

Hunger For Truth

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"Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Proverbs 7:2

Matthew 5:6

John 8:32

II Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 4:2

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- Weather in the Bible
- Godly Wisdom in the "Children for Christ" column

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Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the January 2011 issue of Hunger For Truth. Happy New Year everyone!

It is a new year in the Lord and I believe God has great things for His people in 2011 and great things for HFT. HFT will be going bi-monthly starting this month with studies on the Local vs.

Universal Church issue, Weather in the Bible, Psalms & Proverbs, and much more! I praise God for all He has done in 2010 and what He can and will do in 2011!

See the "Special Interest Articles" section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the

newsletter are available to view, print or save at www.studytoanswer.net.

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God's precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)

Universal Body Equals Universal Church – By: Bill Jackson

Many today deny that they believe in the theory of a universal, invisible church, but readily admit that they hold to the doctrine of a universal, mystical body of Christ of which all the saved are a part.

It is taught that the moment a person is saved, that person is put into this mystical body by a spiritual baptism. The verse they stand on for this doctrine is I Cor. 12:13 - "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.*" However, the context of I Cor. 12 clearly indicates that the local church is the body of Christ. Verse 27 - "*Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*" Eph. 4:5 tells us that there is "*one baptism.*" There has been more than one kind of baptism, but for this present time, there is only one kind. What is that one kind of baptism for the New Testament church? Baptism in water, of course!

As I see it, those who hold to the universal body concept are also holding to the universal church concept whether or not they want to admit it. I believe the problem is a failure to properly understand and apply the symbolic terms God uses in His Word.

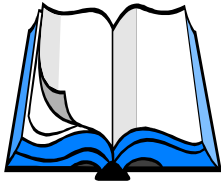
We need to realize that God is the author of all language, and that He does not use words carelessly. He knows their meaning, and uses them consistently.



Universal Body Equals Universal Church cont.

There is a definite distinction between a body and a family. As we consider this distinction, keep in mind that the body and the church are one and the same. (Eph. 1:22,23; Col 1:18)

Body (church) of Christ



Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

John 8:32

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The source of the article you have read is:

www.baptistpillar.com

Following much study, The HFT editor believes the Bible clearly teaches a local church view and NOT a Univ. church. More in future issues.

1. Christ is the head of the body (church). (Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18)
2. The body (church) demands **location** (assembly).
3. **Baptism qualifies us for membership.** (Acts 2:41)
4. We are **members** of the body (church). (I Cor. 12:27)
5. **Function** of the members is the key. (Eph. 4:16)
6. Members can be **put out** of the body (church). (I Cor. 5:13)
7. The body (church) functions with the authority of Christ, the head. (Mk. 13:34; I Cor. 5:4)
8. The body (church) assembles regularly. (Heb. 10:25; I Cor. 14:23)
9. The body (church) has organization. (I Cor. 12:18)
10. The body (church) can be offended. (I Cor. 10:32; 5:6)
11. The body (church) needs nourishment. (Col. 2:19; Acts 20:28)
12. The body (church) needs to be edified. (I Cor. 12:14)
13. The body (church) can lose its heavenly recognition. (Rev. 2:5)
14. The body (church) will give account to God. (Rev. 2:4)
15. The members of the body (church) know and care for one another. (I Cor. 12:20-27; I Thess. 5:12,13)

Family of God

1. The Father is the head of the family. (Eph. 3:14,15)
2. The family can be scattered.
3. The New **birth** makes us a part. (Jn. 1:12,13)
4. We are **children** of the family. (Gal. 3:26)
5. **Relationship** in the family is the key. (Gal. 4:6)
6. We can never be put out of the family. (Eph. 1:5,10,13,14; Rom. 8:15-17)
7. There is no earthly function for the family of God.
8. The family does not assemble at this time. It will one day. (Eph. 1:10)
9. The family has no organization (only relationship).
10. The family cannot be offended.
11. The family cannot be nourished.
12. The family cannot be edified.
13. The family can never lose its recognition. (Mt. 18:10)
14. The family does not give account to God (only individuals). (Rom. 14:12)
15. There is no way we can know but a few of the family of God.

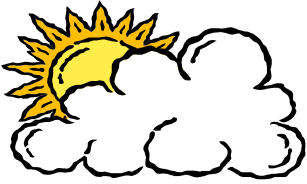
There are some good Baptists who, by a misuse of the symbolic terms, consider a universal body of Christ to be the family of God, but they need to realize that the term, "body of Christ" is a term reserved in the Scriptures for the church. (I shouldn't have to add "local".)

The symbolism of "body" just does not fit in with the symbolism of "family." Also the symbolism of "body" will not fit in with a universal, invisible concept, either "body" or "church."

Thus, if we will rightly divide God's Word and its use of terms, the only kind of "church" we will see will be local **and** visible, and the only kind of "body" we will see will be the same (local & visible) for the Scripture declares in Eph. 4 that there not only is one kind of "baptism" but that there is also only one kind of "body." We can't have it both ways!



Weather in the Bible – By: Craig Glickman (continued on page 4)



RAIN (114 times in 3 forms)
 Sent By God – Jer. 14:22, Amos 9:6
 Sent on all Mankind – Matt. 5:45
 Sign of God’s goodness – Deut. 28:12
 Controlled by God’s decrees – Job 28:26 & 37:6
 Withheld because of sin – Deut. 11:17
 Sent as a result of Judgment – Gen. 7:4
 Former and latter - Jer. 5:24
 Poured out by God – Amos 5:8
Figurative of:
 God’s Word – Isa. 55:10-11

Spiritual Blessing – Ps. 72:6
 Righteousness – Hos. 10:12
 Final Judgment – Matt. 7:24-27
 Hell – Ps. 11:6
 Earth’s ingathering – James 5:7

STARS (66 times in 2 forms)

Created by God – Gen. 1:16
 Ordained by God – Ps. 8:3
 Set in the expanse – Gen. 1:17
 Given for light – Jer. 31:35
 Named by God – Ps. 147:4
 Established forever – Ps. 148:3,6
 Of vast numbers – Gen. 15:5
 Manifest God’s power – Is. 40:26
 Of different proportions – 1 Cor. 15:41
 Very high – Job. 22:12

NOTES: The worship of stars was forbidden in Deut. 4:19,

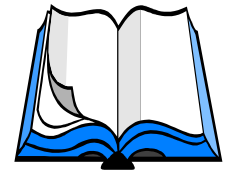
Punished (Deut. 17:3-7), Introduced by Manasseh (II Kings 21:3), and Condemned by the prophets (Jer. 8:2, Zeph. 1:4-5). Several stars are listed in the Bible in Job 9:9 and 38:32 and in Matt. 2:2,9,10. In the Bible they also are figurative of Christ’s 1st and 2nd advent, angels, judgment, false security, glorified saints, and apostates.

GOD CONTROLS WEATHER

Nahum 1:3, Amos 4:13 (*darkness also*)

THUNDER (40 times in 6 forms)

Figurative of God’s:
 Power – Job. 26:14
 Control – Psalm 104:7
 Majesty – Rev. 4:5
 Visitations of Judgment – Rev. 11:19
Supernaturally brought:
 Upon the Egyptians – Exo. 9:22-34
 At Sinai – Exo. 19:16
 Against the Philistines – 1 Sam. 7:10
 At David’s deliverance – 2 Sam. 22:14,15



II Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “Godly Wisdom”

Memory Verse: Prov. 8:33 – “Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not”

TEXT: Proverbs 8:7-33

1. According to verse 7, our mouths should speak _____ and _____ is an abomination to our lips. Why? _____
2. According to verse 8, our lips should speak righteously (good things) and nothing froward (disobedient) or perverse (wrong/evil). How do you speak when you talk to others? _____
 What are some ways you can speak righteously? _____
3. Wisdom is a great blessing of God (vs. 11-12). God, through the Holy Spirit helps us to be wise as believers in Christ. He helps us to understand the Bible, pray, and have a knowledge and understanding of sin. ___ TRUE ___ FALSE
4. Verse 13 defines *the Fear of the Lord*, put a check next to each thing God tells us to hate?
 ___ evil ___ pride ___ the evil way ___ prayer
 ___ arrogance ___ Bible reading ___ a froward mouth ___ my parents
5. God’s wisdom is greater than anyone else. God knew about you even before he created the earth (Vs. 22-29)
 ___ TRUE ___ FALSE
6. God wants His children to keep His ways (follow the Bible). _____ (happy) are those that keep His ways. (vs. 32)
7. We are told in vs. 33 to “hear instruction and be wise and refuse it not”. What is the main source we should go to for our instruction? _____
8. The definition of wisdom is “a wise attitude or course of action”. Check each way we can be wise?
 ___ Bible study ___ Going to church ___ Watching TV ___ Prayer
 ___ Disobeying parents ___ Listen more than talk ___ Obey parents, etc. ___ Trust in God
9. Write down at least 7 prayer requests and pray for each one carefully. (People you know, needs you have, etc.)

Hebrews 4:12

“ For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”



Quotes of The Month

(Sources Unknown)

“The bottom line to the word of God is obedience not experience.”

“Rightly dividing should not be how we read into God’s word but what we draw out of it”

“God gives us life that we may prepare for the next life.”

“Behind the clouds of sorrow and strife, the SON still shines.”

“Worry is a dark-room where negatives develop”

“To believe is to obey”

Favorite Quotes From Our Forefathers

“But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us.”

*Abraham Lincoln,
1809-1865*



Weather in the Bible Continued

SUN (170 times in 2 forms)

Created by God – Gen. 1:14-16
Under God’s control – Psalm 104:19, Matt. 5:45
Made to rule – Gen. 1:16
Necessary for fruit – Deut. 33:14
Given for light – Jer. 31:35
Made for God’s glory – Psalm 148:3;
Causes: Scorching – Jon. 4:8
Miracles Connected With:
Stands still (Josh. 10:12-13)
Darkened at crucifixion (Luke 23:44-49)
Worship of: Forbidden (Deut. 4:19)
It was worshipped by Manasseh in 2nd Kings
Figurative of:
God’s presence – Psalm 84:11
Earth’s sphere of action – Eccl. 1:3,9,14
God’s law – Ps. 19:4-7
Future Glory – Matt. 13:43
Christ’s Glory – Matt. 17:2

SNOW (25 times in 2 forms)

Sent by God – Job 37:6
Waters the earth – Isa. 55:10
Melts with heat – Job. 6:16,17
Notable event during a snowstorm – 2 Sam. 23:20
Whiteness illustrative of:
Leprosy – Exo. 4:6
Converted sinner – Ps. 51:7 & Isa. 1:18
Nazarite’s purity – Lam. 4:7
Angel – Matt. 28:3
Risen Christ – Rev. 1:14

STORM (25 times in 2 forms)

Described as:
Grievous – Exo. 9:23-25 (HAIL)
Sent by God – Josh. 10:11 (HAIL)
Destructive – Matt. 7:27
Effects of, upon:
Israelites – Exo. 19:16,19
Philistines – 1 Sam. 7:10
Mariners – Jonah 1:4-14
Animals – Psalm 29:3-9
Disciples – Mark 4:37-41
Soldiers and sailors – Acts 27:14-44
Nature – Psalm 29:3,5,8

CLOUDS (162 times in 3 forms)

Established by God – Prov. 8:28
Spread Out – Job. 36:29
Cover the Heavens – Psalm 147:8
Cover the light – Job 36:23
Drop Dew & Pour Water – Prov. 3:20 & Psalm 77:17
Israel’s Guidance – Exo. 13:21-22
Manifesting the Divine Glory – Exo. 16:10
Manifesting the Divine Presence – 2 Chr. 5:13
Jesus’ transfiguration – Luke 9:34-35
Jesus’ ascension – Acts 1:9-11
Jesus’ return – Matt. 24:30

RAINBOW / BOW

Appears after the flood (Gen. 9:12-13); Sign of God’s covenant (Gen. 9:16-17)

LIGHTNING (27 times in 2 forms)

Used literally of God’s:
Visitation at Sinai – Exo. 19:16
Power in storms – Job. 38:35
Descriptive of:
Swiftiness – Nah. 2:4
Brightness – Matt. 28:3
God’s Judgments – Rev. 11:19
Christ’s coming – Luke 17:24
Satan’s fall – Luke 10:18
(Relates to John 12:31 & 16:11; also Rev. 9:1 & 12:8-9)

WIND (147 times in 3 forms)

Characteristics of:
Movement of significant – Luke 12:54-55
Cannot be seen – John 3:8
Sometime destructive – Job 1:19
Dries the earth – Gen. 8:1
Often accompanies rain – 1 Ki. 18:44-45
Makes sea rough – Ps. 107:25
Drives ships – Acts 27:7,13-18
Drives chaff away – Ps. 1:4
Possesses weight – Job 28:25

...WIND cont.

God’s relation to, He:
Creates – Amos 4:13
Sends – Ps. 147:18
Brings out of His treasuries – Ps. 135:7
Gathers – Prov. 30:4
Controls – Ps. 107:25
Directions of, from:
East – Jer. 18:17; West – Exo. 10:19
North – Prov. 25:23; South – Acts 27:13
Miracles connected with:
Flood subsided by – Gen. 8:1
Locusts brought and taken by – Exo. 10:13-19
Red Sea divided by – Exo.14:21
Quail brought by – Num. 11:31
Rain brought by – 1 Kings 18:44-45
Mountains broken by – 1 Kings 19:11
Jonah’s shipped tossed by – Jon. 1:4
Christ calms – Matt. 8:26
Figurative of:
Empty speech – Job 8:2
Empty boasting – Prov. 25:14
Vanity – Eccl. 5:16; Calamity – Isa. 32:2
God’s discipline – Hos. 13:15
God’s judgment – Jer. 22:22
Dispersion – Ezek. 5:10
Ruin – Hos. 8:7
Holy Spirit – Acts 2:2
False teaching – Eph. 4:14

MOON (62 times in 2 forms)

Rules the night – Gen. 1:16
Marking time – Gen. 1:14
Given for Light – Jer. 31:35
Designating seasons – Ps. 104:19
Stood Still – Hab. 3:11
Darkened – Isa. 13:10
Turned to blood – Acts 2:20
Worship of: Forbidden (Deut. 4:19)
Signaled prophetic events – Matt. 24:29, Luke 21:25

OTHER

Fair weather – Job 37:22
Creator – Ps. 95:1-6 Flood – Ps. 104:5-6

Song of the Month – “Here Am I Lord”

This song is a very special song of dedication to the Lord. It shows a desire to surrender all, a willingness to put our all on the altar and let the Lord place His desires upon our heart and lead us wherever He wants us whether it be good or bad. Believer, are you willing to say “Here am I Lord, send me.” (Psalm 100:2)

*Verse 1 – Lord I give my life to you
Take control each day I will follow you
anywhere near or far away*

*Refrain – Here am I Lord, send me
Here am I Lord, send me
I will serve you faithfully
Here am I Lord, send me*

*Verse 2 –
Lord, I want your perfect will;*

*Be my faithful guide.
I will never be afraid:
You are close beside.*

*Refrain – Here am I Lord, send me
Here am I Lord, send me
I will serve you faithfully
Here am I Lord, send me*

*Verse 3 –
Let me see my mission field
all around each day.
Fill my heart with Jesus love;
Use me, Lord, I pray.*

*Refrain – Here am I Lord, send me
Here am I Lord, send me
I will serve you faithfully
Here am I Lord, send me*



If you have a praise or prayer request you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at svtdtday@yahoo.com



Praises

- I Praise and thank the Lord God for helping me in and through many recent trials this past year and for His wonderful grace and mercy toward me always.
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.

Prayer Requests

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery) • Jack Vassel (newborn baby) (health) (born prematurely) • Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor. • Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs • Pray for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA & to find work • Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land • Salvation of my sister Wendy and friend Ben • Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts’ Sybil and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernice • Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers • Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads • Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord • Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families • Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation • To give our all to the Lord Jesus Christ in 2011! |
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Praises Cont.

- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way. The best place to be is near to the heart of God in the center of His will

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In The Next Issue

Another article on the NT local church and much more plus a devotional in the “Children For Christ” column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

