

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Books

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Pattie Decker (Logan’s mother) had brain aneurysms last night and is in Alaska Regional in Anchorage, Tammy Spicer, Abby St. Clair, Helen Spicer, Josiah; Wayne and Cathy; Peggy . All health care providers

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Aubrey has moved to Texas.

Radio Program: Listen to “Searching the Scriptures”, our weekly radio program.

Today’s Scripture: “And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” **Revelation 22:19 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: “Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,” **Psalms 40:7 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 71: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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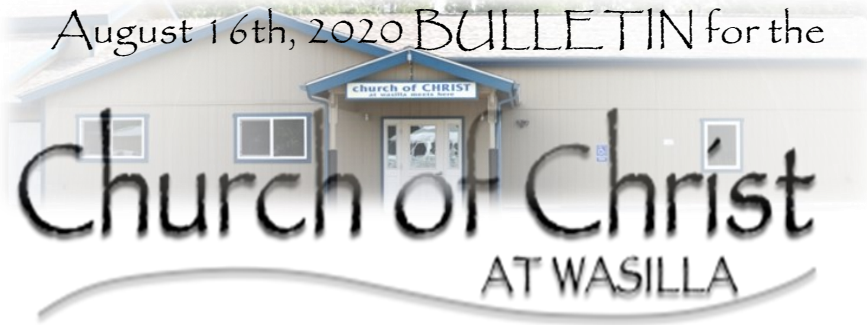
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God’s Plan of Salvation

Hear..... Romans 10:17
 Believe..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 Repent..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 Confess..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 Be BaptizedMark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
 Bible Classes: 10AM
 AM Worship: 11AM
 PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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Books

Most of us like books. We read for education and recreation both. I can remember when growing up reading the dictionary or an encyclopedia just to see what was in them. And reading is important to us, the more we read the more we learn. But there is a difference in reading and studying. When I read a book, I often speed read through some sections then slow down and read normally at sections I am interested in. But when I study, I read every word, then compare what I just read to other sections in that book or others. Making a serious and thoughtful effort to understand what the writer wants us to know. That is the way we should study the Bible.

The Revelation of Jesus as told to John the Apostle is filled with references to books. And we should be aware of the books that are referenced. The first book mentioned is in **Revelation 1:11 (KJV)** "*Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*" This is, of course, Jesus telling John to write a book that contains what he is seeing and hearing in this revelation. This is interesting when compared to the instructions to Paul when he was taken up to the third heaven. In **2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (KJV)** Paul writes "*I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*" Here Paul says that it was not lawful for a man to repeat what he heard there. Because of this we do not know what Paul saw or heard there.

The next reference to a book in Revelation is in **Revelation 3:5 (KJV)** "*He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*" This is the first reference to "the book of life", but it will not be the last in Revelation. Further along in the Revelation, we see a book that is in the right hand of God. Beginning in **Revelation 5:1 (KJV)** we read "*And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*" There was no man capable of looking on this book and certainly not to open it. In his vision, John begins to cry because he thought that the book could not be opened. But we find out that Jesus, represented in this passage as a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, was able to take the book and open it.

Next, we find a reference to a "little book" held by a mighty angel. John is told to take the little book from the angel and eat it (Revelation 10 1-10). Which he did.

Sermon by: Tom Betti; Article by: Bill Beebe

As we move on through Revelation, we are reintroduced to the "book of life" **Revelation 13:8 (KJV)** "*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*" But what is interesting in this passage is that those whose names are NOT written in the book of life will worship. But they will not be worshiping Jesus nor God, they will be worshiping the beast who was given power by the dragon. Continuing on we see another instance of those who are not written in "the book of life". In **Revelation 17:8 (KJV)** we read "*The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*"

And as we approach the end of the Revelation we see references to both "books" and "the book of life". **Revelation 20:12 (KJV)** "*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*" Notice, that we will be judged by the things written in these books. Then in **Revelation 20:15 (KJV)** we are told that "*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*" Then we see a similar warning in **Revelation 21:27 (KJV)** "*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*"

The final references to a book are related to the Revelation that John wrote (Revelation 22:7, 9-10 and 18-19). But we get a final warning concerning books in **Revelation 22:19 (KJV)** "*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*" Reading the Revelation we see that it is important for us to study the book that we currently have, **the Bible!** This is the only place we will find what is acceptable to God, and how to live our lives so that our names are written in the book of life.

Gospel Meeting

Put in your calendar and plan to attend our Gospel Meeting
August 21 (7:00 PM), 22(5:00 PM), 23(10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM),
Ron Halbrook
Will be preaching about
"Searching for God and Salvation"