

CHURCHES
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Lakeview
(Hendersonville, TN)
\$800

Ephesus
(Athens, AL) \$500

Broadmoor
(Nashville, TN) \$400

Eastside
(Bowling Green, KY)
\$680

Wheelersburg, OH \$100

Oakland (Athens, AL)
\$600

O'Neal (Athens, AL)
\$700

Huntington, WV \$724

Total Support:
\$4504

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Bible studies

I have had the opportunity to study with an older gentleman who also teaches down at the jail. He is a Baptist and we have studied about four times together. He has the usual hang-ups you would expect regarding baptism. I hope that as we look at various topics he can be persuaded to make changes. He has been a Baptist for as long as I have been alive. I appreciate and value his dedication to seeking lost souls.

Dick and I met twice. We talked some about the non-Christian sources supporting the Bible. Very few early, non-Christian accounts corroborate the life of Jesus. There may be a variety of reasons for this. Many ancient texts simply did not survive over the centuries. Even famous, ancient works have few copies preserved and most copies are nowhere near the time of the original. So even if you did have Gentiles who wrote about Jesus, how many accounts would have survived? Also, how much notice would one man garner? We rightly view Jesus as pivotal and as turning the world upside down. But would a historian in 50 AD in Rome “take note” of Jesus? After all, there have always been those who claimed to be something great throughout the years—why would Jesus’ claims gain more attention **early on**? Josephus is criticized because he was born after Jesus lived. But Josephus also mentions John the Baptist. If the Bible accounts were simply made up then why attribute one of Jesus’ last statements on the cross as being, *My God, why have you forsaken me?*

I taught the Sunday morning class a couple of times while Joe was away. We looked at OT shadows fulfilled in the NT. I have always been hesitant to do many lessons on types and anti-types since people sometimes make connections that seem to be a stretch. We resumed our study of Luke for the remainder of the month.

Sermons

“Woulda Shoulda Could Have”

Often there are things we wished we had said, and opportunities we wished we had used better.

This lesson encouraged the brethren not to be distracted with other pursuits but to have courage to speak boldly about faith in Jesus, Rev 21:8, Eph 6:18-20, Ezek 3:17-21, Matt 5:13-16, Josh 1:6-9.

“Growing Pains” Unless we push ourselves, we will not grow. Determination and focusing on what we want to accomplish is required, 1 Tim 4:9-16. Confession is part of this process of reshaping ourselves, Prov 28:13. We should be able to measure our progress, 2 Cor 13:5, Gal 5:22-23. Rom 12:9-13, Col 3:12-16, Eph 4:1-3.

“Kneel at the Cross” What do you focus on when partaking of the Lord’s Supper? Jesus came to bind up the brokenhearted, Isa 53:3-5, 61:1-3. Jesus demonstrated how deep God’s love is, Eph 5:1-2, 2 Cor 5:17-20. He reconciled us to our Father! Jesus left the glory of heaven to come to this corrupt world, to suffer pains, aches, trials, and even to go through **death** for my sins. We have been given freedom from slavery by His sacrifice, Rom 6:18, 1 Peter 1:18, Heb 2:14-15. Hope is a powerful part of our lives—it is an anchor of the soul. So much to consider!

“The Process of Sanctification” If we do nothing, the natural flow of life leads us away from God. It takes active effort to become who God wants us to be. We are to “put on” the new self, Eph 4:22-24. A person is washed, cleansed of their sins when they are baptized but then they must work to put to death the deeds of the body, Rom 8:13. God wants us to love Him with all that is within ourselves, Matt 22:37-40. Is our faith “lacking”, James 1:3-4? Will God return and find our garments “defiled” with sin, Rev 3:3-5? The Pharisees appeared righteous outwardly, but were full of robbery, self-indulgence, all uncleanness and lawlessness, Matt 23:25-28.

Attendance: Sunday Avg.: 23, Wed Avg.: 18