

BIBLICALLY CORRECT

We hear much on the TV about being “Politically Correct.” It has some precepts which are correct. It tries to encourage or insist on citizens using certain words and phrases which are kinder, and less inflammatory, which is good! But without God it is merely man’s opinion.

However, we Christians are endeavoring to be “Biblically Correct.” Christians have been using kinder and less offensive words and phrases for centuries. Consider 1 Corinthians 10:32, “Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the Church of God” (not causing to stumble, a smooth road). “Giving no cause for offense in anything” (2 Cor. 6:3).

We Christians are taught to love our neighbor and even our enemies. We are taught to be kind, pure, godly, and submissive to government and it’s law officers.

We have a far superior list of correct words, procedures and practices. We endeavor to be “Biblically Correct.” Let us be faithful to God our Father and remain “Biblically Correct” (2 Tim. 1:13, 1 Pet. 1:23-25, 1 Jn 2:5, Jn 1:1-5).

- Rick Laing, Austin, TX (Bulletin Digest) -

FILL THE VOID

We fall into sin because there is a void in our life. We look for anything to fill it, and since nothing ever fills that void for long, it doesn’t take long before we’re back at it again.

What about a love from the One...

- ...who died for us (John 3:16)?
- ...who calls us His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)?
- ...who bottles up our tears and records them (Psalm 56:8)?
- ...who sings over us (Zephaniah 3:17)?
- ...who counts the hairs on our head (Matthew 10:30)?
- ...who put His Spirit INSIDE of us (Romans 5:5)?
- ...whose love is inseparable (Romans 8:39)?
- ...who is willing to love us enough to search for us when we’re lost (Luke 15:4)?

If that’s not enough to fill a void, I don’t know what is.

- Benjamin Sterchi, via Broadway Church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (Bulletin Digest) -

In God’s Presence

When we assemble to worship, sing, pray, and listen to the message, we often do these things half-heartedly and with little sense of the fear of God. Ecclesiastes 5 speaks to those issues and warns us not to make promises to God carelessly and superficially!

We are inclined to hear only part of what God is saying to us through His Word. But genuine hearing includes careful listening accompanied by obedience. Unkept vows are also a serious matter (vv. 2, 4-6). Just as many dreams have no basis in reality, the careless speech of the fool in God’s presence is empty (vv. 3, 7).

Always keep in mind how great and holy God is, and how small and sinful we are. Thank Him for His mercy and grace. This solemn contemplation of the Lord’s character will help us obey the admonition to “fear God” (v. 7).

- Herbert Vander Lugt [adapted] (Our Daily Bread)

Christians should be humbly grateful instead of grumbly hateful.

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Resumes this Tuesday, August 14th. All ladies invited.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Resumes this Thursday, August 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Brown’s residence. All ladies invited.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: For **Jim Mick**, this Thursday, August 16th. His address: Auburn Nursing & Rehabilitation, 451 Valley Road, Salem, OH 44460.

DELONG’S CORN ROAST: Next Saturday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m. All are invited.

GOSPEL MEETINGS & SING:

McKinleyville.....Aug. 26-30 (Mon. – Thur., 7:00 p.m.)..... Different Speakers

McKinleyville.....Sept. 7 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)..... *Friday Night Sing*

CHESTER.....Sept. 23-27 (Mon. – Thur., 7:00 p.m.).. Tim Hatfield

MEMBER VISITS: So Our Elders and Minister can get better acquainted with the members, a visit can be scheduled to meet here at the building or in your home by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico. Otherwise, an impromptu visit may be made.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER: Jenny Rhodes (upcoming knee surgery).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Debbie Waite, Charlie DeLong, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH:** Jim Mick. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl. **IN CALIFORNIA:** Cindy Moore (Pat Allison’s cousin).

What Did They See?

- Dan Winkler -

“And when they came unto the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him ... And the people stood beholding” (Luke 23:33-35).

Look at those last few words one more time: “the people stood beholding” [*theoreo*, “theorizing”]. They stood by the cross of Jesus, trying to “put things together.” And, what did they see?

First, they saw the “obvious.” They saw how cruel man could be to others. Death by crucifixion was horrible. Victims frequently died stark raving mad from days of exposure and thirst - a thought that underscores the agony behind Jesus’ words: “I thirst” (John 19:28).

Second, they saw something “mysterious.” They experienced an eerie darkness “over the whole land.” The sun refused to shine as if it were paying tribute to the death of our Savior (Luke 23:44-45).

Third, they saw something “vicarious.” They witnessed the death of God in the flesh, an agonizing death that made possible our “abundant life” (John 10:10; cf; 1 Corinthians 15:3).

Finally, they saw something “marvelous.” They saw the same things you and I are blessed to see when we partake of the Lord’s Supper ... the love of God (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 John 4:9-10).