

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- Brenda's cousin had surgery to remove a benign tumor
- Brenda has a cousin in Rock Port, Texas that has lost all their belongings.
- The Christians in the Philippines.
- Save the Date: Bobby Graham will be holding a Gospel Meeting for us September 17-22, 2017.
- Mens business meeting schedule for this Sunday afternoon
- A work day at the building is being planned before the start of our meeting

Assignments

Today Bible Study – Tom Mitchell Song Leader – Tom Mitchell Lord's Table – Dave Porter Sermon – Ross Ward	Wednesday Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – Chad Mitchell Invitation – Ross Ward
Next Sunday Bible Study – Tom Mitchell Song Leader – Chad Mitchell Lord's Table – Tom Mitchell Sermon – Ross Ward	Next Wednesday Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – Tom Mitchell Invitation – Ross Ward

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM



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Book, Chapter, & Verse

By Ross Ward

Book, Chapter, & Verse is a common phrase we have heard in the church for many years. It is founded in the letter Paul wrote to the Colossians:

Col 3:17, And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus

The idea behind it is very revealing. It addresses the very weakness of mankind; the root of the problem with the many different religions and religious practices. The phrase is rooted in the inability of man to determine Godliness, righteousness, or anything of God without God revealing it to man. Jeremiah understood this principle,

Jer 10:23, O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Paul also wrote of this principle in

I Cor. 2:9-10, But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.



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We see in this passage Paul identify the method God chose to reveal His truths to mankind. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, revealed God's truths for man to the apostles. Too often man goes off in his own direction; following their own heart, family traditions, self-fulfilling doctrines, or popular doctrines of the day. Many with good and honest hearts, are deceived by their own ability to misinterpret the doctrines taught in the Bible. A common mistake is made when we go to the scriptures for verification of our beliefs, and in doing so we are drawn to misinterpret or misapply a scripture. Another common error we make is in misunderstanding the context or even the entirety of scripture. There may be other teachings that exist which enhances or further explains a subject. Understanding the context of teachings and the entirety of scripture will help guard against these errors. Most importantly, look to scripture to determine righteousness and not determine our own righteousness. Follow Paul's teachings to the Colossians and have Book, Chapter, and Verse for everything we do as is summarized in the title of this article.

LIVING ON THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Jesus said something about bread that is a challenge for anyone to consider. When Satan tempted Him to misuse His powers to turn stone into bread, Jesus said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). He was referring to what Moses told the Israelites after God had given them bread from heaven (manna) to satisfy their hunger. He "fed you with manna ... that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3). The manna was to demonstrate to the Israelites God's love for them and ability to meet their needs. This should have convinced them to love and trust Him no matter the

circumstance—even above physical sustenance. As long as they followed Him, they had everything they needed. Jesus understood this principle and remained true to God's word when confronting the devil. We must do the same with our temptations. Nothing should be more important to us than following God and keeping His word. Nothing.

What Moses and Jesus said about bread is a bold statement. Bread is a staple in most societies and has been for centuries. In America, grocery stores have entire aisles and sections dedicated to it. Nevertheless, even it cannot meet our greatest need. James said, "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). If we want to be saved from sin, we must learn, understand, and obey God's word (Romans 10:13-17). Nothing else in the world has that power or ability. No medicine, no exercise, no currency, no administration, no person, no thing, and not even food and water can provide us with forgiveness. The only thing on planet earth that can save us from sin and cause us to be raised from the dead is the word of God. Specifically, this hope is found in the teachings of Christ, who said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:51).

Our physical body is going to die, no matter how well we feed and care for it, but if we are wise our soul will last forever because we fed our spiritual man with the bread of life. "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). God gave the Israelites daily bread to teach them to depend on Him. He has given us the Bible so we might live "by every word of God." Do we?