

Pleasant View Proclaimer

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When Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," no one argued with him (Acts 2:38). Nobody yelled, "Hey, wait a minute. John 3:16 doesn't say anything about baptism." They didn't say that because John 3:16 didn't exist on that day. The thousands who were assembled at Pentecost were convinced that their sins had put Jesus on the cross, and they needed to know what to do to solve their sin problem. So about 3,000 people were baptized that day.

Today, many people want to argue with Peter and

Paul and the rest of the inspired writers. At times, they even argue with Jesus. Why? Because the culture around them—the lost, selfish culture around them—doesn't like the message of Scripture. So in order to appease the masses, many have molded Scripture into something that the masses can accept.

Here some famous verses and their modern distortions:

(1). *Genesis 1:1*: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...but not in 24-hour periods of time. It must have taken millions of years because my secular science textbook says so."

(2). *John 3:16*: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life...but if you're a Muslim or Jew I will still call you 'brother' or 'sister' even though you completely reject Jesus as the Savior."

(3). *Matthew 19:5*: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh...unless the Supreme Court in America says that a man can be joined to a man and become one flesh, then homosexual marriage is God-approved."

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- The theme for our adult class this week is "The Life of Peter." Great preachers from Middle TN will be here to share these lessons. Invite friends and family to be with us!
- Happy Haven contribution today.
- JL Shelton is recovering from kidney stones.
- Please keep the following people in your prayers: JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer.

VBS Begins Tonight

Stephen Kelley, (Cathey's Creek), Will Teach The Adult Class Tonight

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Garrett

Pray: T. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: E. Walker

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Hovis, L. Newell

Pray: Cartwright

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

*Bible Bowl This Year Will Cover The Following
Chapters From Leviticus: 6-11, 17, 19, 23-27.*

*“Never be afraid to trust unknown future to a
known God.”*

Corrie Ten Boom

Galatians 6:7

“Do not be deceived, God is
not mocked; for whatever a
man sows, this he will also
reap.”

Israel Observations

Over the past week, I've been trying to digest everything I learned in Israel—it was a whirlwind of information. Here I want to highlight some general observations about the Muslim and Jewish cultures we encountered.

(1). *Land matters to the Jew and Palestinian Muslim.* We saw walls, checkpoints, settlements, and flags. Both the Palestinians and Jews claim rights to the West Bank (or, as the Jews call it, Samaria and Judea). The land matters. There are holy cities and holy places that each side claims it should possess. Their faiths are tied to pieces of geography. But Christians make no such claims. We have no holy places. We have no

shrines or monuments. Our church buildings are not sacred. Our faith is not tied to brick and mortar.

(2). *Judaism and Islam are works-based religions.* The Jews have their dietary laws (which seem to vary depending on which rabbi you're speaking with), their holy days, and their festivals. The Muslims have Ramadan, their daily required prayers, dress codes, and so on. All of these things must be observed in the manner in which their leaders say so, or else they'd be out of favor with God or Allah. In Christ, we are no longer slaves to the old law (Gal. 5:1). We are not subject to dietary restrictions or compulsory prayers. We simply live by faith.

(3). *Both religions reject Jesus.* This, of course, is the obvious distinction between Jews, Muslims, and Christians. To the Jews, Jesus was just a Jewish prophet, but not the Messiah. To the Muslim, Muhammad brought Allah's revelation to man. Both the Jew and Muslim need to accept, obey, and follow Jesus in order to be saved, but so far, they are unwilling.

“This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

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