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## The Church Remains

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“I will build my church...”

There is no getting around it. Whatever men may say or think about the Church, the fact goes unchallenged—the Church remains.

For over two thousand years the church has been a mighty force to be reckoned with by both ‘sinners and saints.’ This unique institution, or rather this unique organism, stands alone when compared to all other organizations. The reason for the enduring legacy of the church is not a PROCESS or PROCEDURE—the reason is to be found in a **PERSON**. The Lord Jesus Christ is the sum and substance of the Church; In the words of Scripture, the Church is “His Body.” Christ, as Head of the Church, directs every aspect of her ministry, methods and means as long as that local body of believers adheres to the Book—the

Holy Bible. When an individual trusts Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit of God places (baptizes) the believer into the Church—the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13). The believer’s position ‘in Christ’ is secure and settled forever (Eph.4:30).

The record of history testifies to the fulfillment of Christ’s prophecy in relation to the Church—“the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (church).” Tyrants, dictators, queens and kings have attempted in vain to stamp out the Body of Christ from the earth. During these times of persecution, the people of God were strengthened in their faith and were comforted by the fellowship of other believers.

Are you in Church? I did not ask if you ATTEND a building called a ‘church.’ I asked if you were a member of Christ’s body? Only by the new birth is a man, woman, boy or girl brought into the Church and is secure there. If you have been saved and placed in the Lord’s body, you are exhorted by Scripture to faithfully attend a Bible-believing, local congregation of the church for the purpose of exhortation and instruction

## Prophecy Watch-

~The arrival of the Red Heifer of Numbers 19~

Bible students know from Scripture that there will be a ‘Third Jewish Temple’ constructed soon after the Rapture of the Church and will remain in Jerusalem throughout Tribulation and the Millennial Kingdom. Before this re-

built Temple can be opened for sacrifice, the ashes of a red heifer must be used to ceremonially cleanse the Temple. A pure, red heifer is extremely rare, and many prophecy experts have been perplexed as to how and

when this necessary piece of the prophetic puzzle will arrive on the ‘scene.’ **IT HAS!** A pure red heifer is being raised now in the mid-US. [www.breakingisraelnews.com](http://www.breakingisraelnews.com)



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### Service Times-

- ◆ Sunday Bible Classes (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Nursery provided all services. Transportation available.

## ~Basics for Bible Believers~

### “Keys to Fruitful Study” Part One

The study of God’s Word is, without question, the most profitable work in which a child of God can be involved. The reason for this is clear— to know the Bible is, in fact, to know God.

This is the first part of a series of articles concerning profitable Bible study. The foundation of fruitful study is simply to “**Believe the Book.**”

The Bible is the only Book that conveys to its reader a

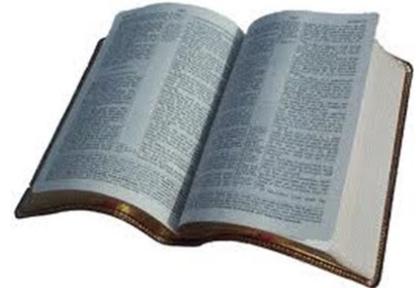
message which is in accord with what the reader believes about the Book before he or she opens it. For example, the skeptic who has already decided the Bible is a Book of error and superstition and whose only motive for reading it is to discredit it will never receive from the Bible the riches and magnificence of the Scripture concerning infallible spiritual truth that it holds. The born-again Bible believer, however, comes to the Book with full faith that whatever is contained within its pages is

absolute truth, without proven error, and will be refreshed by the ‘still waters’ of Divine revelation and the ‘green pastures’ of spiritual illumination.

Dear reader, in order to enjoy profitable study of the Scriptures, believe the Book in all its parts. You may believe a thing even without understanding it (I am not an electrical engineer and yet I believe the light-switch will give light to the room). Believe the Scripture!

**“Thy Word is Truth!”**

**KJV 1611**



*“Education is useless without the Bible”*

- Daniel Webster

A commentary on every verse in the Book of Revelation (102 pages) by Pastor Ingram is available on our website or a ‘hard copy’ may be obtained through our office.

## Treasures from the Past

*“He being dead yet speaketh” (Heb 11:4)*

*“Unfulfilled prophecy is designed to powerfully affect conduct and character. There is no declaration in the prophetic word which, if believed, will not begin to do its silent, effective work upon character and then upon conduct. According to that which we believe and look for, so shall we be. Shall we then shut prophecy from out of those formative influences which tend to shape our character? Shall we shut out this whole body of divine truth which brings us into the closest intimacy with God, and which fills us with the holiest and happiest of expectations?”*

-taken from “Addresses on Prophecy” by C.I. Scofield

## From the Pulpit

This section will contain brief outlines of recent Bible messages preached at Truth Baptist Church. The audio recording of these sermons may also be heard on our website: [www.tbccwestsalem.com](http://www.tbccwestsalem.com)

### “Living Above the Circumstance”

Philippians 4:4

How could Paul write the words, “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say rejoice” while a prisoner in a first century prison? The open secret to Paul’s joy is found in this letter to the Philippians.

- 1) **RECOGNIZE YOU ARE A SERVANT (1:1)**— a faithful servant does not need to know the “why” of his master’s commands; the servant’s only duty is to obey. God alone knows the ‘why’ of all our circumstances.
- 2) **BE THANKFUL (1:3)**- we are not commanded to ‘feel thankful’ but to ‘give thanks.’ (1 Thess. 5:18)
- 3) **PRAY FOR OTHERS (1:4)**- when we bring the needs and troubles of others to our God we see our own trials may not be as severe as we once thought. (Job 42:10)
- 4) **RECOGNIZE THAT ALL YOUR EXPERIENCES ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE YOU LIKE JESUS CHRIST (1:6)**- God molds His children into the likeness of Christ and this is more often accomplished through tears more than triumph and through poverty more than prosperity. (Rom. 8:29)

*These truths worked to give Paul joy and enabled him to live ‘Above the Circumstance’*



*“We preach Christ...”*

1 Corinthians 1:23

## Ask the Pastor

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This section is devoted to answering questions asked by Christians and Skeptics alike.

**Question:** “Can a born-again believer lose their salvation?”

**Answer:** **No, a truly born-again believer cannot lose their salvation. An honest examination of Scripture will prove the fact of a believer’s ‘eternal security.’**

- 1) The New Testament clearly teaches the security of the saved. Those who teach otherwise primarily use Old Testament passages to teach a man can lose salvation. The church, however, is not found in the Old Testament. The statements made to ISRAEL regarding obedience and disobedience cannot be forced on the CHURCH— they are separate institutions. (John 10:27-29; Heb. 5:9; Eph. 4:30; Jude 1)
- 2) There is no need for the ministry of intercession by our Lord Jesus Christ if salvation can be lost because of a believer’s sin. The Lord is interceding for the Christian in order for FELLOWSHIP to be maintained between the Father and the believer despite the believer’s sins. (Heb. 7:24-25; John 13:8; 1 John 1:8-10)
- 3) Many enemies of the believer’s security often quote Galatians 5:4 “ye are FALLEN FROM GRACE.” Often, however, the entire context of the verse (5:2-6) is not quoted. The passage is directed toward those who would attempt to EARN salvation through keeping the rite of CIRCUMCISION. These legalists never received the grace of God because they had fallen away **FROM** grace as a means of their salvation...they did not **FALL OUT OF GRACE**. A man must choose either WORKS or GRACE as a means of salvation; if a man attempts to work for salvation (which is not possible) they have fallen from grace and if a man accepts the grace of God alone he has fallen from works. (Rom. 11:6)

~This question will also be our topic in the next issue~

### “Earnestly Contending for the Faith”

#### ~Corrupt Bible Versions~

##### Part One

Well over one-hundred Bible ‘versions’ have been turned out since 1880. All these translations profess to do one thing—they claim to ‘correct errors’ and ‘simplify the archaic English’ of the King James Version. This series will not attempt to deal with manuscript evidence, but will rather cite examples of passages that have been corrupted in the new versions. Our first comparison will involve the Bible’s most well-known verse— John 3:16.

**New International Version-** “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.”

**King James Version-** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only **BEGOTTEN Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

The difference in these readings is significant— this comparison shows clearly the importance of words. The NIV refers to Jesus Christ as God’s **ONE** and **ONLY** Son; this is not true. God has many sons— the angels are called ‘sons of God’ (Job 38:7 and Job 1:6) and believers are called ‘sons of God’ by faith (1 John 3:1-2 and John 1:12). If Jesus is God’s **ONE** and **ONLY** Son, we have no Heavenly Father and our faith is in vain. It is true that Christ is God’s only **BEGOTTEN** son, that is, Christ is the only Son God has that is of the same nature as Himself— the Son is God as the Father is God. Beware of any Bible version that robs you, as a believer, of your son-ship!

Many helpful Bible study resources are available on our website. These include Bible messages, visual aides, devotional reading, a daily Bible reading schedule and much more.

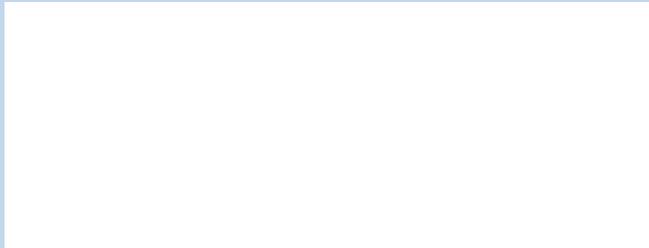
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*We* are an Independent, Bible-believing Baptist Church. We are committed to the Great Commission both at home and around the world. Our church currently supports 50 missionaries and missionary projects on a monthly basis.

*We* have Sunday Bible classes for every age group and offer a nursery for all services. Van transportation is also available.

*In* the fall and winter months our pastor teaches a weekly 'School of the Bible.' This course is a college-level study and goes into more

depth than would be possible in a worship service. Notebooks are provided for every attendee at no charge. Our current course of study is in the '**Minor Prophets**' of the Old Testament. This is a verse-by-verse examination of these 12 Bible books. A complete commentary from our past courses is available on our website.

*Are* you searching for a church home? Come home to **Truth Baptist Church** this Sunday!

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