

Church News

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Sunday, Dec. 16th & Tues., Dec. 18

Choir to Present Christmas Musical

The First Christian Church Choir, under the direction of Becky Snowden, will present a Christmas musical by Lloyd Larson, "Were You There on That Christmas Night?" during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 16. Morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. It will be presented again on Tuesday evening, December 18, at 7 p.m.

This is always a wonderful time to enjoy our beautifully decorated sanctuary at this evening performance. Please invite your friends and family. The Choir is working diligently on this musical and invites everyone to join with them in celebration of the greatest gift of all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sunday, December 23rd @ 7:00pm

Easter Valley Christmas Play

The Easter Valley Baptist Church will be presenting their Christmas play on Sunday, December 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The play is entitled, "The Children's Christmas Program." Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 23rd @ 11:00am

Providence Christmas Cantata

Providence Baptist Church will be presenting its Christmas cantata "Heart of Christmas" on Sunday, December 23, 2018, starting at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 30th @ 6:00pm

Gospel Singing at Wms. Memorial

Williams Memorial Baptist Church on Poplar Street in Ravenna, will be having a Gospel Singing on Sunday, December 30, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. with Matthew and Rosemary Watson as the featured singers. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

The Line of the Lord

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher
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Does God have a line? Yes, he does, but before we can perceive this idea, we first have to know what it means. If one would read only Mr. Webster's dictionary, we would find one of the largest words defined in over a hundred terms. But my interest in this article is based upon what does the Bible teach about this thing called a line.

A Biblical definition is: a cord for measuring, a line of rule, things given with forethought, a provision, a boundary, a set of limits, things not in agreement. This is how both the Old Testament and the New Testament as well, define a line.

In proving this, we must turn to the Bible for examples, in the past and the future as well. First, did God draw a line upon the people of Noah's day? We can see that he set a boundary upon the toleration of sins (Genesis 6). So within his tolerance he set a limit of "an hundred and twenty years;" then he would destroy them. But not before he warned them through the preaching of Noah. 1 Peter 3:20 tells us they rejected it to their own destruction.

Secondly, then there was the episode with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18, did God bring this bunch of people to an end?

These are in all probability the most familiar of many other times that the Lord's tolerance had crossed the line, but there is one more that is problematic; especially during this season that many call 'Holy Holidays,' where we read of God fulfilling his promise to Isaiah to send the Messiah who was called Emmanuel, or God with us. But, in just a few years, they murdered him on the cross.

But this certainly went beyond the limits of God's mercy upon Israel. If we read a certain scripture found in 2 Kings 21:10-16, here we can read, "at this time, God drew his line upon evil Jerusalem, and Judah and Samaria, saying, And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and

hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. More-over Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another."

Friends, when we read of the destruction and complete annihilation of Israel, along with their religious system, also their political system, even to their original language; this was so destructive that it never recovered from it. In spite of what many students of Biblical history claim, the people occupying the present day Jerusalem are not God's favorite people. They were rejected when they nailed Jesus to the cross. Even today, those living there today, do not believe nor do they worship Jesus. When will God bless them again? Read and consider **Matthew 23:37-39**. See if I tell the truth. Here Jesus knowing beforehand that God was going to draw the line on Jerusalem, wept after the city, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."


And to add, to this present day, they have not done it! But, they will when Jesus returns. See Romans 14:10-12 which guarantees it!

But, what about you, Dear Friend, are you, or have you crossed the line? How long will the Lord tolerate your rejection of him, only he knows. The next time he calls may be your last. Think about it. Call us, visit, we will talk about it.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

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...There were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. L.K. 2:8-11



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

"The **LORD** your **God** is **with** you, the **Mighty Warrior** who **saves**. He will **take great delight** in **you**; in his **love** he **will** no **longer rebuke** you, **but** will **rejoice over** you with **singing**."

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8:38-40

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

not specific, Walked, Rode donkey, Boat

4. At the birth of Jesus, who was king of Judaea? Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar

5. What was the home city of Mary and Joseph? Capernaum, Nazareth, Aphek, Shechem


6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

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1. Is the book of Luke in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... ? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers
3. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible

Seeds of Hope



No matter where you travel - from the darkest jungle to the highest mountain - you will find some type of music. It could be rap or rock and roll, hip hop or jazz, rhythm and blues or opera, music for a marching band, the painful music of the pagan, the Middle Eastern style that seems to be so irritating or the majesty of hymns or worship music. It all makes a statement about the one who is making it and the ones who are listening. Sometimes the music sounds sad and sorrowful or joyful and uplifting. Then again it might be the music of marches that stirs up our patriotism on the Fourth of July. Music can bring tears to our eyes or a smile to our face when it reminds us of a loved one. When we sit quietly in church or lift our arms to God it can elevate our hearts to His presence or excite our senses when we hear music that proclaims the glory of God's goodness and grace, love and salvation. But is there more?

APsalmist once wrote of the music that should always fill the heart of a Christian: "Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise His holy Name!"

Praise, in the life of the believer, is personal. If we remind ourselves of the work of Jesus while on this earth, we remember that He did His greatest works with individuals. Even when He was dying on the cross for our sins He ministered to the one next to Him: "Lord," he cried, "remember me!" And Jesus said, "This day you will be with me in heaven!" Even as our prayer for pardon is personal, so should our praise to our God be personal.

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God's Way
by Mabel Tipton
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I promised to explain how a man can change the meaning of a complete sentence.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

This verse is telling us about the body, God himself, prepared to come to Earth as our savior. "Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests." (Zephaniah 1: 7)

From Isaiah 9:6. God has kept busy preparing the way of His prophecy, to come to Earth in the body, as a human baby boy.

For a clear picture of this event read Matthew 1:22-23, "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." [The son's name is interpreted]

The book of St John seems to be endless at talking of the father's name when Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father. John 14:9 says; "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou hen, Shew us the Father?"

Also, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." (John 5: 43)

And, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14: 26)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28: 19)

Many churches read Matthew 28:19 and think that one four letter word, which is 'name' means the title of the Father, the title of Son, and the title of Holy Ghost. It don't ever say baptize in the name of the titles. It means baptized in the name of the father. In the name of the son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost. This NAME, is JESUS. I pray you understand how the one four-letter word caused a change in that sentence.

As always, come learn with me.

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