Paul wrote, "For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory," 1 Thess. 2:11-12. I recall when I worked in the secular world if one employee did, said, or wrote something they shouldn't have, a memo would follow addressed to all the employees about such behavior.

Some preachers do the same thing. They will go to the pulpit with a message for the whole congregation addressing a sin that a single member is openly guilty of. This is done, in my opinion, to avoid personal confrontation. In addition the guilty person knows what the preacher is doing and resents it. I would add that undoubtedly some of the members know what the preacher is doing as well. It is far better to make such an admonition in person and to the person.

- 3. Admonition must flow from pure motives. To the Corinthian church Paul wrote, "I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children," 1 Cor. 4:14. We must do all we can to keep from embarrassing people, even if they are guilty. If an admonition is done privately and in Christian love there will be no need for public admonishment. Some congregations have ignored this principle and it has led to lawsuits. That hurts the church's reputation in the community more than the individual sin.
- 4. Admonishment must have a godly goal. There should be only one goal in admonishment and that is to encourage a brother or sister in maturity in Christ. In the Colossian letter we have these words to guide us: "We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me," Col. 1:28-29
- 5. Admonishment must be a natural function and outgrowth of the body of Christ, the Church. There are two types of admonishment, preventive and corrective. The Scriptures teaches us to stay away for sin. Good teaching, preaching, and leadership is a form of preventive exhortation. Col. 3:16 is good counsel, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and counsel one another with all wisdom and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." That's preventive admonition. However, there will always be a brother or sister who will be drawn away by sins allure. That makes it necessary to do corrective admonishment.

REMEMBER – Evaluate yourself, evaluate your love for the individual, evaluate your motive, evaluate your goal and as a leader evaluate your preventive admonishment and proper steps for corrective admonishment.

LEARN ING with Larry

MARKS OF A FAITHFUL SERVANT

When we pass from this life and wake up on the other side, what are the first words we hope to hear? They are probably, "Well done good and faithful servant."

In Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells the parable of the talents. One man was given five talents and gained five more. One man was given two talents and gained two more. They both received the same response from the Master. In verses 21-23 the Master responded, "Well done good and faithful servant."

I want to hear those words when I see Jesus face to face, yet I know that I would not have the opportunity if it were not for the faithful servants who have been a part of my life. I mean faithful men and women who have encouraged me in building a relationship with Jesus. I want to focus on those two words, "faithful" and "servant."

The Greek base word for faithful is "PISTOS" which is one who is trustworthy and reliable. It is someone that can be counted on when others walk away. The Greek word for servant is DIAKONOS and means "minister," or "deacon" which is one who is dedicated to carrying out the Lord's plan and will sacrifice to do so. In Matthew 25:21-23 the Greek word for servant is DOULOS which means "slave."

I'm very grateful for the faithful servants who have been a part of my life. There have been so many; however the three at the very top is my wife Debbie, Hoyt and Shara Allen who sacrificed so much to lead me to Jesus. I'm also very thankful for Denny Coburn who has been a great encouragement to me in my ministry. So now I want to be a faithful servant to help others in their walk with Christ.

So I thought, "What are some of the marks of the faithful servant that have been a blessing to me?" The first mark of a faithful servant is someone who will show people Jesus Christ and not themselves. In 1 Corinthians 2:2 Paul stated, "For I resolve to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus

Christ and him crucified." At the very heart of the faithful servant is one who always is pointing others to Jesus. A faithful servant will also give glory to God. There is a line from the Casting Crowns song theat states, "Only Jesus' that says and "I don't want to leave a legacy, I don't care if they remember me, only Jesus." A second mark of a faithful servant is one who will never give up on a person no matter how long it takes to lead them to Jesus. Hoyt and Shara spent almost a year with me before I came to salvation in Jesus.

A third mark of a faithful servant is one who will always encourage others to love Christ above all else and then help them to grow in that relationship with the Lord.

May each of us not only desire to hear those words one day, "Well done good and faithful servant" but also to help others build a relationship with Jesus so that one day they will hear those glorious words as well. May God continue to bless your lives for His glory!

UNTIL NEXT TIME...LARRY

GREAT TRUTHS

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress."

-John Adams

"If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed. If you do read the newspaper, you are misinformed"

-Mark Twain

"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money."

-G. Gordon Liddy

DAFFYNITIONS

LOCOMOTIVE – Insanity Incentive

LOTTERY – A tax on people poor at math

OPTIMIST – One who smells smoke and gets out the marshmallows.

PESSIMIST - One who looks both ways when crossing a one-way street.

POLITICS – Where truth lies.

SUBURB – Where they cut down trees and name the streets after them.

OPPORTUNITIES

Jan 9-10 - Church Leaders Seminar, Cambridge,

OH, Contact: p2pm office@yahoo.com

Jan 20-22 – Florida Bible Conference, Kissimmee,

FL, Contact: the CRA@thecra.org

Feb 10-13 – Winter Worship & Workshop, Pigeon

Forge, TN – Contact: barnabasohio@att.net

IS IT RIGHT OR IS IT WRONG?

Below ae eleven questions we can ask ourselves before we embark on a matter that may be questionable.

I. The Personal Test

Will doing it make me a better or worse Christian?

II. The Practical Test

Will doing this likely bring desirable or undesirable results?

III. The Social Test

Will doing this influence others to be better or worse Christians?

IV. The Universal Test

What would happen if everyone who saw me doing his decided to do it also?

V. The Scriptural Test

Does the Word of God expressly forbid me doing this?

VI. The Stewardship Test

Will doing this involve a waste of God's talents He has invested in me?

VII. The Missionary Test

Will doing this likely help or hinder the progress of the Kingdom of God?

VIII. The Character Test

Will doing this make me stronger of weaker?

IX. The Publicity Test

Would I want my friends and family to know I did this?

X. The Common Sense Test

Is it good, plain every day, common horse sense?

XI. The Family Test

Will doing this bring credit or dishonor to my family?

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

The village blacksmith hired a young and told him to just follow instructions.

The first day he told the boy, "Do exactly as I tell you. When I take the shoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil, and when I nod my head, you hit it with this hammer."

The apprentice did just as he was told. Now he is the village blacksmith.

WONDERS OF SALT AND WATER.

Salt is a wonder. Salt is composed of two poisonous substances. How is it possible that salt, which is necessary to life, which is composed of sodium and chlorine, either of which, if taken individually, would kill you?

Water is a wonder also. Its chemical formula is H₂O. That means it has two parts of hydrogen for each part of oxygen. Oxygen is flammable: hydrogen readily burns. Unite hydrogen and oxygen into water and you can put out fire.

God's creation is cause for wonder.

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Preacher Recruitment and Encouragement Seminar.

What Barnabas Ministries provides a host church for these seminars: We will bear the cost of speakers, hotels if needed.

We will have speakers address such subjects as counseling, discouragement in ministry, do and don'ts, is a preacher born or made, and other matters relating to ministers and their wives. There will be two sessions just for the wives.

We will provide a binder for the material given out and a few other gifts for preachers and their wives.

The seminar schedule will be two speakers, a break, two more speakers, lunch and a final speaker. If this does not "fit" your plans, we are flexible. We are simply interested in encouraging preachers.

The host will assure that a lunch and snacks for break time. BARNABAS WILL REIMBURSE THE CHURCH FOR ANY EXPENDATURES.

To schedule a meeting (after the holidays and winter) simply call 740-446-6929 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 740-446-7319 after 4:00 p.m.

A man goes to the doctor again and again. The Doctor told him "You are a hypochondriac." The man replied, "I have that also?"

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

What BARNABAS MINISTRIES believes

BIBLE – the <u>only</u> inspired record of God's revelation to us SIN: the <u>only</u> thing standing between God and man JESUS CHRIST: The <u>only</u> perfect One who paid for sin THE GOSPEL: The <u>only</u> record of Jesus' life

SALVATION: the <u>only</u> hope for sinful man

FAITH: is <u>only</u> "saving faith: if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and being baptized as did every convert after the resurrection of Jesus.