

Truth Should Be Published!

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The first American multi-page newspaper was published on September 25, 1690, with a single edition of "Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick" appearing in Boston, Massachusetts. However, British authorities considered the newspaper offensive and ordered its immediate suppression due to its containing "reflections of a very high nature" and "sundry doubtful and uncertain reports." Many speculate that it was the revealing of sinful practices among royals that got the paper shut down. It was the first and only edition.

The written word is powerful, conveying thoughts and ideas that can stir people to action. Godly people like the truth to be published. Weakness and ungodliness, however, spurs folks to suppress the truth. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them" (Rom. 1:18-19). Let the people of God be always lovers of truth and publish it far and wide!

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A Biblical Study of Faith

1. In order to please God, we must believe or have faith (Heb. 11:6).
2. The object of our faith is Christ (2 Tim. 1:12).
3. The Bible is designed to be a faith-producing book (John 20:30-31).
4. Yet the Bible builds faith only in those who hear it (Rom. 10:17).
5. Jesus blessed those who had great faith (Matt. 8:8-11).
6. Jesus rebuked the unbelieving (Matt. 17:17).
7. Faith is a condition of salvation (John 8:24).
8. We are justified by faith in Christ instead of works of the law or merit (Rom. 3:28).
9. Faith that does not express itself in obedience to Christ does not save (John 12:42).
10. God has designed that faith be perfected by obedience (James 2:20-23).
11. Acceptable faith brings peace (Rom. 5:1)
12. Acceptable faith brings assurance (Heb. 10:22).
13. By faith a Christian stands (1 Cor. 16:13).
14. By faith a Christian walks (2 Cor. 5:7).
15. By faith a Christian lives (Gal. 2:20).
16. By obedient faith one is sanctified (Acts 26:18).
17. With faith as a shield a Christian overcomes the world (Eph. 6:16).
18. An evil heart of unbelief will separate one from the Heavenly Father (Heb. 3:12).
19. The end of our faith is eternal salvation (1 Pet. 1:9).

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A God-forsaken man is a man who has forsaken God.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. (Church Building); **Sunday evening, 5:30 p.m.** (Fellowship Building); **Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** (Church Building).

SYMPATHY: To Jenny Rhodes at the passing of her dad, Irvin Gainer in Texas. Jenny has had a great deal of sadness in her life recently; losing her husband and now her dad. Pray that God will bless and comfort her as she deals with her sorrow.

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY: Beginning today, the **In Search** program was televised on **WTOV, Channel 9 (Steubenville)** at **8:30 a.m.** and will be each Sunday. WTOV will air random 30 second promos throughout the week inviting viewers to watch the program. For the time being, the **In Search** program will still be televised on **WTRF, Channel 7 (Wheeling)** at 7:30 a.m.

RADIO PROGRAM: Every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. on WIXZ 950 am radio (Steubenville), the Weirton Heights congregation broadcasts select sermons by Steve Smithbauer. This will be done on a trial basis until the end of the year to accommodate those who are homebound due to Covid19 and do not have internet access. Weirton streams their services on YouTube.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Cam Adamson, Charlie Delong, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 110). **BERKELEY SPRINGS REHABILITATION CENTER,** Ernest Robinson, 456 Autumn Acres Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. **ORCHARDS OF EL REHAB:** Rich Owen. **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham (address on bulletin board). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD

In John 8:32, Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In Second Peter 3:18 we learn we are to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Knowledge of God's Word does not come by chance but by our choosing to learn. It does not come by accident but by acquiring a desire to know and a determination to fill our hearts, mind and lives with God's Word. It takes diligent effort on our part in reading, studying and meditating upon His Word (1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-2). When we come to understand the blessings of knowledge this will instill in us a greater love for knowledge. Why should we have knowledge of His Word?

To **save our souls** (1 Tim. 2:4; John 8:32).

To **separate sound doctrine from false doctrine** (1 John 4:1; Eph. 5:11),

To **serve and worship God acceptably** (Col.3:17; John 4:24),

To **settle problems between brethren** (Mat.18:15-17),

To **succeed against the devil** (Psa. 119:11; Jam. 4:7-8),

To **speak the Truth** (Eph. 4:15; 2 Tim. 4:24; 1 Pet. 4:11),

To **stand for the Truth** (Jude 3; 1 Cor.16:13),

To **supply scriptural answers to questions** (1 Pet. 3:15),

To **sustain faithfulness** (2 Pet. 1:5-11; 3:18),

To **seek the right things in life** (Mat. 6:33; Col. 3:1-3).

- Jerry Joseph, (via Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL) -