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DAILYBIBLESTUDY

Series: Bible's Believe It or Not!

The Bible is the Word of God

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The Bible is the **foundation** of Christianity. In it we learn about the human condition, our need for salvation, God's plan through Christ, the everlasting joy that awaits those who trust in Jesus, and more. Yet, the **best-selling** book in history remains one of the most controversial. Revered by Christians as God's holy Word, the Bible spans centuries of history, contains a variety of literary styles and culminates in the person of Jesus Christ. But how do we know the Bible is true? Isn't it just a collection of stories and myths? Even if it contains some **history**, is there any way we can trust it completely?

Today the Bible is controversial for several reasons. For example, it is filled with **miracles**. In the Old Testament, God parts the Red Sea, allowing His people to escape a hoard of angry Egyptians. In the book of Joshua, the sun is said to have stood still, while the book of Jonah **records** a prophet swallowed by a large fish. In the New Testament the blind receive sight, Jesus walks on water and is resurrected after being executed on a cross.

In a largely naturalistic age (meaning belief only in the material world), miracles are often doubted. The **supernatural** – anything beyond the natural world – is dismissed or relegated to a second-class status. This often results in doubt about the Bible. Can we trust it to be **true**? Are we really expected to believe the supernatural events it records? This is a bias that defines miracles out of existence rather than **reasoning** that if God exists, then miracles are possible.

Asking if the Bible is true means that we need to have some understanding of truth. What is truth? While this question is often presented as a deep philosophical puzzle suitable only for the "brainy" to tackle, the answer is not so complex. **Truth** is what corresponds to reality. Consequently, what is real is true, what is unreal is false.

**The Bible is no mere book,
but a Living Creature, with
a power that conquers all
that oppose it. ~ Napoleon**

The Bible makes some very distinctive truth claims. It **claims**, for instance, that God exists. It also claims that He has chosen to **communicate** with us through His creation, our moral conscience, and via the Bible. These claims the Bible makes either correspond to **reality** or they do not. Christians believe that they do correspond to reality, meaning that the Bible is true. God really exists, Jesus is not a myth, and the resurrection really happened.

Liberal theologians sometimes point out that our view of the Bible doesn't really matter. So long as we gain strength and **insights** from it, they say, that is enough. Following this line of reasoning, they remove many miracles of the Bible or simply treat them as myths. This is a mistake, particularly when it comes to the Resurrection of Christ. Our view of the Bible matters immensely, especially if what it claims is indeed **true**. If it is, as we have argued, then our **eternal destiny** hinges on how we will respond to Christ and His calling. Will we reject Him or **accept** Him?

This week's study will address some of the biggest questions asked about the Bible. The Bible's reliability, how we got it, how to **interpret** it, responding to its critics and suggestions for handling seemingly difficult Biblical passages are all legitimate questions. So, let's go explore the answers!

MONDAY — Did God Really Write the Bible?

Today's Big Point: Before addressing any other controversy, it is vital to determine who wrote the Bible. Was it merely a series of complementary and brilliant authors, or did the Holy Spirit inspire a select group of men to pen the inspired words of God Himself? After all, if the Bible is not true or if it is filled with errors, Christianity would only be a “blind faith”—something people believe without any evidence to support it. However, Christianity is not a blind faith. It is the only religion that can prove itself, and a main source of that proof is the Bible.

READ...What does the Bible say?

John 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

THINK...

Find the answers

According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what is the source for Scripture and what is it useful for?

Who moved the prophets to record the prophecies contained in Scripture, according 2 Peter 1:20-21?

The Proof of Prophecy...One of the strongest arguments for the accuracy of the Bible is its 100% accuracy in predicting the future. These future predictions are called “prophecies.” The Old Testament was written between approximately 1450 BC and 430 BC. During that time, many predictions of the future were recorded in the Bible by God's prophets. Of the events that were to have taken place by now, every single one happened just the way they predicted it would. No other “sacred writing” has such perfectly accurate predictions of the future.

Of these prophecies, the most striking examples are the predictions about an “anointed one” (“Messiah” in Hebrew) who was to arrive in the future. About 4 BC, a miraculous event occurred—a boy named Jesus was born to a *virgin* named Mary. You can read His story in the book of Luke. Starting at age 30, Jesus fulfilled more and more of these prophecies written about the Messiah. His fulfillment of these prophecies was very spectacular: Jesus gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, cured those who had leprosy, gave the deaf hearing, and raised people from the dead! These miracles and others were done many times in front of thousands of witnesses for three years. About 30 AD, Jesus was crucified (a prophecy) and died (a prophecy). Three days later he rose from the dead (another prophecy), after which He was seen by over 500 witnesses. Since these prophecies were written down at least 400 years before they happened, there is no doubt that the Bible's writers were inspired supernaturally—by God.

The greatest proof that the Bible is inspired is that it has stood so much bad preaching. ~A.T. Robertson

LIVE...What will you do now?

Who Wrote the Bible? - A Question of Eternal Significance

“Who Wrote the Bible?” is indeed a question that everyone must ask. If indeed it is the Word of the living God, then no other book gives us more insight into our lives, more hope for our future, and a true path to a relationship with God. Search the Bible with openness and honesty and see for yourself what the Creator of the universe wants to tell you!

How does knowing that the Bible is the inspired word of God influence your view of it and its priority in your life?

How should your approach to daily Bible study be affected by the knowledge that all Scripture is useful, and that it is our direct line of communication with our Creator?

There has never been a book written in the same way as the Bible!

The Bible was written by over 40 authors who...

- wrote from 3 different continents: Asia, Africa and Europe...
- wrote in many different places: wilderness, prison, traveling, islands...
- wrote at different times; covering a span of 1,500 years...
- did different kinds of jobs: fishermen, kings, shepherds, a herdsman, a politician, a doctor, a tax collector, a rabbinical scholar and more.

They all wrote about the same thing, and without any contradictions!

DAILY BIBLE READING COMMENTARY: Hebrews 3

Hebrews 3:1 *The New Living Translation uses the phrase God’s messenger to describe Jesus; the NIV uses the phrase God’s apostle. “Apostle means ‘one who is sent.’ This is the only passage in the NT that labels Jesus as the Apostle. The title indicates that Jesus was ‘sent’ by God to reveal the Father (John 4:34); 6:38; 7:28, 29; 8:16)” (Nelson’s New Illustrated Commentary 1639).*

Hebrews 3:6 *In this verse, believers are called God’s house. In 1 Corinthians 6:19, our bodies are called the temple of the Holy Spirit.*

Hebrews 3:13, 14 *“Exhorting each other to continue in the faith is important. Believers must hold their faith firmly to the end of their lives if they are to be partakers [or companions] of Christ...Faithful believers will be partners with Christ in His future kingdom (Rev. 2:26, 27)” (Nelson’s 1641). It’s important to be in relationships with other believers so that we can build each other up in our faith and lovingly point out any wayward behavior in our fellow believers. We need a group of friends who will journey together with us in this life of following Christ.*

Hebrews 3:15-19 *Unbelief (or lack of faith) in God and His Word and His Promises is the worst sin of all. It leads ultimately to separation from God. We must protect and nurture our faith in God above all else in our lives. We must be wise to the tactics of Satan so that we are not deceived and fall into sin and become hardened against God. We protect and nurture our faith by reading and learning God’s Word, spending time in prayer with God and worshipping Him together with other believers (i.e. church service and small groups).*

TUESDAY — Is Every Story in the Bible Really True?

Today's Big Point: *In today's scientifically precise world, where we can track DNA and send probes to Mars, it's hard to believe that a global flood covered the world or that a wayward prophet was swallowed up by a big fish! Did the sun really stand still for a whole day so that General Joshua could win a pivotal battle with some extra hours of divine Daylight Savings? What is the devoted Christian to do with some of these hard-to-swallow (no pun intended) stories?*

Is the Bible truth or myth? *When I think about the world we live in today, I realize how impossible it would be for my great-great-great-grandparents to comprehend it. Were I able to go back and share my life with them, they would think me the world's wildest storyteller with an imagination out of control. Their love for me might prevent them from labeling me a liar, but I imagine they would seriously question my stability.*

My great-grandmother traveled in a covered wagon. Because she lived to be 105, she experienced a birth of technology that allowed her to watch a man walk on the moon. But her grandparents, were I to be able to visit them through time, would have nothing within their experience that would enable them to capture my words as truth. They would label it myth or fabrication, unless the strength and reliability of our relationship had taught them they could believe me, even when they couldn't understand me.

Because something is outside our field of experience, outside the catalog of our knowledge, does not change it from truth to myth. Although my own family, five or six generations back, would find flight, space travel, vaccines, computers, and e-mail easy to label mythical, it wouldn't change the reality of the truth. The same holds true for the Bible. Much of what we find within its pages may be difficult for us to grasp, remaining outside our personal experience or knowledge, but that difficulty doesn't negate the truth of them.

READ...What does the Bible say?

Luke 1:3-4 (New Living Translation)

³Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

John 20:30-31 (New Living Translation)

³⁰The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name.

THINK...Find the answers

What did Luke do to assure Theophilus that all he taught was true?

What does John 20:31 tell us is in the power of the name of Jesus?

There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history. ~ Sir Isaac Newton

Why were the miracles and signs written down?

The star of Bethlehem signifying Christ's birth was prophesied in Numbers and Isaiah, then reported in Matthew. Confirmation of this Biblical record was recorded by Chinese astronomers who observed it at the same time—citing a bright, unknown star.

LIVE...What will you do now?

Realizing that our knowledge of the Truth is literally a matter of spiritual life and death, are your priorities challenged? If so, how?

What Bible account do you find the most difficult to believe? What about this claim or story causes you to question its validity? (*Our suggestion: Spend a little time this week doing some research to find out what evidence exists to support this account. Some helpful websites: www.gotquestions.org; www.studylight.org; www.answersingenesis.org—these sites are good for information, but you will need to make sure that the Bible is the primary authority you rely on for answers.*)



Facebook Challenge: After researching your chosen topic, visit Cedar-Creek's Facebook page and post the Biblical account you listed above, along with the evidence you found to support it. If you struggled in your research, just post the story or claim you chose and ask for help!

PRAY...God, what do you want me to know & do?

Father God, I want to follow You more closely. I want to know You better and understand Your Word. Please help me believe and trust You more than I believe or trust the world and all its rationalizations.

DAILY BIBLE READING COMMENTARY: Hebrews 4

Hebrews 4:1-11 *“In 3:12-19, Israel's failure to enter the rest God had provided is a warning to Christians. The author now explains what this rest is and shows why it is available for us today” (Nelson's 1641).*

Hebrews 4:12 *The Word of God is both offensive and defensive, like a sword (see Ephesians 6:17 and Revelation 19:15). We can fight Satan (who tempts us to turn from our faith in God and His Word) by praying God's Word over ourselves. And we can build up our faith and build up others' faith by speaking and believing God's Word.*

WEDNESDAY—Why is the Bible so hard to understand?

Today's Big Point: *Everyone, to varying degrees, struggles in trying to understand the Bible. Even after nearly 2,000 years, there are some Bible verses and passages that leave even the most brilliant of Bible scholars speculating as to the exact and correct meaning. Why is it so hard to understand the Bible? Why does it take so much effort to fully and correctly understand the Bible? Before the question is explored, it must be made clear that God did not make His Word unclear. The message of God's Word is perfectly clear. The reason that the Bible can sometimes be hard to understand is that we are all fallen beings - sin clouds and distorts our understanding and leads us to twist the Bible to our own liking.*

READ...What does the Bible say?

Proverbs 8:6-9 (New Living Translation)

⁶Listen to me! For I have important things to tell you. Everything I say is right, ⁷for I speak the truth and detest every kind of deception. ⁸My advice is wholesome. There is nothing devious or crooked in it. ⁹My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those with knowledge.

John 14:16-17, 26 (New Living Translation)

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

²⁶But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative -- and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit -- he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you."

THINK...Find the answers

How does Proverbs 8 describe what God has to say to us in His Word? Try to list at least 6 positive attributes found in verses 6-9.

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According to John 14, how does the Holy Spirit factor into our understanding of the Word as Christ-followers?

LIVE...What will you do now?

How often, when reading God's Word, do you find yourself struggling to understand what God is trying to communicate to you?

Shift from your mind conquering the Bible, down into surrender to the Spirit of God who will whisper to you what He meant by what He wrote.

~ Martha Kilpatrick

God sent us the Holy Spirit so that we wouldn't need to figure it all out on our own. The Holy Spirit is the #1 resource to better understand the Word. However, in this information-age we have countless additional tools to help us study Scripture and know God better. **Here are a few to get you started:**

1. *A Study Bible (with notes and a concordance)*
2. *Worship music—many are Bible verses set to music (great for memorization)*
3. *The Internet—here are a few trustworthy and helpful sites: biblegateway.com, preceptaustin.org, or bethinking.org*
4. *Online Bible classes (go to cedarcreek.tv, or the “ATC” for info.)*
- ✓ *Participate in the “Living it Out” daily readings and studies*
6. *Journaling—using the **SOAP** method is very effective (see below)*

Scripture—Read the passage of Scripture and write it down in your journal. Or, when reading large passages, write down the “gem” passage.

Observation—How would I explain the Scripture to someone else? Write it in your own words. Check out any Scripture references and write them in your own words.

Application—What does it mean to me? Meditate on the passage. Say it out loud.

Prayer—Pray for understanding of how God wants to use this Scripture in your heart and life. Ask Him to help you to hear and understand His Holy Word. Pause and listen!!! Like Samuel, pray “*Speak Lord! Your servant is listening!*”

How do you plan to begin integrating some of these methods into your personal Bible study, in order to increase your understanding of God's Word?

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Do you pray before you read the Bible every day? If not, you should! Luke 24:45 says, “*Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.*” Jesus opened their minds. The Holy Spirit does this in our lives today when we study the Bible. Have you ever wondered how to understand a difficult passage? Besides reading surrounding passages, asking other people, and consulting reference works, pray that the Holy Spirit will open your mind to understand, giving you the needed insight to put God's Word into action in your life.

DAILY BIBLE READING COMMENTARY: Hebrews 5

Hebrews 5:1-4 “*These verses explain what it means to be a high priest. A high priest must be a person called by God. A priest represents the people and thus must identify with their human nature. But he also represents God to the people and thus must be called by God to his office*” (Nelson's 1642).

Hebrews 5:12 “*By this time you ought to be teachers suggests all believers ought to be teachers, not in the formal sense (compare 1 Cor. 12:29; James 3:1), but in the sense that those who have been taught ought to impart to others what they have learned through the gifts God has given them*” (Nelson's 1643).

If you have been a Christ-follower for some time, you should be serving others and helping them to grow in their faith. Where is God leading you to serve with your talent and to impart Godly wisdom and knowledge? In a small group? As a mentor to a new Christian? As a teacher in the children's ministry? As a discussion leader in the high school ministry? Writing for the Living It Out Bible Study? You are important in God's kingdom. You are His ally in this war to win souls for God. You are needed and you can do it.

THURSDAY— How Do I Respond to Bible Critics?

Today's Big Point: *While the Bible is the best selling book in history, it is arguably the most criticized. Christians need to understand that the Bible is the Word of God, and be prepared to defend it.*

Critics argue... *"Christians can't use 'circular reasoning' by trying to prove the Bible by quoting from the Bible!"* The "circular reasoning" argument is absurd. That's like saying you can't prove that the President lives in the White House by looking into the White House. It is looking into the White House that will provide the necessary proof. The fulfilled prophecies, the amazing consistency, and the many scientific statements of the Bible prove it to be the Word of God. They provide evidence that it is supernatural in origin.

Critics argue... *"Since the Bible contains so many miracles, it just can't be true. Either these are just made up stories, they argue, or simple people were just tricked."* In reality, just one miracle is too much for the modern mind. Why? Unfortunately, modern thinking is grounded in naturalism – a worldview that believes that only the physical or material world exists. Point out that it's the presupposition that naturalism is true that rules out miracles. But if God exists, then miracles are possible. Another approach involves turning the tables and casting doubt on naturalism. What are the reasons the critic believes in naturalism? Offer positive arguments for the existence of God. Remind them that neither scientific nor archeological evidence has ever discredited the Bible.

READ...What does the Bible say?

1 Peter 3:14-15 (New Living Translation)

¹⁴*But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.* ¹⁵*Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.*

2 Timothy 2:15 (New Living Translation)

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

THINK...Find the answers

What does Peter direct us to be ready to do if someone asks us about our Christian hope?

According to Timothy, we're to be good, unashamed workers able to do what?

LIVE...What will you do now?

How can you prepare yourself to deal with critics who might challenge your belief in the Bible being the Word of God?

As Christians, why is historical corroboration of the accuracy of the Bible important?

Luke introduces his text with a recounting of his careful investigation of eyewitness accounts of the events he recorded so that we might have confidence in the truth of his work. The book of John was “written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.” (John 20:31)

How can having a firm foundation in the Bible equip us to defend against accusations that it contradicts itself?

Should we rely solely on the proclamations in the Bible to establish the accuracy of the gospels? Why, or why not?

What are some other tools and resources you can use to defend the integrity of the Bible?

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your presence in our life through the words we read in the Bible. We know that soon enough we will encounter those who will challenge the Bible as your Word. We ask you Lord that the Holy Spirit might come to us in that time and provide us with the words that we will need to defend the Bible as your living Word. We trust your will in all we do.

One of the most frequent arguments leveled against the infallibility of the Bible is based upon the fact that the Bible was written by human authors. Human beings are fallible. Since the Bible was written by these fallible human beings, it necessarily follows that the Bible is fallible. Or so the argument goes. Although we often hear this accusation, it is simply not correct. It is not impossible for man to correctly record both sayings and events. Thus, to rule out the possibility of an inerrant Bible by appealing to the fallibility of men does not hold up, particularly when we know that All Scripture is inspired by God! The testimony of Scripture is clear. God used fallible men to receive and record His infallible Word so that it would reach us, correct and without error. Difficult? Not for our God!

DAILY BIBLE READING COMMENTARY: Hebrews 6

Hebrews 6:1-6 *Here the author is exhorting Christ followers to press on deliberately and with diligence and perseverance to grow in their knowledge of God and His Word. We must work hard to deepen our understanding of God so that our faith will have deep roots and we can “fight the good fight” (1 Timothy 1:18). If we are to become effective allies of God in His kingdom then we must be always in spiritual training. If we allow ourselves to become lazy or distracted then there is the possibility of attacks that will derail us on our spiritual journey. Shouldn’t your spiritual life be the most important matter in your life? Above all else? What are the implications if you do not treat your spiritual life as the most important matter in your life?*

FRIDAY — So, Now What?

Today's Big Point: *The Bible is a vital resource God has given us to grow in our relationship with Him.*

The Bible and All it Contains...A young man once received a letter from a lawyer stating that his grandmother had left him an inheritance. To his astonishment, it was \$50,000 plus "my Bible and all it contains." The youth was delighted to receive the money. However, he knew what the Bible contained, and because he wasn't into religion he didn't bother to open it. Instead, he put it on a high shelf. He gambled the \$50,000, and over the next fifty years he lived as a pauper, scraping for every meal. Finally he became so destitute, he had to move in with his relatives. When he cleaned out his room, he reached up to get the dusty old Bible from the shelf. As he took it down, his trembling hands dropped it onto the floor, flinging it open to reveal a \$100 bill between every page.

**The man had lived as a pauper, simply because of his prejudice.
He thought he knew what the Bible "contained."**

READ...What does the Bible say?

Matthew 13:12 (New Living Translation)

"To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them."

Romans 15:4 (New Living Translation)

⁴Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

THINK...Find the answers

According to Matthew 13:12, what is one way we can gain understanding and knowledge?

Paul reminds us, in Romans 15, why we were given the Bible and what it offers. In light of this passage, why were the Scriptures written?

And, what are two things that the scriptures give us as we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled?

LIVE...What will you do now?

We should long to know Christ like King David did—who, in Psalm 42, cried out, "As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God." One of the best ways to accomplish this is by spending more time in His Word, the Bible.

How much time do you spend reading the Bible every day? _____

Does the amount of time you spend investing in your relationship with God every day reflect that He is #1 in your life—is it evident to others that He is your priority?

Undoubtedly, at one time, every Christian has resolved to never let a day go by without spending a portion of it in a focused, prayerful, and enjoyable time alone with God and His Word. However, many have found that after a few short weeks their resolve grows cold. They find their Bibles are going unread days at a time due to a myriad of excuses, such as they got up too late or had an unexpected early morning event or a busy schedule or even the fact that they have simply become dry or spiritually apathetic...Please do not let anything defeat you in this most vital area of Christianity. Knowing God's Word is your secret to victory. Defeat here is defeat all across the board. Make your time with God in His Word the most non-negotiable area of your life and I promise you that you will enjoy the blessings of His presence...And remember, more important than knowing the Word of God is knowing the God of the Word. He is our exceeding great reward. Bible study helps you to know God; ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. So please, love your Bibles, and keep close to your Bibles.

What can you commit to changing in your daily routine that will ensure that you make a habit of spending at least some time each day reading and meditating on God's Word?

PRAY...God, What do you want me to know & do?

Here, David is thanking God for the gift of Scripture and asking God for better understanding. Read through the passage again, out loud to God, making it your own prayer.

¹¹I treasure your word above all else; it keeps me from sinning against you. ¹²I praise you, LORD! Teach me your laws. ¹⁴Obedying your instructions brings as much happiness as being rich. ¹⁵I will study your teachings and follow your footsteps. ¹⁶I will take pleasure in your laws and remember your words. ¹⁷Treat me with kindness, LORD, so that I may live and do what you say. ¹⁸Open my mind and let me discover the wonders of your Law. ¹⁹I live here as a stranger. Don't keep me from knowing your commands. ²⁰What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws.
~Psalm 119:11-12, 14-20

DAILY BIBLE READING COMMENTARY: Hebrews 7

Hebrews 7:3 “This description of Melchizedek prefigures the eternal priesthood of Jesus. Like Melchizedek, Jesus is both a Priest and a King, belonging to a righteous priesthood that is independent of Aaron’s” (Nelson’s 1645).

Hebrews 7:12 “Change means ‘removal’ (12:27). If the Melchidezek priesthood removed the Levitical priesthood, then the Mosaic Law is also removed. In short, the believer is not under the Law but instead relies on the righteousness of Christ (Rom. 6:14; Gal. 3:24, 25). Any system of religion that tries to be under the law cannot have Christ because Christ does not minister the law. It’s either Christ or the law but not both” (Nelson’s 1646).

Hebrews 7:20-28 “Having proven that the Law has been superseded, the author argues that it has been replaced by something better” (Nelson’s 1646).

Living It Out Memory Verse...March 2010

John 15:13 (New Living Translation)

“There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

Living It Out

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