

Sermon Outline: In lieu of a sermon outline, the following is an introduction to a Bible study program called "Back to the Bible" by Bobby Bates. It is based in the New King James Version. Read the scripture then it is simply a fill in the blank. This week's introduction is the "Authority in Religion". We have been given permission to use this in the bulletin.

John 8:32 Jesus says the _____ will make you free.

John 4:24 Jesus tells us we must worship God in spirit and in _____.

John 17:17 What is truth? _____.

John 14:23-24 The teaching of Jesus was from _____.

Hebrews 1:1-2 Today God speaks to us through _____.

John 3:35 God has given _____ things into the hands of Jesus.

Matthew 28:18 Jesus has all _____ in heaven and earth.

John 17:2 Jesus has authority over _____.

Ephesians 1:20-23 God has made Jesus to be head over all things to the _____.

Does this mean Jesus has all authority over the church?
_____.

John 12:48 At Judgment we will be judged by the words of _____.

John 6:68 Who has the words of eternal life? _____

Should we go to anyone else (parents, preachers, relatives, friends) for eternal life? _____

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Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



April 26, 2020

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.

Spiritual Lessons: Ebola and Christianity

By Dan Jenkins, modified by John McGiffin

The introduction of the coronavirus in our nation has captured the attention of most Americans. It has been the featured story on all newscasts. What American is there who has not heard of it, and how many of us have not had a sense of fear about its impact? It would help us if we could learn some spiritual lessons from all that has happened.

Think about how rapidly this disease has spread. The first reported case in Ohio was on March 9th and the first reported death was March 19th. Today there are 13,250 cases and 538 deaths. We have learned more about the disease. That first person touched the lives of *more than one hundred* others even before he entered the hospital. Suppose each of them had become infected and had also spread the disease to one hundred others. Instead of there being one individual, that “second generation” of infected people would number 10,000. If each of those spread the sickness to 100 additional individuals, the third generation would number 1,000,000. It is this kind of geometric progression that has created such a stir around this nation.

Apply these numbers to the spread of Christianity, and you can understand why the first-century church spread so rapidly. The church began on Pentecost with just a handful of disciples, but by the end of the century it is estimated that there were over 6,000,000 Christians. This growth continued into the next century. Unlike coronavirus, it did not bring death, but it brought life to a dying world.

While coronavirus reduplicates itself in just 14 days, teaching the gospel to others can sometimes take longer. The seed of the gospel lands in various kinds of soil, and the soil, not the seed, determines if it will germinate. However, that seed has always been “living and active” (Heb. 4:12). The redeemed have “... been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1 Pet. 1:23).

Our commission has never been to go into all the world and baptize every creature. It was not the task of the early church. He said, “Preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). It is easy for Christians to become discouraged because they have not led another to the Lord. The issue is not whether they became Christians but whether we taught them! As much as we long to see those we teach being baptized into Christ, we must remember what is involved in the great commission we have received from the Lord. He said, “Go... teach.”

The spread of coronavirus can teach us. If each of us would win one soul each year and teach them to do the same, what impact would that have? Do the math. In just 34 years every person on earth could be a Christian! He said, “Go... teach!”

Announcements:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

June 14 - 17 @ 6:30pm

Please plan to attend. We will have classes for everyone ages 3 and older! More information to come...

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Up coming Birthday's and Anniversary's:

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Cory Clark's Birthday      April 28<sup>th</sup> - Isaiah Rohr's Birthday

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Tim and Dianna Bang's Anniversary

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*Congratulations to our
2020 High School graduate,
Erica Gaynor!*

Remember in Prayer:

- *Hazel Dyer - young girl with cancer
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Alexa Rohr - eyesight
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight
- *Maxine Jones - shut in, health (Laura McGiffin's mom)
- *Terry McGiffin—health (John McGiffin's dad)
- *Shane Brock and Destiny
- *Mark Berry's health (brother at North End Church, WV)
- *Don Gentry's health (brother at Tipp City Church, OH)
- *Dale Thomas and his decision to be baptized
- *Michelle Sherrell's pregnancy and baby
- *Tornado victims across the US
- *The nation/world during the Coronavirus outbreak
- *Bob Goubeaux recovering in the hospital after a motorcycle accident
- *Lena Durst's dad recovering from a minor stroke
- *Jeremy Hupman's recovery from a serious work injury