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## Let Me Be A Simpleton

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher  
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Years ago, in a small city down South, there lived a man that was an honest, compassionate, hard worker, and he lived by himself in a small house down by the lake side. Now, when this man was born, he was not blessed by beautiful features, but just the opposite. And because of his unusual looks, he was shunned by most, and naturally, he became shy and withdrawn. So, by his shyness, many just thought of him as a nitwit or unlearned, so, they paid him no respect. Now, to finish this story, one day some men were in a discussion over a lawn mower that they couldn't get to run. So, they did the things that seemed reasonable to them. First, they put in a new spark plug, nothing happened. Next, a new coil, still to no avail. Finally, in disgust, they backed away and threw their hands in the air. Just then, the so-called dimwit was passing by. He asked them what they had done. After hearing them, he walked over and removed the fuel cap and said, "Put some gas in it!" So, they did and did start. They were amazed how they had overlooked the obvious thing.

This story is one that is ever and ever being revealed in things pertaining to truth and salvation. Men are over looking the obvious and turning away the simple. In **Psalm 19:7**, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." Then in Proverbs 1:32, this is telling us that the rejecting of the simple words of God will slay us one day.

Friend, the Gospel sent from God taught, proven by Christ, ordained by the Holy Spirit, is simple. Yet, it is the most powerful thing in the world today. In Romans 1:16, Paul preached, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation . . ."

The salvation Gospel consists of hearing what Jesus said, confirmation (Matthew 17:5). Also, men must believe without doubt that Jesus is the Christ, the only Saviour sent from God to save us. **John 8:24**, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." Then, we are told, that reformation must take place. This is called repentance, a change of lifestyle. Then, we are told to confirm our faith in Jesus, we are to confess his name before men. **Luke 12:8-9** says so, and let me say this! There is only one confession to men seeking salvation in the Bible, and it is found in **Acts 8:37**. The eunuch, before his baptism, said, "I believe that Jesus is the son of God!" Anything less than this is not scriptural and anything more than this does not come from God! Now, to conclude our obedience and to secure our salvation, we must be baptized unto -- for -- the remission of every past sin we have committed. So, we must not accept the teaching of any that say our are saved by one baptism. I will debate this and even pay for the place to discuss this in public. So, if you preachers out there believe that I am wrong, you owe it to your people to prove me wrong. Baptism is ordained by God, confirmed in Jesus, taught by Jesus and God only adds the ones that obey, a place in his church.

Now to conclude, Paul says in **2 Corinthians 11:3**, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." Then, in **Romans 16:18**, Paul says, "For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." So, then, for the security of your souls, read the Bible for yourselves, obey its simple teachings and you will be among the simpletons of the Bible but blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ when he returns. **Revelation 22:14**, "Blessed are they that do his commandments . . ."

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Sincerely, Bob Casey

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## Stickeler's Answer

### Stickelers Answer

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**Head Hog**  
A man calls up a church and the church secretary answers. The man on the other end of the line says "I'd like to speak to the Head Hog."  
The secretary replies, "That wasn't a very nice thing to say about our beloved minister, Brother Jones."  
Again the man replies, "I'd like to speak to the Head Hog, because I'm going to donate \$75,000. to the church."  
She replies, "Hold on a moment, I think the big, fat pig just walked in."

**Hard Work**  
"How long have you been working here?" one employee asks another.  
"Ever since the boss threatened to fire me."

**Parlez Vous Francais**  
A boy is having a lot of difficulty in French class. To encourage him, his teacher says, "You'll know you're really beginning to get it when you start dreaming in French."  
The boy runs into class all excited one day, saying, "Teacher, teacher! I had a dream last night and everyone was talking in French!"  
"Great!" says the teacher; "What were they saying?"  
"I don't know," the boy replies. "I couldn't understand them."

**Trophy Wife**  
Redford, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy, blonde-haired woman who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm and who hangs over Redford's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast. At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Redford, how'd you get such a trophy girlfriend?"  
Redford replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"  
They are knocked over, but continue to ask. "So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?"  
"I lied about my age," he replies.  
"What, did you tell her you were only 50?"  
Rexford smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."