

Tidings From Timothy

Home is where your heart is: Well, it should be anyway. This morning we examine the proper place of the home in our lives and the influence that it has on causing people, especially children, to become Christians.

Rejoice! Lincoln Arnett has been baptized into Christ. He makes the 5th baptism we have had in the past couple of months and we should all welcome him into the family here at Mt. Gilead! Full details at www.mtgileadchurch.net

In Need of Prayer: JD Key is to have some medical procedures this week. Brother Froedge is awaiting heart surgery. We are saddened at the passing of “Man” Kilmon, brother to Judy and Patricia. Funeral will be Monday. Ruby Ford is doing some better lately but is still in the nursing home. Faye Johnson is getting better and has been recovering at home.

Youth Service: Tonight is the youth service, come and support the future of teaching and worship leadership in the church.

Nursing Home Service: This is today at 3pm. They love your visits.

**Advertisements for our Ladies Day and Meeting are
out front.**

What Causes Men To Reason As They Do?

All of us are amazed at absurd reasoning, especially when the subject is religion. Otherwise sensible people sometimes reason about the Bible in ways that make no

sense. As clear as the truth is, they have some way of getting around it. R.L. Whiteside said that if such people did not show signs of sanity in other ways, we might believe they should be locked in a padded cell.

We naturally wonder what causes people to reason so ridiculously. Granted, everyone makes mistakes in reasoning because of overlooked facts or unintentional errors of reasoning. However, anyone who is willing can find the truth (John 7:17). Every accountable person has the ability to reason correctly. Though the study of logic can help us to avoid mistakes in reasoning, it cannot guarantee that we will reason correctly because we are free moral agents. No amount of evidence or training in logic can help those who do not want the truth. The problem in this case is the will, not the intellect. When an impurely motivated will overrides reason, almost any type of absurd reasoning imaginable will follow.

Some choose to be illogical because they are afraid of the logical consequences of the truth. They realize that if truth is followed consistently, they may lose friends, money, and popularity. They may also fear taking the stand that truth requires. Rather than paying the price of obeying the Lord, they allow fear to conquer reason. Fear of the people led Aaron to throw reason out the window when he invented the ridiculous story of a calf-making fire (Ex. 32:24). Others allow pride to distort the reasoning process. They refuse to give up a cherished tradition regardless of its lack of soundness. Jesus told the Pharisees, “Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition” (Mk. 7:9). The feeling of pride even leads highly educated men to reason foolishly, especially if they feel that public admission of a mistake would cause embarrassment. But intellectual pride is also common in present day America because of current trends toward “free thinking.” Some do not want to be limited as to what they can do. They are given to anything new and despise tradition regardless of its soundness. The Ephesians laughed at Paul, in Acts 17, when he mentioned the resurrection. What was their theory? They taught that man was simply the result of randomly colliding atoms and that death

is the end of his “existence.” What a brilliant theory!

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Though sometimes undetected, pure lust is the cause of some absurd reasoning. Some do not want to face the implications of truth because they refuse to give up a sinful life-style. The price of sacrificing pleasure is more than they are willing to pay. As a result, they attempt to justify their behavior with semi-religious arguments that make no sense. They resemble the Gentiles in Romans 1 who “became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened” (v. 21).

What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Sandra	Copas	03/25
Bobby	Garmon	03/25
Cindy	Proffitt	03/25
Brenda	Birdwell	03/26
Heather	Geralds	03/26
Jeff	Geralds	03/26
MacShane	Bartley	03/27
Dane	Parsley	03/27

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

9:30am Bible Study...
10:05am Morning Worship...
6pm Evening Worship...

Wednesday:

7pm Bible Study...

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