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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Shamgar (Judges 3:31)
2. Saul (1 Samuel 18:11)
3. Joash (2 Kings 12:20-21)
4. Saul (1 Samuel 31:3)
5. Samson (Judges 15:15)
6. Ephesus (Acts 19:28-29)



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Meaning of “Evil”

Several years ago I heard an interesting segment on National Public Radio. It was about how our use of the word “evil” has changed in meaning in recent times. The segment was instigated because of President Bush’s use of “evil” as a buzzword. Bush tied “evil” to the actions of terrorists and called Bin Laden “the evil one.” He used “evil” five times in a State of the Union address and eight times in a speech the following day. He even said, “at home we fight evil by doing something for someone.” I think the announces was correct in stating the President used “evil” as a buzzword at that moment in time, but I do not agree that our use of this word has changed in meaning.

The point of the radio segment was that “evil” has come to mean something totally unfathomable in our mind. Evil people are those who seem to have no rationale behind their motives. The point was well taken that the Bible says money is the “*root of all sorts of evil*” (1 Timothy 6:10) and that we no longer call all things evil according to the Bible meaning. He noticed the Enron collapse had been called immoral, corrupt, even sleazy - but not evil. Our use of the word “evil” seems to be reserved for characters like James Bon villains or the atrocities of Nazi Germany.

“From within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man” (Mark 7:21-23). Jesus tells us there are many things in this life that God says are evil. Even James 3:8 says the tongue is “a restless evil.” The problem the radio segment noticed is the old problem of not calling sin: sin! The world wants to make light of sinful conduct and rename it as something more palatable. So we call it “partners” in stead of homosexuality; “separations” instead of divorce; “financially savvy” instead of greed; “affair” instead of immorality, fornication, or adultery. Men want to make sin sound more appealing. They make light of the biblically sound descriptions that call sin: sin. Is it any surprise in this climate that many in the world would begin to thing

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot
Announcements: Todd McAdams
Encouragement Talk: Ryan Haarmann
Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowen
Scripture Reading: Lester Mabry
Philippians 3:17-21
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Tyler Blazek
Contribution: Harper Flores
Helper: Chris Beard
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale
Helper: Billy Lovell
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Closing Prayer: Brad Smith

Sunday Afternoons

Apr 30 3PM Classroom Work (Quarter Change)
May 7 4PM Parenting Class and
Children's Drill Class
May 14 Nothing
May 21 Bible Fundamentals
Parent Planned Devotional

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson
Speaker: John Franks

“evil” is something reserved for the most vile and detestable things?

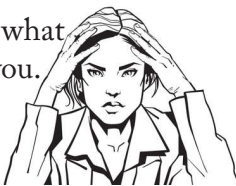
Jesus said, *“the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil”* (John 3:19). Scripture refers to sin in a very general sense as evil and does not reserve the word for a particularly sinful act. *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children...”* (Luke 11:13) indicates God views all mankind as evil in that we are all sinners. It stands to reason that God then views all sin as evil.

The problem for the Christian is when we forget to view sin in the same way as God. When we take on the attitude of the world in wanting to soften the reality of sin by re-naming it, we run the very good chance of down-grading the severity of sin in our mind. We will not longer think of sin as that which separates us from God. Many believe in degrees of sin, I’m convinced, because of a desire to not view sin as God does. It appeals to our sinful desires to reduce the seriousness of sin and even mask the importance of it. This is a dangerous concept for the Christians to participate in. Sin is evil and if we begin to think about and call sinful things evil it may help all of us to avoid those things God hates!

by Charles Willis

How To Be Perfectly Miserable

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself.
3. Use “I” as often as possible.
4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
6. Expect to be appreciated.
7. Be suspicious.
8. Be jealous and envious.
9. Be sensitive to slights.
10. Never forgive a criticism.
11. Trust nobody but yourself.
12. Insist on consideration and respect.
13. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
14. Do as little as possible for other people.



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Know Your Bible

Violence

1. Who killed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad?
2. Who threw a javelin at David?
3. What good king of Judah was murdered by his court officials?
4. What king was critically wounded by Philistine arrows?
5. Who slew a thousand men with the jawbone of a donkey?
6. What city had a riot on behalf of the goddess Artemis?

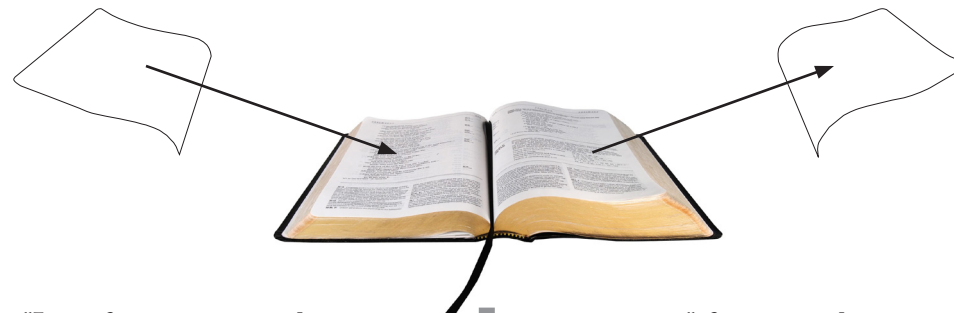
Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



The Bible Is All We Need



“I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book”

Revelation 22:18

“if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book”

Revelation 22:19

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be **adequate**, equipped for **every** good work.”*

2 Timothy 3:16–17

Adequate - NAS
Perfect - KJ
Complete - NKJ
Thoroughly - NIV
Complete - RSV
Greek (Strong’s)
Fresh, by implication
complete-perfect

Nothing Lacking - CLW

Every - NAS
All - KJ
Every - NKJ
Every - NIV
Every - RSV
Greek (Strong’s)
All, any, every, the whole

Nothing Left Out - CLW