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Sugar Land Bible Church VBS

June 25th—

June 29th

Time: 9am—

12 Noon



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Disciple Makers Multiplied. www.DM2USA.org The following is taken from the March-April newsletter.



Dr. Clay Ward

The Encouragement of God's Wrath

Although the title may sound strange, this is the response Tommy Northcott and I witnessed when we taught the intense judgment sections of Revelation chapters 12-19 to a core group of church leaders in Sierra Leone this past February. As a result of the teaching, many of the attendees expressed their desire to press on and stand firm in the truth. This overwhelming response was attributed to understanding God's righteous standard upheld in the future judgments prophesied in Revelation.

In the spring of 2017 when we taught Revelation 1-11, we learned that many of our Sierra Leonean disciple-makers declined to study or teach the book of Revelation for fear of misunderstanding it. However, since the book comes with a blessing for reading, hearing and heeding its contents (Rev. 1:3), we showed them how to understand the prophecies in it through a literal, historical and grammatical method of Bible study.

The first verse of Revelation declares that it was written to the "bond-servants" of the Lord, which are Church Age believers; therefore, we are convinced God wants every Christian to understand the prophecies contained therein. Building on these principles, the brothers and sisters God allowed us to teach in Sierra Leone were thrilled to understand the contents of the book of Revelation.

Throughout the course of the week, we took the opportunity to reinforce the true grace gospel, the faith-dependent Christian life and the assurance we have of not facing the wrath of God because of our eternally secure position in Christ. Along with the highlighting the character of God, these key truths were used by God the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire in many who were present for the week-long workshop. Furthermore, the final chapters of Revelation 21-22 brought a renewed focus on God's ultimate triumph and the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is coming quickly (Rev. 22:12-13).

Tommy and I continue to stand amazed at God's faithfulness to encourage, exhort and equip, simply



Andy Woods—Pastor

How Complicated is Salvation?

On his second missionary journey while in Philippi, Paul was asked the most important question that a human being can ask. The Philippian jailer inquired, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul's answer was astonishing in its simplicity. He tersely replied, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:30-31). Notice that there is only one verb for the lost person to fulfill before he can receive salvation: "believe." Nothing in Paul's answer resembles other conditions that are commonly inserted into modern evangelistic messages, such as baptism, church membership, walking an aisle, Godly sorrow, forsaking sins, etc...

As one begins to study this issue throughout the Bible, he or she quickly discovers that Paul's evangelistic message in Philippi was by no means an isolated case (Gen. 15:6). There are probably somewhere between 150 to 200 New Testament passages which singularly condition a lost person's salvation upon belief alone in Christ. Some of the more well-known passages include John 3:16; 6:28-29; Rom. 1:16; Eph. 2:8-9. Belief is a synonym for faith or confidence or trust in God's provision. The moment a lost person exercises trust in Christ is the moment he is saved. End of story.

Lewis Sperry Chafer, Theologian and founder of Dallas Theological Seminary, entitled this biblical phenomenon: "Belief: God's One Condition of Salvation." While it is true that multiple conditions, such as yield, submit, sorrow, forsake, or obey, are required for the newly saved person to mature or grow in their newfound relationship with Christ, it remains a biblical fact that initial salvation is as simple as the one verb "believe."

Why has God made salvation so simple? *Three* reasons come to mind. *First*, God has designed salvation as a free gift (Rom. 4:4). If there was some human action to be performed beyond belief, then salvation becomes something that we do rather than what God does. Such a human insertion reduces salvation's free gift status by making it something we earn. *Second*, God has specifically designed salvation so that the principle of human boasting is eliminated (Rom. 3:27; 4:2; Eph. 2:9). Yet, if the unsaved could do anything to merit salvation beyond simple belief, then he has contributed to the salvation process and thus has something to boast over. God cannot allow this to happen given His aversion to pride of any sort (Isa. 42:8; 1 Pet. 5:5). *Third*, the unsaved person is dead in his trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1) and thus incapable of doing anything of spiritual value, such as obey, submit, forsake, yield, etc. By making these other things the conditions of salvation rather than simply believing, obstacles are placed in front of the unbeliever that he or she is incapable of fulfilling. The lost can do only one thing that is pleasing to a holy God: trusting in His provision for salvation.

Let us praise God for His wisdom in keeping salvation so simple. Let us also strive to maintain the simplicity of the Gospel as we share it with others lest it be reduced to another mere human works oriented message, rather than a divine one.

SLBC Graduation Celebration!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:



Our SLBC Graduation Celebration:

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018,

Time: from 5-8 p.m.

Location: SLBC



We will be celebrating our senior graduates:

Kennis Bench, **Ben Miller**, **Reid Reichardt**, **Kristen Robinson**, **Aaron Trinh**, and We hope to see you there.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to be a helper.

To ensure we plan accordingly we are requesting that everyone wanting to attend sign up at the link below. There you will also find the volunteer needs we have and the sign ups for them as well!

Congregation Meeting

May 20, 2018

**During the Sunday School
Hour**

Ministry announcements due on the
19th of each month:

Please contact Patricia Chandler at: earl-
budc@att.net if you wish to put an arti-
cle in the monthly newsletter.

Sugar Land Bible Church

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C.R.A.S.E. Seminar

(Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events)

This is a 2—hour presentation addressing what to do in a active shooter emergency.

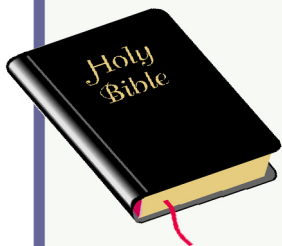
If you are interested in church security, please sign up at the following link:

<http://signup.com/go/ruQrgod>



Scripture for the Week:

Roman 5:8-9



But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Springtime at SLBC

Sunday School For:

Adults: Ecclesiology—Doctrine of the Church : Pastor Woods in the Sanctuary

The Seven Churches of Revelation:

Bob Graper in the Fellowship Room

Youth Group with Gabe Morris in the Upstairs Youth Room.

Children's Sunday School:

Downstairs

Children's Director: KC Cunningham

Sidney Reichardt: Junior Church

Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet

on Tuesdays;

Women's Bible lesson taught by Betty Cooke

Morning at 9:00 am

Evening at 7:00 pm

Men's Bible lesson taught by David Sandlin

Evenings at 8:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services :

Meal at 6:00 pm

Adult Prayer at 6:45 pm in Sanctuary

Adult Bible Study at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

Youth— upstairs

Children—downstairs

through the clear teaching of His Word. God honors His Word and He honors His method of teaching faithful people who will be able to teach others also (2 Tim. 2:2), which is being accomplished through DM2. We ask that you continue to pray for these disciple-makers in Sierra Leone. Pray for safety and spiritual strength to stand firm in the truth. We also ask you to consider thinking through the book of Revelation in light of the holy character of God. We know you will be encouraged and proclaim with the Psalmist, *"You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore, I love Your testimonies."* Psalm 119:119



Tommy Northcott

God is at work in Sierra Leone

The first week in February was marked by God's grace as Dr. Clay Ward and I were able to teach the second half of the DM2 Revelation material to our core group of church leaders in Sierra Leone. In 2017 we left them in the middle of the Tribulation, so you can imagine how eager everyone was to move forward to the new heavens and new earth.

Understanding the revelation of the New Jerusalem and Christ's ultimate victory greatly encouraged them. We had an average of 40 attendees throughout the week and all were excited to fellowship in God's Word during the long days of the conference.

Prayer Requests

Please uphold DM2 in your prayers as we conduct a solid month of youth workshops this June.

Pray for the young adults who will be participating in these events as both teachers and students. Pray for revival among the youth.

Please keep the national women's workshop coming up August 1-4, 2018 in Dallas, Texas in your prayers as well.

Thank you for your prayers concerning the revision of our Romans 1-8 curriculum. It was completed on April 2.

Pray for safety and good communication for teams heading to Zambia and Costa Rica. Pray especially for Costa Rica, as this will be the first DM2 workshop in this country. Pray for Rob Armstrong as he leads the team.