

Bible Verse of the Week:

“There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...” 2 Peter 3:21

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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 “We Must Not Add To Or Take Away From God’s Word”. I have been given permission to use this in the bulletin.

Colossians 2:14 When was the bond written in ordinances abolished?

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Ephesians 2:15 What did Jesus abolish in his flesh? \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 3:23-25 Now that faith has come are we under the law? \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 7:4 Paul says “ye also are become \_\_\_\_\_ to the law by the body of Christ.”

Romans 7:6 Paul says “now we are \_\_\_\_\_ from the law.”

Is the New Testament the law spiritually binding today? \_\_\_\_\_

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Attendance and Contribution Record

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| Sunday, May 17 | Bible Classes | -- |
| | AM Attendance | 32 |
| | PM Attendance | -- |
| | Contribution | \$440.02 |
| Wednesday, May 20 | Attendance | -- |

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# Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



## May 24, 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.

## Being Willingly Ignorant

By Ron Boatwright

There are many in today's world who are willingly ignorant of God's word. This spiritual ignorance is even in the Lord's church. God's word says, "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old and the earth...being overflowed with water perished" (2 Peter 3:5-6). Those who are willingly ignorant of God's word end up being "scoffers, walking after their own lusts" (2 Peter 3:3). People are willingly ignorant "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

When people demand to hear only the "positive" they want to be "willingly ignorant". They are basically saying, "Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits" (Isaiah 30:10). God's complete truth of both the positive and negative is necessary for our salvation. We must declare "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). The apostle Paul warns us, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Some think if they ignore what God's word says on certain subjects that they don't like such as: marriage, divorce & remarriage, dancing, drinking alcohol, instrumental music, denominationalism, etc., that it will somehow disappear. Pretending that these scriptures do not exist will not make them go away. Even though people try to ignore what the Lord says, Jesus says, "the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). But many don't want to hear the truth of God's word. They "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart, who being past feeling" (Ephesians 4:18-19). It is sad and hopeless when people become past feeling.

Many people don't want to know the truth of God's word so they close their ears to the truth. Jesus says, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15).

What should you do in order to "make your calling and election sure"? (2 Peter 1:10). Only by the truth of God's word can we go to heaven. Jesus says, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We must "Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:34). This same shameful condition exists today, even in the Lord's church. This is the reason many congregations of the Lord's church are apostatizing. We should "no longer be children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (Ephesians 4:14). In order to not be willingly ignorant we must "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV). We can only rightly divide and understand God's truth when we diligently study it.

## Announcements:

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Communion is distributed as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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Erica Gaynor's graduation from the Career Center and from Bradford High school were this past week. Her graduation party will be held later in June.  
**Congratulations Erica!!**

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Happy Anniversary!!

Matthew and Chelsea Wilson 5/26

Bryan and Amie Allen 6/1



Remember in Prayer:

- *Hazel Dyer - young girl with cancer
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Alexa Rohr - healing from her second eye surgery
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement, her 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/knee (brother at Tipp City Church, OH)
- *Dale Thomas contemplating baptism
- *The nation/world during the Coronavirus outbreak
- *Michelle Sherrell - high blood pressure issues
- *Bob Goubeaux is doing better, recovering at home now
- *Lena Durst's dad is doing better, but continued prayers are still needed
- *Jeremy Hupman's recovery from a serious work injury

How may we be praying for YOU?