

Back to the Bible

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God's advice for wayward Judah could have helped rescue them from impending conquest, but they would not listen. It is good advice for the church if we will listen. "Thus says the Lord: 'Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls'" (Jeremiah 6:16 NKJV).

Christians need to seek the old paths of God's will by making it their purpose to go back to the Bible, since the way that seems right to unguided men leads to death (Proverbs 14:12). God confirmed the Word was His by the miracles His spokesmen worked (Hebrews 2:1-4). Paul wanted the Ephesian shepherds to rely on God and His Word (Acts 20:29-32).

It is important to go back to the Bible because it is the path to understanding God's will (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible is the standard that will be used in the Judgment (John 12:48). Jesus declared, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). His prayer for unity plainly reveals God's Word is that Truth (John 17:17).

Going back to the Bible is the means of finding pardon. It is impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Faith comes by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17). The Word lets us know that we must confess with our mouths Jesus as Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9-10). Baptism is God's means of saving us (1 Peter 3:21).

The Bible lays out God's pattern of organization for the church. Christ is the Head, with elders serving under him (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 5:1-4). It lays out a pattern for the work of the church. That work can simply be described as benevolence, edification and evangelism (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 4:16; Matthew 28:18-20).

We need to make it our goal to find the old paths that God said will bring rest to our souls. Doing so will provide us with everything we need to please Him so we can receive the heavenly reward.

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Back To The Bible For It All

Vana R. Raye

Vainly we seek after men for guiding light, or in dreams for a heavenly call;
Man of himself, cannot set his soul aright; so it's back to the Bible for it all.

If we the true and living way would learn, and be safe when the night shadows fall,
We must the way of the Savior truly yearn, and it's back to the Bible for it all.

Whence cometh we? Whither is our destiny? Where the faith and the hope for the pall?
How may we see what awaits for you and me? It is back to the Bible for it all.

Back to the Bible! The God-given Bible! For grace and duty, great or small;
Each one may know what to do and where we go, but it's back to the Bible for it all.

BIBLE — Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

News Notes

MEETING: This afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for Brett Thompson at the Thompson home (Derek & Pam). Prayers requested. Support this good family.

POCKET CALENDARS: Available on the table by the window at the front lift. Thanks to Ed Wiersbicki for providing these each year.

BIBLE QUESTIONS: Those submitted will be answered at this evening's service as time allows. Remaining questions will be considered at a later date.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m. on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled for all of December.

NO CONVERT'S CLASS: This Thursday, Dec. 4th. Class resumes Thursday, Dec. 11th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Dec. 6th, 8:00 a.m. at Coplin's in Newell.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, Dec. 7th about Noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m. at the Church Building.

BABY SHOWER: For Tracey Leslie, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 1:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. All ladies invited.

PANTRY: Tomato soup.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: SICK & SHUT-IN: *At Home:* Randy Beagle, Christy Claypool (St. Clair congregation), Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). *Serra Manor, Weirton:* Jean Haught (Skip's mother). *Fox, Chester:* Mary Johnson. *Elsewhere:* Jackie Brown (Rico's mother), 4227 Prince Hall Blvd., Orlando, FL 32811. **Herman McHan**, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

When Coming To Worship

When we come together to worship God there are some things that we should bring along, and there are some things that we should leave at home.

We should bring along (John 4:24):

A cheerful disposition. Worship will be joyful.

A pleasant smile. Others will be encouraged.

An open mind, ready to learn. The preacher's efforts will be more successful.

An honest heart. We can worship with a clear conscience.

A humble and contrite spirit. Worship will be more acceptable to God.

A rested body. Tired bodies often cause one to drop off to sleep. One does not worship while asleep.

We should leave at home (1 Corinthians 11:24-29)

All home and business problems and worries.

The plans for the week.

Thoughts and plans about other activities.

All envy, malice, ill-will and insincerity.

- Author Unknown, adapted (via Gospel Gleamer)