

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza
(FV) Calvin Burks
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Will Vann
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Kevin Grant
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Mike Mallett

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th
Cindi Wall August 26th

Happy Anniversary

July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza

Why do we have the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week?

The New Testament accounts of the institution of the Lord's Supper are found in **Matt. 26:26-29**; **Mk. 14:22-25**; and **Lk. 22:19-20**. Paul also cites this occurrence in **1 Cor. 11:23-26**. In all of these the followers of Christ are commanded to observe the Lord's Supper. Those who constitute a congregation or local church are taught to assemble together for this observance (**1 Cor. 11:18,20,33**). In **Acts 20:7** we have the example of the church in Troas assembling together "upon the first day of the week" for the purpose of eating the Lord's Supper (called "breaking bread," just as it is in **Acts 2:42**). This approved example is the only New Testament clue we have as to when first century Christians observed the memorial feast of the Lord's Supper. Church histories compiled by men confirm that it was indeed the practice of Christians in the first few centuries to assemble on the first day of each week for the purpose of eating the Lord's Supper. In later years, led by those who believe that the frequency of doing so and the day of the week upon which it is done are not important, the practice of annual, quarterly, and monthly observances were begun. There is no Bible authority for such.

by Bill Crews

Prayer List:

Kadence Payne
Anita Adams
Virginia Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

July 30th

Noon Fellowship

August 6th

Mission Fund

August 8th

First Day of SCHOOL Evant ISD

August 13th

Men's Business Meeting

August 27th

Noon Fellowship

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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

6:00 pm

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Where Are You?

An old gospel preacher stood before a great audience and announced the text of his sermon. He said, "My text is **Genesis 3:9**. The Bible says, 'And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou?'" The preacher continued, "I will make three divisions in this study. First, every man has to be somewhere. Second, some men are where they ought not be. Third, they that are where they ought not be are one day going to find themselves where they don't want to be!"

God's question to Adam ("Where are you?") serves to remind us today of spiritually geographic locations where accountable persons find themselves.

Some ARE in Christ. Those who have obeyed the gospel (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:17**), and are living faithful to Christ are in Him (**Ephesians 1:3**). There is no condemnation in Christ (**Romans 8:1**). There is forgiveness of sins in Christ (**Ephesians 1:7**). There is salvation in Christ (**2 Timothy 2:10**). The Scriptures teach that one is baptized into Christ's death where He shed His blood (**Romans 6:3-4; John 19:33-34**). Paul wrote, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (**Galatians 3:27**). Having been baptized into Christ, one remains in this spiritual location by walking in the light (**1 John 1:7**) and remaining faithful to Him unto death (**Revelation 2:10**).

Some WERE in Christ. It is possible for those who were once in the right spiritual location (in Christ) to depart (fall away from) that location. Those who think they stand in Christ are warned to "take heed" lest they fall (**1 Corinthians 10:12**). The grace of God is in Christ (**2 Timothy 2:1**), and some have fallen from that grace (**Galatians 5:4**). Some were in the location where they had escaped the sinful pollutions of the world, but they moved to another location where they were condemned (**2 Peter 2:20-22**). It is possible for those who have been enlightened by the truth, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 6:4; 10:26-32; Acts 2:38**), to fall away (**Hebrews 6:4-6**). Those who do not abide in Christ will, one day, be where they will eternally regret such (cf. **John 15:6**).

Some ARE NOT (and never have been) in Christ. To be outside of Christ is to be without hope (**Ephesians 2:12**). Most are in this location (**Matthew 7:13-14**), because they have not obeyed the gospel (**2 Thessalonians 1:6-9**).

Where are you? Are you in Christ? Are you away from Christ due to having fallen? Are you outside Christ because of having not obeyed the gospel? "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith..." (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). By Charles C. Pugh III

Where Did You Learn That?

They are embedded in our language. We use these expressions often. They are rich in meaning, but do you know their source?

"The skin of my teeth"

I use this one as a test question on my teaching training series. Did it come from the Bible or from somewhere else? Most folks don't know its origin, but it comes from Job 19:20. In Job's suffering, he said, "I have escaped by the skin of my teeth."

That's not a very wide margin unless you don't brush your teeth for weeks!

"Wolf in sheep's clothing"

Jesus is our source on this one. The Lord was warning his disciples not to believe false prophets. Then he said that false prophets often "come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." (Matt. 7:15) Isn't that a vivid picture? Just imagine how a wolf would look if he had a sheep skin wrapped around his body.

"Salt of the earth"

In our conversation we often refer to how good a man is. We say he is really wonderful. Then when we want to put the very best spin on his good qualities, we say, "He's the salt of the earth." That's what Jesus said to his disciples. "You are the salt of the earth."

"A drop in the bucket"

Isn't that a strange expression? How would anyone ever come up with that kind of language picture? Believe it or not, we got it from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah compared God's power to the power of men. To illustrate it, the prophet said the nations are only "a drop in the bucket." (Isa. 40:15)

This means that people are influenced by the Bible even though they haven't read the Bible in years. The analogies are buried deeply within our English language, and are used by believers and unbelievers alike.

You might remember some of these the next time you need an opening for a Bible conversation. If someone uses one of these expressions, ask them, "Do you know where that expression originated?" And with that question, you are launched into a spiritual discussion.