

THE EASTSIDE EDIFIER

"So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another." (Romans 14:19)

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors:

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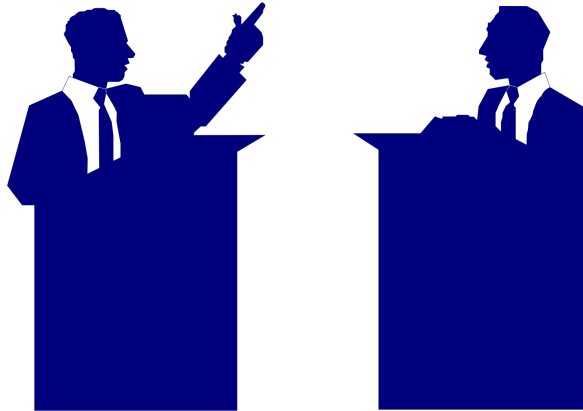
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Five Day Bible Reading Schedule

Week 13

- 1) Deuteronomy 27-31; Luke 12
- 2) Deut 32-34; Psalm 13; Luke 13
- 3) Joshua 1-4; Psa 143; Luke 14
- 4) Joshua 5-8; Psalm 14; Luke 15
- 5) Joshua 9-13; Luke 16

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9:30 Bible Class; 10:30
Worship/Lord's Supper
Wednesday: 7:00 PM
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How To See Eye to Eye Religiously

Mark White

Why do some people not see religious things the way we see them? Why is there so much difference between what we teach and what the denominations profess? Do we not all have the same Bible? Are we not all trying to serve the same God? Do we not all believe in the same Savior? These are perplexing questions, and they are not easily answered to everyone's satisfaction.

Basically, our understanding of the Scriptures differs from the majority of the religious world because we operate on a different principle of interpretation. To most religious people "truth" is relative, adjusting freely to different times and circumstances. For us, however, truth is truth. It is unalterable, unchangeable, and everlasting. But did "we" just arbitrarily decide this would be our regard for truth? Not at all. God's own word boldly claims "thy word is truth" (John 17:17) and "the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth." (Psalm 33:4) While there are scoffers at the idea of absolute truth, we accept Bible teaching that such does exist, and we are determined to know it. Pilate's piercing question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) was prompted by these words from Jesus: "I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

This then, is the basis upon which we may come to see religious matters alike. There must be a commitment to the same standard of truth. No one would ever attempt to use differing standards of measurement if building a house, marking off a football field, or sewing a garment. This would guarantee error and disaster. Twelve inches must equal one foot on all our rulers if we desire uniformity. There must be a healthy regard and respect for the Bible on

News & Notes

Sick:

Prayer Request: *Kim Hays's* son (*Dakota Clark*). ~ *Angela Frank's* niece, Brittany and her little girl, Cara. ~ *Angela Frank's* niece, *Makenzie Stovall*. ~ *Mildred McGaha's* dealing with Alzheimer's disease. ~ Keep *Thomas LeRoy* in your prayers as he is going through a difficult spiritual battle. ~ Karen Daniel's friend, *Bill Miller* is battling cancer. ~ A friend of the Hilliards, *Carolyn Grinnell*, was diagnosed with B-cell lymphoproliferative disorder. She will undergo monthly infusions for the next two years. She is 82 years old. **UPDATE:** *Ms. Grinnell passed away last week. The funeral is set for April 2 in North Carolina.* ~ *Anthony Hilliard*, Paul's brother, has been in the hospital with COVID and pneumonia, he is home now and using oxygen from time to time. Slowly getting better. ~ *Sandra Ponders*, JA Sharp's sister, was recently diagnosed with ALS. She is 68 years old. They are taking one day at a time. ~ *Brandon Miller*, Christian in Huntsville, friend of Penders, is fighting cancer. ~ *Lori Callahan's Aunt Ola*, Is home recovering from pulmonary fibrosis.

SERVING THE WEEK OF MARCH 27:

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Singing: Marc Austin

Prayer: Jake Vance

Lesson: Aaron Andrews

Sunday 10:30 AM

Announcements/Scripture Reading:

Jay Vance (*Isaiah 29:1-14*)

Opening Prayer: Steve Daniel

Song Leader: Marc Austin

Lord's Supper: Lead - Rick Pender

Assisting - Marc Austin, Robbie Callahan

Lesson: Aaron Andrews

Closing Prayer: Felipe Benavides

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Rick Pender

Invitation: Aaron Andrews

Closing Prayer: Robbie Callahan

the part of every religious person in order for understanding to occur. Without this common devotion to God's word, all efforts to see things the same will fail. In order to come to agreement on matters essential to salvation, we must begin where we agree. From this point we must study the Scriptures, resolving differences as we go along. Major problems of difference are solved in small steps, and then we can be united in Christ. But we will never see things the same if we cannot agree on the existence, necessity, and location of the truth.

No Bible discussion is profitable unless every participant is a truth seeker. If everyone concerned really wants the truth, then coming to an agreement and an understanding of truth will be achievable. Believe it or not, it is possible to discuss religious differences without becoming rude or creating hurt feelings. People who love the truth are not concerned with who is right, but with what is right. Every truth seeker is willing to surrender any position if it is false. There is no other honorable course for an honest man. An honest man will seek the truth, and when he finds it he will believe it. "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23). (END)

ADDITIONAL NOTES