

Can You Find the Books?

OK, biblical scholars, folks who need to tear their hair out, and those folks who have absolutely nothing else to do here is a puzzle for you.

There are thirty books of the Bible in the paragraph below -- not all 66 books, only 30. See if you can locate them. Here are some hints:

- 13 of these are from the New Testament
- 17 are from the Old Testament
- The letters are all in order (none are written backwards)
- Some of the books may have one or more spaces between letters (like **he brews** coffee at home all the time)

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle of the names are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found!

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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Who Is A Christian?

By Ron Boatwright

Christians are named after Christ who is their leader. This name brings honor and glory to Christ and denotes one as a follower of Christ by adhering and conforming to His doctrine.

God foretells that He will "Call his servants by another name" (Isaiah 65:15). And, "The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name" (Isaiah 62:2). Here God foretells that He will give His people a new name after both Jews and Gentiles are involved. Also notice the Lord would give the name. By Acts chapter eleven the gospel had been preached to both Jew and Gentile and the church in Antioch was composed of both. In fulfillment of this prophesy we read "And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). "And in His name shall the Gentiles trust" (Matthew 12:21). It was the Lord who gave the name after the Gentiles began obeying the gospel.

After the apostle Paul had preached the gospel to King Agrippa, "Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'You almost persuade me to become a Christian'" (Acts 26:28). Almost is not good enough. When we wear the name Christian, we give glory and honor to our Lord. "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this manner" (1 Peter 4:16). We should never be ashamed to wear the name Christian. Jesus says, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory" (Luke 9:26).

But there are those who must be ashamed of Christ since they will not wear His name, the name Christian. They wear the names that glorify other men or things such as John the Baptist, Martin Luther, the apostles, the methodical way of doing things, the community, Rome, the Day of Pentecost, etc. Even by their names they don't even claim to belong to Christ. Why would anyone want to wear a name that does not have God's authority and approval? Denominations do not exist by the authority of God and are contrary to the doctrine of Christ (John 17:21).

The term Christian is used very loosely today. One is not a Christian just because he says he believes in Christ. "Even the devils believe and tremble" (James 2:19). Today every kind of church doctrine, tradition, and practice is labeled as "Christian". Even the United States is called a Christian Nation. This is a misnomer.

Christians are only those who have been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38) so they can be saved (Mark 16:16). Then "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Only Christians are in the Lord's church and have the promise of Heaven when this life is over (Ephesians 5:23). We should give glory and honor to Christ by wearing only the name Christian, which the Lord Himself gave for us to wear.

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett (FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Jeffrey Burks
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List:

Naomi Wall
Letha Sheldon
Mildred Lovell
Janese Lancaster
Ruby Jones
Lloyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personal

Dates to Remember

April 16th

Easter

April 30th

Fellowship Meal

May 7th

Mission Fund

Naomi Wall is at Hillside Medical Lodge in Gatesville in room 215 A.

Janese Lancaster fell last week but is at home.

The Joyful Things

At times I'm so discouraged
With problems of the day,
I fail to see the joyful things
That are along the way.

When troubles overwhelm me,
It's then my nerves may fray,
That's when I need to take the time
To simply sit and pray.

Reflecting on God's many gifts
Does make me so aware
Of all the joy in little things
Around me, everywhere!

I must try to remember
Though problems come my way,
Not to miss the joyful things
And the beauty of the day.

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Happy Birthday

Emma Lee Burks April 28th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Happy Anniversary

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall