



GEORGE

25th March 2018

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Voortrekker Hall - 56 Caledon Street, George

Sunday : Main Service 10 - 11 AM

Tuesday Bible Study : 18H30

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2 Tim. 2:15

2 Tim. 3:16-17

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Is the Bible Inspired?

Gardner Hall

Why do we think God guided the men who wrote the Bible? Could men have written the Bible without God's guidance?

- 1** . The claims of scripture. Though the writers were generally humble men, they confidently claimed to be writing the word of the Lord.
- 2** . The influence of the scriptures. How could humble fishermen and farmers have written by themselves a book that has served as the legal and ethical foundation for Western culture?
- 3** . The omissions of the scripture. If men had been writing without God's guidance, they would have included details to satisfy our curiosity: a physical description of Jesus, details about his childhood, details about Paul's death, etc. God didn't feel such details were important for us.
- 4** . The impartiality of scripture. In contrast with other ancient literature, the Bible reveals all the flaws of all its heroes, Abraham, David, Noah, Peter, James and John, etc. The only exception, of course, is Jesus Christ.
- 5** . The superiority of the Bible in comparison with other books of antiquity. The literature of the Assyrians, Babylonians, ancient Greeks, Romans and other ancient cultures are full of fantasy and irrational tales. For example, think of the Greek myths, the Babylonian epic of Gilgamesh, etc. The Bible presents its story in a reasonable and trustworthy manner.
- 6** . Lack of scientific absurdities. Though the Bible was written in a time of many superstitions and myths about life and the universe, it is completely free of such. If in just one text, the Bible affirmed a flat earth with people falling off the end, an earth supported by Atlas or a monster with an eye in the center of its head it would be discredited. No such absurdity exists.
- 7** . The unity and order of the scriptures. Although the 66 books of the Bible were written by over 40 different men over a period of some 1600 years, they present an orderly account with a beginning and an end. Other supposed sacred writings such as the Koran, the Vedas and the Tripitaka (scriptures for Buddhists) are disjointed and ill-defined.

If one reads the Bible without a negative agenda he can see that it proclaims deep truths about man and his existence that could only come from a source higher than man. Many honest skeptics have been convinced and changed by such an open minded investigation. You can be too!

Preaching the "Noes"

Lee Moses

The story is told of a congregation that had long been known for teaching the truth. However, this congregation got a new preacher, and within a couple of years had descended into total and fatal error. The previous preacher had been there for three decades, and the faithful respected him for preaching nothing but the truth. Everybody wondered, "What happened?", "How did this happen?" One person, who knew the congregation well, explained it this way: "The previous preacher told them the truth all those years. What he didn't tell them was what wasn't the truth." By not being warned against specific error, the congregation was left an essentially untaught congregation, and an easy target for a change agent seeking to take over a church.

This story has unfortunately been repeated countless times with slight variations. Elders have demanded the truth be taught from their pulpits, at the same time telling preachers, "Don't preach against that error—it's not a problem here." So when that problem finally arrives, no one is prepared for it. "Conservative" congregations are too often what one writer described, "Conservative in an ignorant, non-polemic, sweetness-and-light kind of way, which is just meat for the wolves."

"No" is not a very popular thing to say, and not a pleasant thing to hear. In today's pluralistic "no one way is better than another" mind-set, even people who nod their head aggressively to the firm "yeses" of the Gospel cringe whenever they hear the "noes."

The negative plays a crucial role in preaching. Two-thirds of the Lord's commission to Jeremiah was negative (Jer. 1:10). Gospel preachers are charged to "reprove, rebuke, exhort," again, two-thirds negative (2 Tim. 4:2). Faithful Gospel preachers preach the "noes."

A common compliment given preachers is, "I've never heard him preach error." But has he addressed the marriage, divorce, and remarriage issues that ensnare so many brethren today? Has he preached against "social" drinking and immodest attire? Has he preached against liberalism? Has he addressed any of the fellowship issues the church faces today?

One cannot preach the truth without preaching against error. One cannot live righteously without being warned against sin. A congregation cannot long remain faithful without deliberately avoiding the missteps of the faithless. Let us never be afraid or ashamed to preach God's "noes."



THIS WEEK 25 March 2018	DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 01 April 2018
AM		AM
Leroy	SONG LEADER	Leroy
Robert	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Leroy
Robert	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Leroy
Robert & Reinhold	AM SERVERS	Leroy & Walter
Leroy	LORD'S SUPPER	Robert
Danny	PREACHING	Danny
Reinhold	CLOSING PRAYER	Walter

Today's Songs

Song 1	(42)	Beulah Land
Song 2	(97)	Faith Is The Victory
Song 3	(12)	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Song 4	(276)	Jesus Is All the World to Me



Prayer Requests

Rain

Margie

All Those Suffering Silently

Ethan from Benoni

SA Bible College

George Congregation

Megan & Stephanie



Sandy & Marclen 05 Apr

Gus & Esmari 14 Apr

Reinhold & Antoinete 29 Apr



Megan 01 Apr

Danny 20 Apr

Walter 23 Apr

Pieter 24 Apr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margie Has Left To Be With Her Daughter in Durban

Harry is Away Visiting Family

Lynn will be away until further notice

Title & Opening Scripture	"" •Jam 4:13-17
Other Scriptures	•Heb 5:14 •Luk 12:16-21 •Mat 6:19-24 •Jam 4:13-17 •Joh 14:1f •Mat 7 13f •Mat 6:33 •Rev 7:9-17 •••••

Sunday School Teachers

25 th March	Derese
01 st April	School Holidays
08 th April	School Holidays
15 th April	Tannie Stef
22 nd April	Christine

"Eats" Roster April 2018

01 st April	Tea
08 th April	Tea
15 th April	Tea
22 nd April	Tea
29 th April	Stephanie, Megan, Lynn V & Edda

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