

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

Back to Biblical Basics—Part Two

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THE OBJECTIVE OF this two-part series is to stress the critical necessity of knowing and living out the fundamentals of biblical Christianity. As was noted in part one, not knowing the essential teachings of “the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” raises serious questions and creates a host of problems for all who profess to be Christians.

Questions will arise, such as: “What do I believe or need to believe that would qualify me to receive the free gift of eternal life with Jesus Christ?” Since there are numerous diverse, not to mention contradictory, beliefs that are said to be Christian, this series is focusing on *biblical* Christianity, meaning that which is true to God’s Word regarding one’s faith and practice.

The gospel, as noted last month, is first and foremost. What follows for the one who has received the gospel by faith alone is the act of living it out in his or her life. No one is saved except by grace, and no one can live his life in a way that is fruitful and pleasing to Jesus—except by grace. Ephesians 2:8-10: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it [salvation] is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *unto* [not “*by means of*”] good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” God’s grace is administered through the Holy Spirit to everyone who puts his faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of his sins—which Jesus covered—past, present, and future. Once that takes place, the Holy Spirit takes up residence within every believer (John 14:16-17) and enables him or her to live according to the teachings of God’s Word.

The life of a Christian is a miraculous affair. It is neither by one’s own might nor one’s own power but “by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

So, what exactly does the Holy Spirit supply for the believer in our Lord and Savior? That, of course, would take far more space than this article could supply. Romans chapter eight, however, gives us a number of things to consider. The Holy Spirit enables us to walk *not* after the flesh; to be spiritually minded; to experience life and peace; to please God; to experience His righteousness; to mortify the deeds of the body; to be led of the Spirit; to end our bondage to fear; to be helped in our infirmities; to aid us in our prayer life; to know the will of God, and to know that He makes intercession for us.

All of those things are truly wonderful, but if I were to select one verse in that chapter that encourages us in these days of rampant uncertainty among Christians, both those who are young in the faith and the older ones alike, it would be verse 16: “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of

God.” In times when our confidence wanes regarding our relationship with the Lord and His promises seem distant, it’s a blessing to know that the Holy Spirit is there to confirm the fact that we are indeed God’s children, and Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us! (Hebrews 13:5)

As God’s children, the Holy Spirit enables our lives to be fruitful: “But the *fruit of the Spirit* is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” And without His enablement, none of those virtues have eternal value.

Regarding the theme of these two articles, which again is getting back to biblical basics, the process of hearing, understanding, and believing *the gospel* is primary. “Faith cometh by *hearing, and hearing* by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an *understanding*, that we may *know Him* that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life” (1 John 5:20). “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).

Without a *biblical understanding* of the gospel, a person has no true basis for choosing to be saved. How can he know *why* he needs to be saved? Or know what he is being *saved from*? What of the consequences of being eternally separated from God? What of the horror of having to dwell in the blackness of darkness forever? What about suffering the vengeance of eternal fire? What of the Lake of Fire, where those who have

rejected the gospel are tormented day and night forever and ever?

These conditions are part of the penalty for sin (which Jesus paid in full for all mankind). That knowledge is significant when one has to make a choice regarding where he will spend eternity.

One’s choice also involves *knowing* what a person is *saved for*. Jesus Christ Himself suffered the punishment for the sins of humanity so that *all who accept His payment* for their sins will live in His presence forever. That involves living in a place where sin cannot enter. It’s a place where righteousness, joy, and peace abound and where there is no death, no sorrow, no pain, no tears.

Everyone’s temporal life consists of making choices. Some are of little significance while others, such as schools to attend, career decisions, marriage plans, where to live, home and auto purchases—all of these may have an impact on one’s life, and possibly even a major one. It’s rare that these matters are not given a great deal more consideration, because the outcome of an uninformed choice could have dire consequences.

Most people are aware of that and therefore perform due diligence in order to avoid a bad result. Tragically, however, most people do not apply the same criteria to where they will spend eternity.

What then of those who choose to accept the free gift of eternal life for which Jesus paid and that He offers to all who put

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their faith in Him? What is the (and I mean *the!*) basic, fundamental, and essential component of which a believer's life in Christ must consist?

The answer is love.

How fundamental is love in a Christian's life? There is nothing that a born-again Christian can do that has any eternal value whatsoever when love is not both the primary motivator and major ingredient.

That being true—which it is, according to the Word of God—why is it not being actually taught (rather than vaguely referred to) throughout Christendom? Why isn't it central in every sermon preached, including those churches that claim to be Bible-believing?

Perhaps you're thinking that I'm pushing this particular fundamental concept too hard. Well, in the light of Isaiah's inspired words, "Come now, and let us reason together" (1:18), let's start with what the Bible sets forth in its teaching regarding Christianity. It begins, as one would expect, with what Jesus called, "The first of all the commandments..." (Mark 12:29). Adding the second, He declared, "There is none other commandment greater than these." He seems to be laying the foundation of the faith for those who have committed to following Jesus. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke give slight variations of those commandments, and John supplies more details. The foundation is, of course, love.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus answered one of the scribes, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (12:30-31). Can everyone truly love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength?

I remember a time shortly after I accepted the gospel. I was formerly a Roman Catholic for thirty years. I had never read the Bible, but after being born again, I had an insatiable appetite to do so. At one point, however, I had to stop reading it and became horribly depressed. I had just finished reading Mark 12:30-31 and realized that I couldn't even obey the "first commandment"! I didn't love anyone more than myself—not my parents, not my sisters, not my wife, and certainly not God!

In a serious panic, I called my then new-friend-in-the-Lord, Dave Hunt. After describing in detail my emotional distress, there was what seemed to me like an unending silence on his part of the line.

His response shocked me. He exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!!" He then went on to explain that no one *in and by himself* can obey that commandment. It can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit working in us and through us. That was when I first learned that my life in Christ, or anyone else's life in Him, must be a miraculous endeavor. It also helped me to recognize the futility of my former Catholic years of self-efforts and works-salvation.

Dave made some thought-provoking points about the first and great commandment—points that may be found in our TBC archives: "If loving God with one's whole being is the greatest commandment, then not to do so must be the greatest sin—indeed, the root of all sin. How is it, then, that loving God, without which all else is but 'sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal' (1 Corinthians 13:1), is not even found in the course lists of our theological seminaries? How can it be that this 'first and great[est] commandment' is so neglected in the church?

"The sad truth is that among today's evangelicals, it is not loving and esteeming God but self-love and self-esteem that are presented as the pressing need! To love God with our whole heart, and our neighbors as ourselves, is not something we can produce by self-effort. Love for our fellows must be the expression of God's love in our hearts; nor can we love God except by coming to know Him as He is."

Dave continued, "Most of us have an all-too-shallow knowledge of God. Nor can our love for Him grow except from a deepening appreciation of His love for us—an appreciation that must include two extremes: 1) God's infinite greatness; and 2) our sinful, wretched unworthiness.

"That He, who is so high and holy, would stoop so low to redeem unworthy sinners supremely reveals and demonstrates His love. Such an understanding is the basis of our love and gratitude in return and will be the unchanging theme of our praise throughout all eternity in His glorious presence."

He added, "There can be no doubt that the clearer one's vision of God becomes, the more unworthy one feels, and thus the more grateful for His grace and love. Such has always been the testimony of men and women of God. Job cried out to God, 'I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor [hate] myself, and repent in dust and ashes'" (Job 42:5-6).

"Isaiah likewise lamented, 'Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts' (Isaiah 6:5)." Such recognition of their sin and unworthiness did not decrease but enhanced the saints' love for God and appreciation of His grace. The more clearly we see the infinite chasm between God's glory and our sinful falling short thereof (Romans 3:2), the greater will be our appreciation of His grace and love in bridging that gulf to redeem us. And the greater our appreciation of His love for us, the greater will be our love for Him.

Remember the woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair? We're told that she loved much because her many sins were forgiven.

Most of us are probably familiar with 1 John 4:19: "We love him, because he first loved us."

I used to think this meant that the Holy Spirit just zapped us with God's love and gave us the ability to love Him when we became believers. That's true to a degree, but loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength has to do with our *personal, intimate relationship* with Him. Although it's a commandment—and to fulfill it God's grace must certainly be involved—it's also a personal act on the believer's part. My "heart" has to be given to Jesus.

Solomon wrote, "My son, give me thine heart..." (Proverbs 23:26). That's what a love relationship with our Lord and Savior is all about. It's a willful action on a believer's part. So, how do we grow in loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? Obedience must be included. Jesus said in John 14:23, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." Yet, I believe 1 John 4:19 sets the course—at least it has for me. "We love Him, because He first loved us."

Think back to the last time you received communion (hopefully not too long ago) in obedience to His ordinance for remembering His atoning sacrifice for us. The more we remember and meditate upon what He has done for us, how could we not love Him more? And that's just one aspect of knowing Him. The better we know Him through His Word, the more His love for us becomes clearer to us.

My prayer is that we all will be led to revisit the biblical basics, beginning with the gospel, and thereby deepening our understanding of the "good news" as well as our ability to explain and share it with whomever the Lord gives us the opportunity to do so.

For those who have only a vague understanding regarding what it means to be saved, I pray the Holy Spirit will bring them to an assurance of their salvation through knowing without a doubt what they believe and why they believe it. Being unsure of the clear and uncomplicated gospel is not something to be taken lightly. It may be an indication of whether or not one who professes to know Jesus is truly saved.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: Could you please explain to me whether the soul and spirit are the same? If they are, why does the Word make a distinction between the two?

RESPONSE: First Thessalonians 5:23 clearly states, “I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless....” How might one differentiate between the soul and spirit? Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the “dividing asunder of soul and spirit.” There is a distinction between soul and spirit and it takes an extremely sharp (i.e., supernatural) instrument to discern it. Consequently, any attempt at human definition must fall short. The soul is said to include the mind, the will, and the emotions. Jesus, in His humanity, said that His soul was “exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death...” (Matthew 26:38. See also Job 10:1, Psalm 119:28, Zechariah 11:8, etc.).

Some might point out that Jesus was also troubled in His spirit: “When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you that one of you shall betray me” (John 13:21). It is clear that the spirit addresses issues beyond the mind, the will, and the emotions.

When He was dying on the Cross, Jesus committed His “spirit” into His Father’s hands (Luke 23:46). As for the human spirit, we know that at death it returns to the Lord who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:23). It was “souls” that stood before God. “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God” (Revelation 20:4). Although Scripture gives us no exact definitions of soul and spirit, from the verses quoted and many others, we are assured that they are different parts of the makeup of humans.

QUESTION: Recently I’ve been aware of a growing movement that I sense is slipping back into legalism—the modern Messianic congregations. There seems to be an underlying pride that sets them apart from converted Gentiles. They practice a lot of Jewish traditions woven into the Christian service. What do you think?

RESPONSE: Many congregations of Jewish believers are very biblical; but others have, as you suggest, fallen into legalism by putting themselves to some extent under the laws of Moses. Calling themselves “completed Jews” (an unbiblical term), they think it helps to adopt Old Testament Jewish customs. In contrast, the Bible says there is “neither Jew nor Gentile” (Galatians 3:28) in the church, but Christ has made from Jew and Gentile “one new man” (Ephesians 2:15).

Paul rebuked Peter for going back to Jewish separatism and for compelling “the Gentiles to live as do the Jews” (Galatians 2:14). The entire Epistle to the Galatians argues against any Christian, whether Jew or Gentile, observing the Old Testament Law. We have a higher standard: to be like Jesus by allowing Him to live His life through us. Jewish customs have no place in Christ’s church! The freedom we have in Christ from the Law of Moses and from Jewish legalism and customs was difficult for the first Jewish converts to accept. The apostles and elders gathered in Jerusalem to consider this issue and under God’s guidance declared that the Gentile believers were not under the Law (Acts 15).

What about Jewish believers? There is no difference (Romans 10:12) between them and Gentiles in Christ, for He has “broken

down the middle wall of partition” (Ephesians 2:14) between them, having “blotted out the handwriting of ordinances [the Law] that was against us...nailing it to his cross” (Colossians 2:14). Jews may honor their ancestral heritage (in the Passover, etc.) but must not mix Jewishness with faith in Christ. Messianic congregations who are trying to act Jewish need to heed Paul’s exhortation: “Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage [Law]” (Galatians 5:1).

QUESTION: I can’t reconcile Jeremiah’s statement that Jerusalem would be desolate for 70 years with history or the Bible. When did this 70-year period begin and end? Nor can I get it straight concerning Darius, Cyrus, the rebuilding of the temple in Ezra’s time, and the rebuilding of Jerusalem under Nehemiah.

RESPONSE: The entire subject of the the 70-year desolation of Jerusalem seems to contain several apparently hopeless contradictions. I have learned that God sometimes allows seeming contradictions to force us to dig deeper, often to have our faith strengthened in the end.

First of all, we encounter the apparent contradiction about the duration of Daniel’s time in Babylon. Daniel 10:1 says, “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel” If Daniel continued only unto the first year of Cyrus, how could he still be alive and receiving revelations in Cyrus’s third year? Obviously 10:1 can’t mean that Daniel died in the first year of Cyrus. The statement is made because it was in his first year that Cyrus allowed the Jews to return. Thus we are told that Daniel lived to see the return of the captives under Cyrus. That the first wave of captives returned in the first year of Cyrus is stated clearly in 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, and in Ezra 1:1-4, 5:13, and 6:3.

This brings us to what appears to be a hopeless contradiction, due to the fact that Cyrus II (Cyrus the Great) ruled from about 550-529 BC. The first year of his reign, in 550 BC, would be much too early for a return of the captives to Jerusalem if that indeed marked the end of the 70-year desolation thereof. Even if we count from the first carrying away of captives in Babylon in 605 BC, that gives only 55 years instead of the 70-year desolation of Jerusalem prophesied by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 25:3-11; Daniel 9:2). We could legitimately extend the period to the first year of his reign in Babylon, which he captured in 539 BC. This is undoubtedly when the decree was given and what is meant by “the first year” of his reign (he had no jurisdiction over the Jewish captives until then), but that would still leave us four years short of the necessary 70-year desolation.

It seems clear that the first wave of returnees to Jerusalem by Cyrus’s decree, resulting in the commencement of temple reconstruction, did not end the 70-year desolation. Eight years after the death of Cyrus, Daniel is still praying for the restoration of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:1-19) in the first year of Darius. Cyrus died in 529 BC and was succeeded by his son Cambyses, who in turn was surrounded by Darius in 521 BC (after an eight-month interlude of a usurper in 522 BC). So at least 18 years after the first wave of captives returned to Jerusalem and began to rebuild the temple, Daniel is still fervently praying for an end to the desolation of Jerusalem (Daniel 9).

LETTERS

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Dear TBC,

Thank you again for all you do. It would have been a good thing to know Berean Call back when I first got saved. It would have brought so much understanding from all the false occult fads that come into the churches, [who excuse them] by quoting, “God is doing a NEW THING” and getting away with so much false teaching and teachers. NC (email)

Dear The Berean Call,

Dad always said that “an expert is someone that knows more and more about less and less.” Some seem to be such accomplished experts today that they know everything about nothing. Thank you, Tom, for what you and Dave did in publishing *The Seduction of Christianity* so many years ago to wake Jesus’ bride up to what she was welcoming into her presence. Look up, our redemption draws nigh! CH (email)

Dear TBC,

I don’t know exactly what your doctrine is, but you are spot on about the pseudo church. Ecumenicalism is designed to destroy The Faith. You may be interested in a particular verse, Colossians 2:23, KJV: “Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.” “Will worship,” self-made religion, defined by the desires of the human will—which

amounts to nothing! This form of “worship” is accomplished “by self.” L (email)

Greetings,

Years ago, I was on your mailing list and always enjoyed the newsletter and shared it with others. You guys really taught me much, and I thank you. I still have photocopies of Dave Hunt’s article “Shameful Ironies” (February 2006) that I sometimes refer to and share with others. (Anonymous)

To Tom and all the Berean Call Staff,

We thank God for you all and pray for you each time we receive our *Berean Call* newsletter. About 24 years ago I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. A couple of years after that, my brother gave me a copy of *The Berean Call*, and I subscribed. Like other Berean Call critics, I felt that most of the articles seemed too harsh. I was so upset by one that I read, that I actually wrote you a letter, which I remember in part: “How about showing a little more grace and a little less truth?” or something like that.

It’s amazing how a few more years of walking with the Lord can open one’s eyes. I have learned that I must check my heart first before the Lord and make sure that the truth I speak is led by the Spirit. As you know, it’s not a popular stance to take. Shunning and persecutions come—even from professing believers, but we know we must stay steadfast and obedient to the Lord. It is our joy. We have been reading the newsletter for quite a few years now and not only enjoy the articles but are encouraged by them and we almost always say, “Yea and Amen.” CH (OR)

Dear TBC,

Bless you all for continuing to be faithful to “the Word”—no ifs, ands or buts. May the Holy Spirit give you all the strength, wisdom, and perseverance that we all need to the end. MA (MT)

To the Berean Call Staff,

Thank you for your God-honoring stand that you have always taken on God’s Word. In these days of political correctness, you have always displayed God’s correctness, so “thank you”! DH (MI)

TBC NOTES

2021 TBC Conference: *The Perfect Storm*

The staff and I are quite excited with how the conference content is shaping up. The theme is *The Perfect Storm*, which is what happens when diverse elements (that are not expected) come together to create a critically dangerous condition, especially on the high seas. There’s little doubt that the church is being subjected to that spiritual condition as the Apostasy increases.

One benefit of having the conference online is that we’re having ten speakers! We will miss fellowshiping in person here in Bend, but we hope that you will take this opportunity to hold a mini-conference of your own. Invite your friends, family, Bible study group, or church to gather together and enjoy the content we provide, along with the fellowship that you arrange.

To help increase discernment in the body of Christ, the conference will consist of ten talks, each one addressing a topic that is significant in regard to recognizing the heresies that make up the Apostasy. There will also be opportunities to submit questions related to each speaker, with answers coming later in a Q&A session.

Please pray that the Lord will use the conference to His glory and for the edification of all those who view the event.

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QUOTABLE

Anyone disputing the proven economic superiority of free enterprise over Marxism is denying the evidence of the past 70-plus years, during which Soviet-led international communism has failed completely to prove Marxist-Leninist theories. Nevertheless, capitalism will never defeat Communism, because the battle is a moral and spiritual one, which the West is ill-prepared to fight. “In God we trust,” once the genuine motto of America, has become for the majority of Americans an embarrassing carry-over of superstition from our forebears. We have doomed ourselves to the fate that William Penn prophesied: “If men will not be governed by God, then they must be governed by tyrants.”

—DAVE HUNT

(EXCERPT FROM *PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND THE COMING HOLOCAUST*)

NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

DAWKINS STRIPPED OF TOP HUMANIST AWARD

FORBES.COM, 4/20/21, "RICHARD DAWKINS STRIPPED OF TOP HUMANIST AWARD FOR USING SCIENCE TO 'DEMEAN MARGINALIZED GROUPS'" [EXCERPTS]: The American Humanist Association (AHA) has revoked its top "Humanist of the Year" honor from British biologist and noted atheist Richard Dawkins for the academic's history of demeaning marginalized groups under "the guise of scientific discourse," the group announced Monday, pointing to a recent statement that questions the validity of transgender people and suggests Black identity can be "assumed when convenient."

The group did not point to specific statements Dawkins has made, though did refer to the academic's recent call to "discuss" trans and Black identities.

Dawkins, an evolutionary biologist, Oxford academic and best-selling author, is no stranger to controversy, having become one of the most prominent faces of the New Atheist movement. His aggressive and blunt rhetoric has seen him accused of hate speech and led to some instances of no-platforming.

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FREEDOM FOR ALL MUSLIMS

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 5/18/21, "BIDEN: 'WE WILL SPEAK OUT FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR ALL [MUSLIM] PEOPLE'" [EXCERPTS]: In a world where religious persecution runs rampant, President Joe Biden has come out and forcefully condemned it. On May 16, he issued a brief video from the White House. Standing by the first lady, he said: "This administration will speak out for religious freedom for all people, including Uighurs in China and Rohingya in Burma. We also believe Palestinians and Israelis equally deserve to live in safety and security and enjoy equal measures of freedom, prosperity, and democracy. My administration is going to continue to engage Palestinians and Israelis and other regional partners to work toward sustained calm."

Biden always emphasizes the word "all"—as in "All people should be able to practice their faith with dignity";... "this administration will speak out for religious freedom for all people."

And yet, as the speech develops...it becomes clear who these "all" are: Muslims. Indeed, to anyone listening to the

president who doesn't know any better, it would seem that Muslims are being persecuted by non-Muslims—Israelis, Burmese, and Chinese—in an unprecedented manner. Once again, and as usual, the opposite is closer to reality.

A study published in January 2021 found, for example, that 13 Christians are killed for their faith every day around the world; 12 are illegally arrested or imprisoned; 5 are abducted, and 12 churches or other Christian buildings are attacked daily. Overall, 340 million Christians "suffer very high or extreme levels" of persecution—meaning they are harassed, beaten, raped, imprisoned, and/or slaughtered on sight.

The study also relayed another interesting fact: of the 50 worst persecuting nations, 39 were Muslim—meaning that nearly 80 percent of the persecution that hundreds of millions of Christians around the world experience is being committed by Muslims.

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THUNDER LIZARD HANDSTANDS

CREATION.COM, 1/1/21, "THUNDER LIZARD HANDSTANDS" [EXCERPTS]: More than 60 well-preserved footprints appear to show three sauropod dinosaurs "walking" in water, using their forelimbs only. Discovered in a limestone quarry in the Glen Rose Formation, Texas, the Coffee Hollow dinosaur tracksite consists of three parallel trackways heading in the same direction.

The tracks are shallow—only a few centimetres deep. Amazingly, these dinosaurs left tracks in the mud only with their forefoot. They left no trace of any print from their hindfoot.

The research team believes the layer was under water when the footprints were made. The layer directly above, which also filled the footprints, showed ripple marks. These in turn must have been buried soon after, to cement them in place before they could be erased.

The trackways fit well with the dinosaurs pulling themselves through the waters of the Noahic Flood some 4,500 years ago while trying to find dry land.

Shortly after leaving their forefoot impressions, these were covered quickly by another layer of sediment, preserving the sauropods' watery interaction.

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JOIN US! FOR OUR 2021 ONLINE BIBLE CONFERENCE – AUG 26-28TH

SINCE WE WON'T be meeting in Bend this year, we hope that you will consider joining us at The Berean Call in a new way. We're encouraging our audience to host a "Do Your Own Conference Watch Party"! TBC will provide just about everything you'll need to promote your party, and you can supply whatever else you might need or want for a successful gathering.

Invite friends, family, your Bible Study group, or even your whole church! Everyone will be able to watch the conference while it's "live" or anytime thereafter. All of the conference talks will be posted to various platforms online, and DVDs will be available also, so no one needs to miss out on anything!

We're very excited about our lineup of godly speakers this year—Rob Congdon, Greg Durel, Brother Elijah, Dave Hunt, T.A. McMahon, Rod Page, Jay Seegert, Carl Teichrib, Don Veinot, and Mike Warren. All of the speakers' bios, topics, and speaking times can be found on our website. Go to www.thebereancall.org/conference.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him (Isaiah 59:19). We hope to see you soon!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND TALKS:

Thursday - August 26

4:00 pm Don Veinot - *Paul's Last Words to the Last Days' Deception*

5:30 pm Carl Teichrib - *Are You a Good Global Citizen? Promoting One World*

7:00 pm Brother Elijah - *Global Challenges to the Gospel*

Friday - August 27

4:00 pm Greg Durel - *Ecumenism Personified*

5:30 pm Jay Seegert - *Must Christianity Bow to "Settled Science"?*

7:00 pm Dave Hunt - *Israel: What's Biblical and What's Not Biblical?*

Saturday - August 28

2:30 pm Mike Warren - *A Tale of Two Churches*

4:00 pm Rob Congdon - *Stop Stupid! Lawlessness and Apostasy in the Church*

5:30 pm Rod Page - *The New Apostolic Reformation*

7:00 pm T. A. McMahon - *Counseling in the Church: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*

All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

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Brother Elijah: "Ominous Signs— Real Threats to the Global Church" Part 1 and Part 2.

Carl Teichrib: "The Challenge of Re-Enchantment," and "Ambassadors in Changing Times."

Jay Seegert: "Creation in Six Days? A Biblical & Scientific Analysis," "Evolution: Probable or Problematic?," "Creation vs Evolution: The Cases from Science," "Scientific Evidence for the Inspiration of the Bible," "This Changes All: Flood in the Book of Genesis," "Christianity, Logic, and Science," and "Genesis and the Authority of Scripture."

Rob Congdon: "New Calvinism's Upside-Down Gospel," "Oops! I Thought I Was a Four-Point Calvinist," "The Tumbling of TULIP," "God and Magog," and "New Calvinism: Its Present Impact and Its Future Impact."

Mike Warren: "The True Heart of the True Believer," "God's Word Versus the Teachings of Man," and "Contending for the Faith."

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