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

The Importance of Fundamentalism — Part Two

T. A. McMahon

DURING ONE OF the Apostle Paul’s missionary trips he entered the Greek city of Berea. There he preached in the synagogue of the Jews. Luke, writing in the book of Acts, points to Paul’s experience there, commending the Jews (17:10-11) for being noble minded. Why? Because they listened to what Paul had to say, and *they searched the Scriptures daily* to see if what he was saying was true to the Old Testament prophecies. Many, therefore, believed on Jesus as their Messiah because He had fulfilled what God’s Word declared they were to look for regarding their coming Savior.

The New Testament not only contains the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, but it also continually explains and clarifies the fundamental gospel. Let’s start with a verse that for most of us was one of the very first that we learned: John 3:16, which says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

This verse is loaded with information. First of all it begins with repentance. Although it is not stated directly, it is more than implied. Repentance means turning to God, and one cannot “believeth” in the Son without turning to Him. The verse also gives the “why” (because of God’s love) and the “what” (God the Father sent His Son Jesus) of the gospel. Furthermore, it indicates that those who do not believe in Him will perish. That condition is underscored in John 3:36: “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Dave Hunt, who is now home with the Lord, wrote: “In Hebrews 2:3 the vital question is asked, ‘How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?’ There is no escape. The Bible makes that solemn fact abundantly clear. To reject or add to or take from or otherwise pervert or embrace a substitute for ‘the gospel of God’ is to perpetuate the rebellion begun by Adam and Eve and to leave one eternally separated from God and under His wrath. No wonder Paul wrote, ‘knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . .’ (2 Cor 5:11). So must we persuade through the gospel.”

In order to do that effectively we must *know it well*. This has tremendous benefits, going far beyond being merely an encouragement to witness. For one thing, it strengthens us in the faith for which Jude exhorts us to earnestly contend. It also enables us to be steadfast in the gospel “wherein ye stand” and “by which also ye are saved” (1 Cor 15:1-2). This is all the more important in our day, which Jesus characterized in Matthew 24 as a time of increasing apostasy and deception.

Again, here is more scriptural insight from Dave Hunt: “[The gospel] is simple and precise, leaving no room for misunderstanding or negotiation: ‘ . . . that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures’ (1 Cor 15:3-4). This ‘everlasting gospel’ (Rev 14:6) was promised ‘before the world began’ (2 Tm 1:9) and cannot change with time and culture. There is no

other hope for mankind, no other way to be forgiven and brought back to God, except through this ‘strait gate and narrow way’ (Mt 7:13). Any broader road leads to [eternal] destruction. The one true ‘gospel of God’s grace,’ which God offers as our *only* salvation has three basic elements:

- 1) Who Christ is—fully God and perfect, sinless man in one person (were He less He couldn’t be our Savior);
- 2) Who we are—hopeless sinners, already condemned to eternal death (or we wouldn’t need to be saved); and
- 3) What Christ’s death accomplished—the payment of the full penalty for our sins (any attempt by us to pay in any way rejects the Cross).”

I’m going to share a list that includes various descriptions of the gospel, which is the good news of what Jesus has accomplished in order to save us from an eternity of separation from God forever.

In Acts 16:30, the Philippian jailer cried out, “What must I do to be saved?” The response to that simple question (v. 31) was equally simple: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” Notice that nothing in that response even hints at anything other than *belief*. No good works, no rituals, no sacraments. Nothing but faith—and faith alone.

Ephesians 2:8-9: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Some are confused by Ephesians 2:10, where it says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *unto good works* [italics added], which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” They erroneously *add* good works as a condition of salvation, reading into the verse that we are saved *by good works*. No, that’s not what it says! It says *unto* and *for* good works in the KJV and NKJV. Moreover, that would contradict Ephesians 2:9, which declares that salvation is “not of works.” Moreover, no one can do “good works” that have any eternal value *until after* he or she is saved.

Most of us, I’m sure, are familiar with the verses I’ve mentioned, but there are many others that we may not think about that also relate to the gospel—literally hundreds more! I don’t know of a greater encourager, a better confidence builder in the faith, along with the experience of a more profound sense of awe and thankfulness for what Jesus has done for us than to simply read and allow these gospel-related verses speak to our hearts and minds. Here are just a few of them:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Acts 2:21)

To [Jesus] give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. (Acts 10:43)

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . (Rom 5:1)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the

dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (Rom 10:8-11)

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (1 Cor 1:17-18)

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Cor 5:21)

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. (Gal 1:3-4)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. (Eph 1:6-7)

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)... (Eph 2:5)

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby... (Eph 2:13, 14, 16)

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. (Eph 5:1-2)

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight. (Col 1:20-22)

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. (1 Thes 5:9-10)

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. (1 Tm 1:15-16)

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar [special] people, zealous of good works. (Ti 2:13-14)

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice

and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Ti 3:3-7)

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit... (1 Pet 3:8)

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince [ruler] of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood... (Rev 1:5)

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation... (Rev 5:9)

Those are just a few of the hundreds presented throughout Scripture. Sometimes there are phrases that jump out at me when I'm searching for other teachings. For example, I may have been looking for verses that encourage discernment among church leaders, such as in Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God," and I read "which he hath purchased with his own blood." Wow! I can't help being reminded that this is the Creator of the Universe, who became a man, and purchased *us*—you and me—by paying the full penalty for our sins on the cross!

As Charles Wesley wrote in one of his hymns, "Amazing love, how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me?" That, as I mentioned earlier, is so profound a love, and it may take an eternity to plumb its wonderful depths. Yet in this day of pervasive false teaching and skepticism, some would question this, asking, "If Jesus paid the full penalty for the sins of the world, why isn't everyone saved?" A popular heresy, in fact, brought to us by the book and the movie, *The Shack*, teaches universalism, the belief that everyone ends up in heaven no matter what.

Christ did indeed pay for every sin, past, present, and future. He "gave himself a ransom for all... ye are bought with a price" (1 Tim 2:6; 1 Cor 7:23). That payment would be like a check that's made out to each and every individual. It has his or her name on it, but if the check isn't cashed, it has no value.

The gospel, as mentioned earlier, cannot be received without repentance. That does not mean "cleaning up one's life" before turning to Jesus. That would be impossible. The lost have no power to do so. Sanctification can only be accomplished after becoming a believer and through the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within every born-again Christian. Repentance simply involves a change of heart, desiring to turn from one's own way and looking to God in order to do things His way. His way is the *only way* to be saved. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (Jn 14:6). Simply believing and receiving what Jesus has done for us is the way that the check may be cashed. This is the way—the *only way*—for one to receive the free gift of eternal life.

I hope that everyone reading this has understood the fundamental truth of the gospel and has "cashed that check" or is now ready to do so. I pray that if you've never humbly given your life to Jesus but realize that He's been preparing your heart even as you read the words in these Scriptures, that you find that you're ready to do so now.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: I want to thank you for your newsletter and radio programs. They have been a great encouragement to me to take the Bible more seriously. I especially like what comes off as a genuine enthusiasm, a real love, for the Scriptures. But I'm curious. Do you recommend a certain way of studying the Bible?

RESPONSE: Our recommendation is to just start reading it. And read it, and read it, and read it—certainly with a prayerful heart, a sincere heart, a heart that wants to do what it says, but read it! Get familiar with it (2 Tm 2:15) and ask the Holy Spirit for understanding (Jn 16:13).

As you read the Scriptures, you will inevitably come across something that provokes curiosity: "What does that mean?" So then, you're going to have to probe deeper. You need to compare Scripture with Scripture. We believe that the Bible is its own best commentary. *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and a good Bible dictionary, such as *Vine's*, which is keyed to *Strong's Concordance*, are excellent helps along the way. Using these tools, one can see where else in Scripture a certain word has been used and begin to understand the context.

The Bible is a deep book, and we'll never get to the bottom of it. But let's not read it superficially—let's work at understanding the depths of what it says.

We need to read the whole Bible. We can't just know a few verses here and there; we shouldn't have only a couple of favorite places in the Bible that we like to read over and over again. We need to know it from Genesis to Revelation. This takes time and diligence, but the more you study it, the more you will see! This is God's Word. And it really speaks to our hearts—it draws us into a deeper understanding.

QUESTION: I have been born again for 20-some years and began taking an [exercise] class about four years ago. My teacher is a self-proclaimed gay man. I struggle with supporting him even in a small way. He does sometimes question me about Bible issues, [and] I never back down but quote the verses that condemn homosexuality. Am I wrong taking lessons from him?

RESPONSE: To begin, we shall be praying that the Lord will give you wisdom and discernment as you seek to witness for Him.

In 1 Corinthians 5:9-10 we are told, "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: *Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world*, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; *for then must ye needs go out of the world.*" (Emphasis added)

Verses 11-12 of that passage tell us that we are not to continue to fellowship *with those within the body of Christ* who continually engage in immoral behavior but that they are to be judged. On the other hand, the scripture tells us that to avoid those who are not believers and are living contrary to the Bible would be impossible. As long as we are in this world, we will be in contact with sinful people. We may have no idea whether the grocers, repairmen, service personnel, doctors, et al., are engaged in homosexuality, or are drunks, fornicators, extortionists, or involved in any other immoral behavior. If we use the opportunity of this contact to share the gospel, who knows what seeds we may sow for His kingdom? You say that you have had liberty to share Scripture with this man. Isaiah 55:11 tells us that God's Word shall not "return unto [Him] void, but it shall accomplish that which [He] please[s], and it shall prosper in the thing whereto [He] sent it."

To sum up, because we will have some contact with those who continually practice sin, we must be prepared to share the gospel, to pray for them, and to trust the Lord to give the increase.

QUESTION: If unbelievers do not have the Holy Spirit, how do they get answers from God? Are they not separated from God, as Romans says? How do they go to the throne of grace with their petitions? Please explain, because I had always learned that the only prayer an unsaved person could make was one related to salvation, yet in 1 Kings 8:39, God is talking to Israel and to pagans as well.

RESPONSE: Unbelievers have no access to God to have their "petitions" fulfilled by Him. Furthermore, rarely would they turn to Him (in whom they don't believe) unless they were in a life or death situation in which only a miracle would help them. As you point out, the only prayer the unsaved can make is a prayer of repentance. Man is separated from God by his sin. It is not surprising that some pray to Mary, the "saints," or other deities. Even the religious counselors of King Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged, "There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh" (Dn 2:10-11).

On the other hand, God does intervene in the life of an unbeliever for His own sovereign purpose, to draw someone whom He knows will repent and come to Him, and in answer to the intercessory prayers of believers praying specifically for the salvation of unbelievers. In Scripture we see examples of individuals such as Hagar, weeping over her inability to protect the life of her son, Ishmael (Gn 21:14-19), though previously God had already heard and responded to her "affliction" (Gn 16:11). God had not only protected him (21:19-21), but God blessed Ishmael exceedingly (Gn 16:10-11).

The people of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah with the hope that Nineveh might be spared (Jon 3:5-10). God, in His mercy, did not destroy the city of Nineveh as He had threatened. The people of Nineveh may not have approached God as the Scriptures demanded, but they did know what repentance was.

In 1 Kings 8:38-39 we read, "What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men)."

Solomon is interceding for Israel and acknowledges the necessity of "knowing the affliction of his own heart...." Consequently, we see examples such as Cornelius the Roman centurion who met the Lord in Acts 10:4: "And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

In 1 Peter 3:12, Peter writes, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Again, the testimony in Scripture is clear, as in Psalm 34:17-18: "The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

The mercy of God is such that in Psalm 51:17, we also see, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

LETTERS

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Dear Berean Call,

I have recently finished reading Dave Hunt's book, *Sanctuary of the Chosen*. What a book from beginning to end—exciting and scary. As a Christian, I realize that many of the happenings in your book are true and frightening at times, especially when so many cannot see what is going on, even in their own countries. I will be passing your book on to help people try to realize what will happen, not to scare but to prepare them to trust our Heavenly Father for our eternal future. BS (New Zealand)

Dear TBC,

Back in the March newsletter T. A. had a "sidebar" column entitled, "Weaning Ourselves off Ourselves." Boy, did that hit me right between the eyes. More and more I had begun to get the feeling over the last few months that my "problem" with the church I was attending had a lot less to do with *them* and the one

part of doctrine that I parted ways with them over—and everything to do with me, myself, and I.

Then came the April newsletter article "Can't Find a Church?" As I read it and in conjunction with what T. A. had said in the [TBC Notes], all I could think of, over and over, was "guilty as charged." I have been so wrapped up in "my needs" and what I was looking for was to "get out of" the church. I had failed to consider how I might be of service. I had been taking and being fed, and giving back nothing. This was a hard truth to swallow.

The good news is I returned to the little local church...they all welcomed me back. I know that the last several months I have been going through some very tough personal struggles and I believe that a lot of my struggle could have been lessened if I had gone back sooner. MC (NH)

Dear TA and Everyone at TBC,

We cannot express our gratitude and thankfulness enough for your ministry—So thankful that you all carry on even after the death of Dave Hunt. Our family enjoys reading the newsletter every month and appreciates the way it keeps us alert to the many false teachings that are creeping in!

Keep up the good work, and may God strengthen, encourage, comfort, and protect you as you keep pressing on. MP (WA)

Dear TBC,

I have just received and read your latest article, "The Importance of Fundamentalism." In it you explain the fundamentals of the Gospel, and, in my opinion, left out one of the fundamentals of the Gospel. I am talking about repentance. I am a pastor and have preached for years and have recently come to realize that I have been weak on this in the past. I have appreciated your ministry very much over the years. May the Lord bless the Berean Call ministry. PS (email)

Dear TBC,

John Wesley preached a sermon at Bristol, England, in 1740 called "Free Grace." It is one of the finest anti-Calvinist sermons that I have ever read. It explains the words, phrases, and terms that Calvinists use to deceive the hearts and souls of men. This sermon and Dave Hunt's books *Honest Doubts* and *What Love Is This?* are "must reads."

Also, Lighthouse Trails ministry is another, just like The Berean Call, that is faithful and preaches scriptural truth. JW (KY)

QUOTABLE

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

—ISAIAH 53:6

Here we have the entire story of the Bible epitomized: man's ruin both by nature and practice; and God's marvelous and all-sufficient remedy. The verse begins with *all* and ends with *all*. An anxious soul was directed to this passage and found peace. Afterward he said, "I bent low down and went in at the first *all*. I stood up straight and came out at the last." The first is the acknowledgment of our deep need. The second shows how fully that need has been met in the cross of Christ. Happy to be numbered among those who have put in their claim and found salvation through the atoning work which there took place!

—H. A. IRONSIDE

TBC NOTES

A Great Opportunity!

As most of our readers know, Dave Hunt's novel *The Mind Invaders* was selected by Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) as one of "America's 100 most-loved books brought to you by The Great American Read." We are thrilled for the book to be included among such classic works as *Moby Dick*, *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *Jane Eyre*, *Don Quixote*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *War and Peace*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and many more.

We have been getting calls from libraries around the country asking for copies of *The Mind Invaders*. This is wonderfully encouraging to those of us who are always looking for tools to use in witnessing to the lost. Dave's intriguing novel is loaded with biblical content, including a clear gospel message along with examples of the way that Christians should go about dealing with the issues of life through prayer. All of this is set in a highly dramatic fictional story involving psychic powers, UFOs, demons posing as extra-dimensional beings, etc., and reflecting how true believers might cope with the increasing deceptions that God's Word warns will take place as the return of Jesus draws near.

So what's the "great opportunity" for you? PBS is asking everyone to vote for his or her favorite book on the list. One vote per day is the rule. The voting ends in October. If the Lord puts it upon your heart, maybe you could "beat the drum" for Dave's book by encouraging friends, relatives, members of your church, your prayer or Bible study group or by any other means that the Lord brings to your mind—to vote. This is definitely a unique opportunity to reach out to unbelievers with a tool for drawing them to the true God.

Here is a link to show you how to vote: <https://goo.gl/R7Mwb2>

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NEWSWATCH

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

AUSTRIA MAY REGISTER JEWS TO BUY KOSHER

WASHINGTONPOST.COM, 7/20/18, "AUSTRIAN STATE WANTS TO FORCE MEAT-CONSUMING JEWS AND MUSLIMS TO REGISTER, DRAWING NAZI COMPARISONS" [EXCERPTS]: Nazi comparisons have become so frequent around the world that they rarely draw attention these days. But in Adolf Hitler's birth country, Austria, they can still strike a nerve.

They certainly did so this week, after Jewish organizations criticized the far-right Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ), the ruling coalition party in the state of Lower Austria, over a proposal that would require Jews to register with the government if they seek to purchase kosher meat.

"This constitutes an attack on Jewish and Muslim life," the Berlin-based American Jewish Committee wrote in a response. "Soon with a star on the chest?" the Jewish advocacy group asked, referring to the Star of David badges that Jews were forced to wear during parts of the Nazi era. Striking a similar tone, Vienna's Israeli Cultural Community association branded the law proposal an "Aryan paragraph."

Austria's FPÖ has had a number of Nazi scandals in recent years and has been accused of stirring anti-Semitic sentiments, but this time the right-wing populists say they have been treated unfairly by their critics. "This law proposal dates back to 2017, when it was drafted by the Social Democrat during his last days in office," Alexander Murlasits, an FPÖ spokesman, told *The Washington Post* on Thursday. "All we're doing now is to follow the rules. This is absolutely not about religion—it's about animal protection."

(<https://goo.gl/TWeMig>)

MORE EVIDENCE LUCY WAS JUST AN APE

ICR.ORG, 7/11/18, "MORE EVIDENCE LUCY WAS JUST AN APE" [EXCERPTS]: Certain evolutionary scientists have talked of Lucy since the 1970s as a supposed ape-like ancestor of humans. It's probably the world's most famous extinct ape....Scientists recently described a tiny foot from a toddler of this extinct species. But this foot looks like an ape's, which clearly clashes with the LiveScience article title, "Ancient Human Ancestors Had to Deal with Climbing Toddlers."

Zeresenay Alemseged from the University of Chicago...told LiveScience that the big toe on the fossil's post-it-note-size

foot did not stick out to the side like it does in modern chimps, but was curved inward like today's tree-climbing apes. The study authors speculated that Lucy's kind could grasp and climb tree branches with its feet.

So why call it a human ancestor if it possessed non-human feet?

Even before this new foot description, some evolutionists—depending on which expert is consulted—have concluded that the Lucy type was just an ape kind. The late British zoologist Solly Zuckerman declared, "They are just apes."

Evolutionists don't all agree that Lucy was a human ancestor, because not one of its ape-shaped bones was shaped exactly like the corresponding bone in a human body. So, both anatomy and evolutionary disagreement had already debunked Lucy as any kind of human ancestor. This new foot fossil kicks that concept even further to the curb.

(<https://goo.gl/RxsjPB>)

PATRICK OUT OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

ONENEWSNOW.COM, 7/19/18, "LGBT DE-CHRISTIANIZING ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE" [EXCERPTS]: Organizers of the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade have started a movement to drop "Patrick."

Ironically, organizers in 1995 won a United States Supreme Court decision allowing them to keep homosexual organizations out of the parade.

"Then, when Boston Mayor Marty Walsh becomes mayor in 2014, you see this campaign of intimidation against parade organizers, threats of boycotts of the parade by both sponsors and politicians, threats to withhold city parade permits, [and] claims the Boston police cannot protect them from violent disruption," [Catholic leader C.J.] Doyle pointed out.

And the campaign worked. This year, Bryan Bishop of the homosexual activist group that lost the court decision is the parade's director of operations.

"The people who now run the parade and the people who are showcased in the parade – these homosexual groups – not only repudiate the moral code of St. Patrick, but they castigate that moral code as bigotry and prejudice and hatred and homophobia," [Doyle] asserted.

Catholic groups – for the most part – no longer take part, save one New Hampshire Catholic high school.

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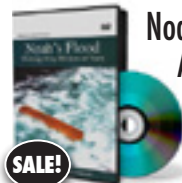
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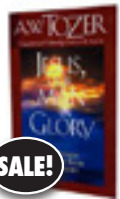
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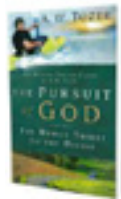
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