

Thank You!
Tom West
Speaker today

Attention:
Business Meeting today 2:30 p.m.

New Christians...and Others Interested
“Foundation Lessons” Class
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God’s Word is Beyond Wonderful

By Edd Sterchi

In Psalm 19:7-11, we can read of some of the incredible aspects of God’s word:

*“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.”*

- It is from the LORD – God has given us His holy word.
- It is perfect – there are no errors or flaws in it whatsoever.
- It brings the words of salvation – in it we can learn how to be saved.
- It is sure – it is fixed and will never change.
- It brings wisdom – it helps us to be of sound mind.
- It is right – it will never lead us down the wrong path.
- It brings joy – it can delight our hearts to the fullest extent.

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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- It is pure – it is unpolluted from the influence of the world.
- It brings enlightenment – it puts everything into proper perspective.
- It is clean – it is uncontaminated from men’s opinions.
- It is eternal – it will never perish or fade away.
- It is true – there is not even a hint of falsehood in it.
- It is righteous – and it is where we learn how to live righteously.
- It is precious – the treasures found in it are priceless.
- It is sweet – it tastes wonderful to our soul.
- It is instructional – it warns us of the consequence of not obeying it.
- It is rewarding – it reveals blessings that come from following it.

Maybe we should spend a little (or a lot) more time in it. What do you think?

Why?

By Bill Brandstatter

After the events at Michigan State University, many may be asking one question: WHY?

We live in a country where blame is the name of the game. We want to blame someone or something for the problems of our world. Some may blame guns. Some may be looking for blame in other places. One thing I do know, God is not to blame.

God does not eliminate problems in our lives. He helps us in the midst of our troubles. Remember, Paul told Timothy that the godly would suffer persecution in 2 Timothy 3:12. There were many people in Bible times who experienced troubles. The apostle Paul had his share. He details some of them by stating: *“I was beaten*

with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of my own countrymen” (2 Corinthians 11:26). Paul had a lot of bad things happen to him at the hands of bad men. Was it God’s fault? Later, as he was put in prison by the hands of evil men, Paul wrote: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”* (Philippians 4:13). He stated before this: *“I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content”* (Philippians 4:11). In his last imprisonment, about a month before His death, he wrote; *“The Lord stood with me and strengthened me so that the message might be preached fully through me”* (2 Timothy 4:17 NKJV).

It is interesting that Paul did not look to blame anybody. Paul looked to the Lord instead. We too must realize we live in a world of sin. Satan is active and is seeking to cause man to suffer in all kinds of ways (1 Peter 5:8). God made man with the power of choice. Throughout history, many have suffered because of evil choices made by many. Jesus suffered on the cross because of the choice of the many who said, *“Crucify Him, Crucify Him”*; (Mark 15:14) and yet Jesus asked the Father to forgive them (Luke 23:34).

There is an effort to eliminate God from our society. Students can’t pray publicly in schools. Certain religious functions can’t take place on government-owned properties. We don’t need to eliminate God; we need to increase our emphasis on Him and include Him more.

“God is a very present help in time of trouble” (Psalms 46:1). He knows what we need. Let us pray to Him for solutions to problems we can’t solve. Let us turn to Him for questions we cannot answer. Let us turn to Him for help in difficult times (Philippians 4:6, 7).
