

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 25, 2008

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Genesis 1:20-23

Day 5 of Restoration

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	25 May	Picnic at the Owsley's.
Monday	26 May	Memorial Day.
Wednesday	28 May	Questions and Answers.
Thursday	29 May	Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Saturday	31 May	Work Day at the Church.

** The Arkansas Youth Camp is coming up in June. Camp fees are \$160. Several scholarships are needed. If you would like to help please designate your offering as "camp fees."

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

***The Keys to Life:
Inspiration***

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We would like to share with you a little side ministry that God has begun here in South Texas and how it came about.....

Last October the Lord impressed upon my heart to begin praying and believing Him for harvest of souls. We all hear from the evening news the challenges that many face on the Texas-Mexican border. As a result, people are turning to alcohol, drugs and a life of crime to cope with the growing feeling of hopelessness in their empty lives.

The mere thought of reaching this hurting population is overwhelming but I decided to ignore the enormous task and instead focus in faith on the Lord. God know who is open to the Gospel and I can trust Him to bring them across our path.

Late in November I received a phone call from a concerned mother about her teenage daughter who was involved with a troubled young man. "Marta" explained how we had met three years earlier when I spoke at a ladies missionary tea. The hostess felt the meeting was a failure as only a few attended and most arrived an hour late but God had everything under control. Soon I was having weekly sessions with Marta's daughter.

Two weeks passed and I received another unusual phone call. This time it was a woman I never met. Marta gave my phone number to the teenage boy's mother. She asked if her family could meet with my husband and me as they had many questions about the Bible. Somewhat skeptical, we set a time and invited them to our apartment.

Their story was simple. They attended a strict Seventh-Day Adventist Church for a number of years. In talking over the issues with their teenage son the parents realized they had little understanding of the Bible. "James" & Sally" came with a variety of questions. Their sincerity surprised us along with the lack of basic biblical teaching. They were living under the Old Testament law and carried heavy burdens of guilt and condemnation.

As our meeting ended, they asked Dave if he could teach them God's Word. They requested that the Bible classes take place in their home in Alamo. James wanted to invite his extended family since they struggled with many questions as well. So, on a Saturday morning in January we drove to Alamo and held our first Bible study with three other couples. Over the next month the group expanded to include five families and several singles.

As time passed the families began to understand that Sunday was the Lord's Day instead of Saturday. They asked if we could have our Bible study on Sunday mornings. At first we hesitated realizing we would miss attending Church but then we remembered that we were praying for souls to be saved so we switched the days.

I will never forget Sunday morning, February 24th. Dave felt it was time to give a simple and clear presentation of the Gospel message. He patiently led the group through the Bible verse by verse showing God's perfect plan of salvation.

We could sense the Spirit's working in their lives and after more than an hour Dave finally said. "If you would like to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior you don't have to wait. You can receive Him today." They seemed surprised and relieved at the good news.

Since the group is partially bi-lingual and speak a mixture of both languages we led them in prayer starting in English and then continuing in Spanish using the language of their choice. This was a new experience for us all but to our amazement many participated. From the sound of voices in both languages it was difficult to tell who was praying what but approximately 10 trusted Christ that day and several were in tears.

In the following weeks the group began to openly share some of the struggles they faced in their marriages. They requested marriage discipleship/teaching along with the Bible classes. Next they asked if we could teach their teenagers.

Our original plan, after several months, was to encourage this group to start attending a local church but when we brought up the subject they explained that their lack of knowledge of the Bible would cause them embarrassment in a well established church and therefore many of their questions would remain unanswered.

So we plowed ahead and a week later we held our first youth group on a Wednesday evening. Once again we were surprised as 14 teens filled the living room. It was fun watching the Mothers roundup their children. Needless to say, they had little option about attending! Our first Bible lesson lasted an hour with no refreshments, games or songs but everyone listened attentively including the senoras.

On April 16th we met again with 11 teens and we felt led to present the plan of salvation since our concern was that they might not return the following week. So we shared the Gospel. At least eight of them trusted Christ! This week we had 12 attending with two more teens making professions of faith. All together there are 20 adults and youth who have come to the Lord. We rejoice in what He is doing and the joy that now shines on their faces. Pray for us as we gently guide these young believers.

On a lighter side, we have noticed an interesting cultural directness with the group. Recently, "James" older brother and his wife have begun to attend the study. When we asked for prayer requests at the end of the session James piped up, "Pray for my brother "Frank" and "Betty" that they will keep coming and not quit because they really need this study!" Colombians would never speak that way for fear of offending each other but no one seems to mind here. Other prayer requests they share are equally as candid. There is no such thing as an unspoken prayer requests in this group.

Prayer for us: To quickly learn how to smoothly teach in dual languages. We translate for ourselves repeating everything we say in the other language. It is a real challenge to stay focused and keep it flowing.

"Then he said to his disciple, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt. 9:47

God bless you all! Many thanks for all your prayers and kindness to us. We are excited about our trip to Colombia the end of May - June 10th. David and Denise Love

Genesis 1

1:1-5	=	Original Creation And Day One. Light from Darkness.
1:6-8	=	The Second Day. Waters from Waters.
1:9-13	=	The Third Day. Dry Land and Vegetation.
1:14-19	=	The Fourth Day. Lights in the heavens.
1:20-23	=	The Fifth Day. Fish and Birds.

Gen 1:20 = Aquatic Life And Birds.

1:20 C.T. = The Elohim said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of *each* living creature, and let each bird fly above the earth in the faces of the expanse of the heavens.

Summary:

1. Here is the divine command for something to come into existence.
2. God has prepared the waters and the atmosphere and now is populating them, again solving the BOHU problem.
3. In the waters were all that was necessary for aquatic life to exist.
4. The atmosphere was designed for certain creatures to inhabit.
5. Swarming things were listed as unclean. Lev 11:41-45

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Gen 1:21 = More Divine Creation.

1:21 C.T. = And Elohim created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

Summary:

1. What God "created from nothing" was life itself.
2. The aquatic animal bodies were manufactured from materials that were present in the waters, probably in a similar manner to which He made the land animals. Gen 2:19
3. If the materials and elements had eternally existed (which the Bible indicates they didn't), it would still not explain where life came from.

4. Without life one just has an inanimate form, a structure.
5. The Bible's claim is that God gave life to various forms and here we see the fish and the birds.
6. These living creatures were proclaimed "good."
7. All aquatic life and birds were made according to its own genus and species.
8. There is One Designer of all plant life, aquatic life and birds.

Gen 1:22 = A Blessing and Command.

1:22 C.T. = And Elohim blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

Summary:

1. God "knelt down" and touched the animal kingdom, not to worship it but to instruct it.
2. In context, to "bless" is to proclaim good and give an assignment.
3. The fish are to be fruitful, multiply and fill the seas.
4. While the birds are just to be fruitful.
5. They are equipped to reproduce within their own kind.
6. God established their boundaries.

Gen 1:23 = The Close of the Fifth Day.

1:23 C.T. = And it became evening and it became morning, a fifth day.

Summary:

1. All the birds and swarming things, except the ones on the Ark, died in the Flood. Gen 7:20-22
2. Every creature on the ark was instructed to "swarm" again. Gen 8:17
3. Even the people. Gen 9:7
4. The sons of Israel fulfilled that command. Ex 1:7

The Keys to Life: Inspiration

5. Did the Creator have a written record? Yes or No?
 - A. The Question of Inspiration.
 1. The Bible claims divine inspiration. 2 Tim 3:16-17; Heb 1:1
 2. This is distinguished from simple human interpretation. 2 Peter 1:20-21
 3. What it records are issues of life and death. John 3:36
 4. The definition: God the Holy Spirit so directed the writers of Scripture that without changing their personality, vocabulary, frame of reference or emotional patterns, He revealed a complete and connected thought that was recorded in their own language without error in the original autographs.
 5. Ramifications:
 - a. The Scriptures are designed to be a revelation from God Himself. John 16:13-16
 - b. If He revealed Himself then that which is inspired is fully inspired, called plenary inspiration.
 - c. Where the Scripture touches on the unknown past, ancient history, science or moral issues, it is correct although it may be incomplete.
 6. God at times dictated (Isa 6:8-10 et al) but also used dreams (Gen 15:12; 31:10-13 Nu 12:6 et al), visions (Isa 1:1; 6:1; 1 Kings 22:19; Acts 10 et al) and angelic messengers (Deut 33:2; Gal 3:19; Psa 68:17 et al) to convey His message.
 7. External proofs of inspiration:
 - A. The fulfillment of prophecies that are not religious in scope. Dan 2:19-7:1
 - B. Archaeological discoveries.
 - C. The preservation and restoration of the text. Mark 13:31
 - D. It is the most attacked book in history.
 8. There are two basic categories of views of inspiration:
 - A. Not inspired or one of many inspired works
 - B. It is fully and completely inspired.
 9. The Challenge of Inspiration. 2 Tim 4:1-2; Acts 20:27-28; Matt 4:4; John 14:15
 10. Tests of your belief in inspiration.