

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Trevor; Irene.

Eric and Family.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Blossom and her Family

Those have Fallen
Away

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

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Sacred vs. Profane

In Leviticus 10:10,11 God, after the fiery death of Nadab and Abihu, teaches an important lesson to Aaron regarding coming before God. We read, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations: And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean." The prohibition against alcoholic beverages was for a specific reason so that Aaron and his sons would know how to tell the difference between the holy and the profane. Ezekiel instructs the priests in his day to observe this same distinction.

We read in Ezekiel 44:23 "And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean." God was concerned that the people understand the difference between the holy and the unholy, between the sacred and the profane.

The New Testament reflects this teaching as well, although not couched in such specific words.

In the Greek New Testament the adjective "holy" and the verb "sanctify" are all from the same stem-word, "hāg—" which has the idea of being set apart for a special purpose. When God sets something apart for a special purpose, it is divinely sanctified—

divinely holy.

God spells out some things that are holy—that are sanctified. In Romans 1:2 we see that the scriptures are holy; they are set apart by God for a special purpose (see also 2 Timothy 3:15).

In Ephesians 5:27 we read that the church is holy. In Hebrews 7:26 we read that we have a holy High Priest. And in the epistles of Peter, we read that Christians are to be holy and that they are a holy nation (1 Peter 1:15, 16 and 1 Peter 2:9). God is still concerned about holiness in His people today.

God is still concerned with those who profane holy things. We read in 1 Timothy 1:9 and 2 Timothy 3:2 that there are some men who are unholy. We also read in Hebrews 10:29 that holy people can profane themselves and regard the blood of Christ profane by rejecting it. God still maintains the distinction between the holy and the unholy—between the sacred and the profane. Having these things in mind, we ask the question, what does God think about those who profane holy things today?

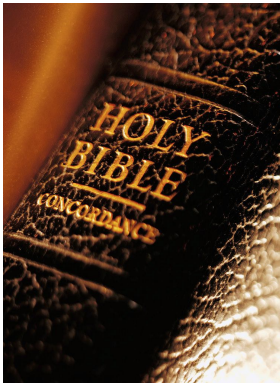
We hear the reply loud and clear—it is unacceptable! It is wrong! It is evil to take that which is sacred and turn it into something that is profane! To which we give a **r e s o u n d i n g , A m e n !** Now, let's make application of this principle.

The name of God is holy and

sacred. Yet, there are some who profane it by bringing it down to every day ordinary use. We profane God's name when we use it in an unholy way. The church that Christ built and for which he died (Acts 20:38) is a holy and sacred thing. Yet, when people regard the church as merely a social club or fraternity setting; when people ignore the call to assembly as if it were just an optional matter, they profane that which is holy. The worship of the church is a holy and sacred thing. When men bring in additions to the worship; when they neglect the specified aspects of worship; when men do not worship in spirit and in truth, they profane that which is holy.

But just as it is wrong to make profane that which is holy, it is equally as wrong to attempt to make holy that which is profane. Some today take ordinary every day water and try to make it holy. Some take ordinary buildings and houses which are profane and try to make them holy. Some take profane words (words uttered by men) and try to make them holy (1 Corinthians 1:18-31). Some even take profane music (instrumental music) and try to make it holy (by singing holy words). Now, it is not wrong to drink water, live in a house, study men's words, or to listen to music. These things are all GOOD in their context. **CON**————

Bible Studies for the Week of March 23rd 2008



AM Sermon Time to change your Name (**Ricci**)
 Scripture Reading for Sermon..... Genesis 35:1-15.
 Adult Bible Study..... Ecclesiastes (**Ricci**)
 Scripture Reading for service 2 Kings 23:21-30: Rev.16
 Sunday School Class No Details Given
 Thursday Bible Class Daniel (**Trevor**)
 Ladies Bible Class Soup Kitchen
 Sunday Night Bible Class.....

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However, to attempt to make any of these profane things holy, is an affront to God. All such attempts to make holy the profane, fail and show a disrespect and irreverence toward things that God HAS made holy. God is a holy God and we are to be a holy people. Let us respect the holy as holy and let us leave the profane as profane. “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18).

The hope, which a Christian possesses, is far greater in substance than mere wishful thinking. The writer of the Hebrews letter said, “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evi-

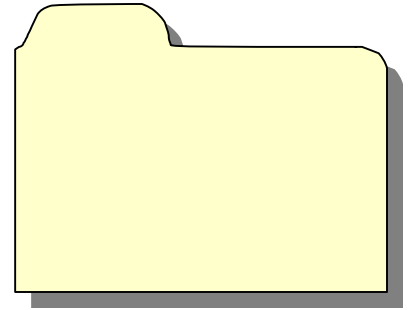
Christian Hope

dence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, who had been “called to be saints.” “For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it” (Romans 8:24-25). That is why Christians base their hope on the substance of faith and their faith on evidence. The word hope comes into comparison with such words as desire, expect, anticipate, wait, and look for. My hope is weak if these aspects of my hope are weak. The apostle Paul wrote, “But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city” (Hebrews 11:16). Again, “According to my earnest expectation and my

hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death” (Philippians 1:20). Further: “For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come” (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10). **Finally:** “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:13-14). The word hope and comparable terms are used in the Bible to contrast it with despair. CON>>>>>

For The Files: Week Beginning March 16th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	12
Sunday AM Worship	28
Sunday School	2
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month	
Thursday Evening Study	12
Contribution	£159.00
Budget	£100.00.



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The apostle Paul continues to admonish the Galatians: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). He is saying to them, in farm language, that in preparing the soil for the sowing of the seed and spending the growing season in watering and cultivating the crop that they should not become weary and faint, because their hope will be realized in the fall at the time of gathering and harvesting the produce.

The Christian's hope becomes "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). When Robert Owen visited Alexander Campbell at his farm in Bethany, Campbell took Owen out to the pasture to show him his prized cattle. Owen pointed out one of the calves and said to Campbell: "I am just like that animal, neither of us has any fear of death." "Yes." replied Campbell, "but neither of you has hope." Brother N.B. Hardeman would describe hell to his Bible class

as a "place where hope is a stranger and mercy has never been found."

The Christian's hope is built upon the desire and expectation that God can and will keep his promise (Titus 1:2; 1 Corinthians 13:7; 1 Peter 3:15

Sadness!

Brethren it was with great sadness that I lost my Auntie last Saturday. Shirley as some of you well know was a lovely, kind hearted lady. She loved her visits to Summer Lane and always commented on how kind hearted you all were to her.

We would like to thank those of you who kept her and us in your prayers. On Tuesday 25th at 3pm I will be taking the service at Robin hood Crematorium. You are very welcome to attend.

Could There Be a Connection?

For years it was illegal to teach the Bible in the Soviet Union. Violators risked being subjected to "re-education." If Soviet children were taught to revere anything, it was the Soviet State and its leaders.

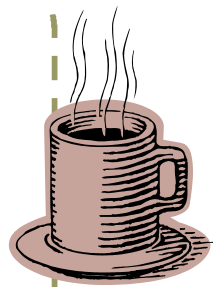
But things are changing, as you know, in the former "Evil Empire." Thousands of Bibles are being distributed in Moscow's Gorky Park, in prisons, and in schools. School children are given Bibles in St. Petersburg. "We've had the Bibles in the classroom for one month," enthuses the mayor, "and have already seen a change among the children."

Children are given a Bible to read, and their behaviour improves. This is about as shocking as hearing expletives in rap music! And here's the irony. While Russia begins to allow Bibles into classrooms, **Britain** appears to increasingly view the Bible as contraband literature. And we, too, see the ill effects of this philosophy. school children bring knives to school for their own protection.

Over half of sixteen-year-olds are sexually active, and as a consequence, the 21st Century's most fearsome plague runs riot. Over sixty percent of our children see nothing wrong with cheating on tests.

"If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The rise and fall of nations has less to do with weapons and technology, and more to do with worshiping God and teaching his will. The Soviets demanded re-education; what we need is to undergo reeducation.



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IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Soup Kitchen: 26.03.08.

11.00pm– 1.30 pm

Special Collection: 30.03.08

Door Knocking In April: Volunteers needed???

Birthday: Non Noted

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

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"CLOCKS FORWARD" 30TH MARCH.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Ladies Bible Class	Every Wednesday 1:00 PM
Thursday Evening Bible Class.....	7:30 PM
Men's Bible Study Class	First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

March 23rd 2008

March 30th 2008

Sunday Morning

President Trevor Roy

Preaching: Ricci Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading: Ricci Trevor

Eric Richard

Lord's Table Norman Norman

Roy Ricci

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening: Preacher

Flowers Irene Sue

Tea Irene Sue

Building clean for March: 08

All Please

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