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Are Christians and Non-Christians Equal Before God?

The Bible seems pretty clear about this question. We can read for ourselves the answer. The real question is: Do we accept the answer? The world doesn't see the difference at times. Sadly, there are some within the church who can't tell the difference either.

Let me start with a scripture. Galatians 6:10 reads, "*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*" Can we not see a subtle difference? We are to prefer one another. Why? Because our Savior sees a difference!

In Matthew 12:47-50, we read, "*Then one said to Him, 'Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.'* But He answered and said to the one who told Him, '*Who is My mother and who are My brothers?*' And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, '*Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.*" Jesus is plain, isn't He? How about this one? "*Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven*" (Matthew 7:21).

Back to the question that makes our title, DO NON-CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS STAND ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH GOD? Yes and no. Yes, if you are asking about the love of God. He loves all people (John 3:16). No, if you are speaking of salvation and being an eternal heir. The bottom line is this: If you can know you are saved (and you can know [1John 5:13]), then you can also know what saves or doesn't save others. If not, how do you know who to evangelize? The very act of sharing the gospel with someone is to admit you believe they need to hear it. When we can't tell the difference between the world and Christians, we must be closer to the world than we would care to admit!

Am I putting myself in the position of God when I know that someone needs the gospel? How about the need to repent? To be baptized? No, because God has already told us about these things so that we may discern between those who are Christians and those who need to become Christians. If a person refuses to comply with God's commands, are we to accept them as blood-washed brothers and sisters in Christ? Are we to see them as something different than God sees them? Brethren, I hope we study and understand this subject as so much depends on it.

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Why People Do Not Understand the Bible

—Part 3 of 4

by Allen Webster, House to House

WHY ARE PEOPLE IGNORANT OF THE BIBLE?

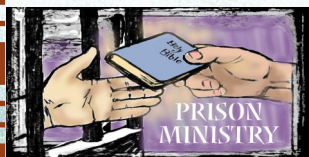
Some Do Not Want to Understand It. Scripture speaks of those who are willfully ignorant (2 Peter 3:5). The Bible condemns sins; therefore, sinners do not enjoy reading it. Deeds of darkness do not enjoy exposure to light. *“Everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed”* (John 3:20). Those who are afraid they will find their sins in the Bible fail to realize that ignorance does not excuse (Romans 1:20; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Woodrow Wilson said,

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible . . . I have a very simple thing to ask of you. I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book.

Some Minds Are Cluttered with Other Things.

Jesus spoke of thorny-ground hearts where the seed of the Word was choked. One of those thorn bushes was the *“cares of this world”* (Matthew 13:22). Good, moral people sometimes get too busy with family, food, finances, and fun to give the Word space to grow. Even among Bible readers, ignorance can remain if they fail to meditate on the Bible’s precepts (Psalms 1:2). The Bible is not a book that a hurry-up bed-time chapter or a newspaper-style glance can do much good.

Bible study must become important enough to us that we make time for it. No knowledge is as important as Bible knowledge. We spend thousands for a college education, but a free Bible education is undervalued. The average person spends 7.5 hours sleeping, 7.1 working, 5.3 in leisure, 1.45 doing housework, 1.15 eating, and .3 hours grooming per day. Surely, there is time for God in there. (to be continued)



PRISON MINISTRY

We now have **581** Inmate Students. We send the World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included & the price for

them has gone up from \$5.00 to \$7.95. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific County guidelines we have to adhere to in corresponding with the inmates. Some Counties are digitalizing all correspondence which eliminated Bible receipt, so our effort has been greatly curtailed. BUT A FEW BIBLES are still getting to the inmates at some locations. Let David Camp know if you want to help buy Bibles.



Randy & Tammy Adair 16



Chad Burke 4
 Tammy Imel 10
 Dale Guillory 28



**Can Corn,
 Can Potatoes
 Tuna & Can Chicken
 Ravioli (all kinds)**

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading

Apr 21—Apr 27

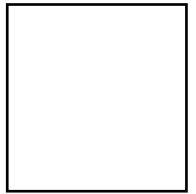
Sun 21	am	II Sam 1-3
	pm	Luke 18:1-17
Mon 22	am	II Sam 4-6
	pm	Luke 18:18-43
Tues 23	am	II Sam 7-9
	pm	Luke 19:1-28
Wed 24	am	II Sam 10-12
	pm	Luke 19:29-48
Thurs 25	pm	II Sam 13-14
	pm	Luke 20:1-26
Fri 26	am	II Sam 15-16
	pm	Luke 20:27-47
Sat 27	am	II Sam 17-18
	pm	Luke 21:1-19



Through the Bible in a year



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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for
 3yrs to 3rd grade during
 Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30pm

Service this Week:

April 21, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am
Bible Class 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
John 10:11-18

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"The Good Shepherd"**
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Jimmy Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**
 Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**
 Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

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 Email Messages, Everything happening on
 Facebook Page:
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 & our Web Site: dpcofc.org

REMEMBER



WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm

REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!