



## An Accident Going Somewhere to Happen

Let no one think this is a blanket condemnation of motorcycles. It is not. Illustrations from life and personal experiences, however, sometimes can be helpful in understanding principles. When I was seven or eight years old, my oldest sister married a long, tall, thin drink of water named "Jack." Jack loved motorcycles. He owned the biggest Harley available in west Texas in the early 1950s. My Momma said, "That is just an accident going somewhere to happen." Sure enough, before my sister's first anniversary, Jack took a bad spill. Scab from head to toe he laid unconscious on a bed in our house for a long time. That scared me as a little boy. Since that time I have found no joy but rather terror in the use of motorcycles. Don't misunderstand. I'm no coward about this. I have not only ridden with others on cycles, I have ridden alone. Never comfortable. Other folks are afraid of other things. Some just can't fly, but I love flying. Some people can't go near water but I love water and swimming. Because public places are inundated with practical nudity, I don't swim much any more.

I don't believe in "spiritual accidents." Unlike happenings in the physical realm where, an attempt to do something or merely being an "innocent bystander" can result in accidents that can either maim or kill, in the spiritual realm, when an individual commits a sin, it is no accident. James, the half brother of Jesus said in 1:13-16, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man: but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death. Be not deceived, my beloved brethren."

Not only is sin no accident, but salvation is no accident. One of this scribe's favorite Old Testament passages is Isaiah 35:8-10 in which God said, "...the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein."

When I was a boy listening to Gospel preachers I often heard them use this as proof of the simplicity of the Gospel. The follow up statement was usually, "Anyone, even fools, can understand the Gospel." However, I am sure, now, that this passages teaches that no one enters this way as a matter of accident. Jesus said, in Luke 13:24, "Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able." No one strives to accomplish an accident. In Matthew 7:13-14 Jesus said, "Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it." No individual becomes a Christian by accident nor does one remain in the faithful category by accident. "Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful, 1 Cor. 4:2. Salvation comes to those who "obey" Jesus, Heb. 5:8-9. We are to "observe all things whatsoever I (Jesus) commanded you" Matt. 28:20. The apostle Paul was inspired to put it this way, "Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness," Rom. 6:16.

I don't like accidents in the physical realm. No innocent victim is blameworthy in a genuine accident. God will not accept an excuse proffered under the disguise that sin is an accident. No wonder Jesus said, "If any man willeth to do his will..." John 7:17. Thank God that when we do sin (no accident) He has provided conditions for forgiveness both for the alien sinner and for the saint who falls. Eschewing an excuse, no accident, learn what Jesus requires in His last will and Testament to become an heir and to remain in that eternally beneficial position.

Foy Forehand

# Never Enough

Not too long ago, I received a Bible riddle from an online friend. The riddle was, "What does the Bible say will never be satisfied and say 'It is enough?'" So I got to looking through the old concordance looking for some of these key words and I came across Proverbs 30:15, 16 "The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough." I had to look up the term "horseleach" and it is simply what we call today a "leech," in other words, something that is always feeding and never satisfied with enough. The writer goes on to tell us that there are four things that are never satisfied and that never say, "It is enough." They are: the grave, the barren womb, the dry earth, and fire.

### The Grave

It doesn't take long to realize that the grave is never satisfied. With each new life that comes into this world, a



grave will eventually be dug, and as long as babies are born, and the Lord doesn't return, there will be death. In Hebrews we read, "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

### The Barren Womb

The womb which does not conceive a child is another things that says, "It is not enough." In the Old Testament it was considered a reproach not to be able to bear children. And so the barren woman would never be satisfied until she conceived and her reproach was taken away (Genesis 30:23).



### The Dry Earth

Many west Texas farmers can tell you how dry the ground can get. I've heard tell that it's been so dry out there that the cows are giving evaporated milk. Now that's dry! In all seriousness, when the earth is dry and cracked, you can pour water on it all day long and it will never stop soaking it up.

### Fire

Fire is never satisfied, is it? The more logs you add, the bigger it will



grow and the more fuel it will consume until there is nothing left but ashes. As long as you feed fire, it will continue to burn.

What is the point of all of this? Is Agur simply writing these things to be witty? Or is there a lesson in it all? Unlike these things, we should learn to say, "It is enough." In the grave goes death; in the barren womb is emptiness; in the dry earth is that which is unquenched; and in the fire is consumption. The person who has such characteristics is never satisfied with what God gives, but is always looking for more. Covetousness is a temptation for such a one, as well as unrest and malcontentment. The children of Israel had a problem with this attitude in the wilderness. Paul tells us that they were murmurers, lusters, idolaters, and fornicators (1 Corinthians 10:6-10)--all because they were malcontent with their situation. What is our attitude today? Are we content with such things as we have (Hebrews 13:16)? Or are we like the leech, always sucking more out of someone else?

Kevin Cauley

## Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 10/03/04

Morning .. Why Shouldn't We Believe Modern-Day "Revelation"?	
Scripture.....	Galatians 1:8-9
Evening .....	Asian Churches — Laodicea
Scripture.....	Revelation 3:14-22
Sunday Morning Bible Study .....	The Book of Hebrews
Wednesday Evening Bible Study .....	The Book of Micah

## Weekly Record

Week of 09/26/04

Sunday Class.....	50
Sunday A.M. ....	73
Sunday P.M. ....	54
Wednesday .....	55
Contribution.....	\$1569.00
Budget .....	\$1778.13

# Gospel Meeting

You're invited to attend our fall gospel meeting and Bible study with Foy Forehand, Gospel Preacher.



October 10-13, Sun:  
9:30 AM, 10:20,  
6:00 PM. Mon-Wed  
at 7:00 PM.

We are located  
on Hwy 62 right  
across from Pizza  
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In the Kingdom of King Jesus!

- What is the kingdom of Jesus?
- How does one become a citizen of the kingdom of Jesus?
- What are the essential characteristics of the kingdom of Jesus?
- The religion of the kingdom of Jesus.
- The spread of the kingdom of Jesus.
- Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom of Jesus?

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## Kevin's Korner

The month of September gave us another record month on our web site, for which I am deeply thankful. The number of visitors to the web site really took off. The average for August was 213 visitors per day. In September we grew to an average of 250 visitors per day. That's nearly 15% growth in a single month. We also had a record number of hits, topping out at 29,197 for the month. If things continue to grow, we should break 30,000 in the month of October. Just to give you an idea of where we were last year, our daily average for October visitors was about 85 per day, and our hits were around 5000. Our web site growth has been excellent this past year. By the end of October, we should have accumulated 200,000 hits and 50,000 visits within the course of one year. What an achievement! Most church

web sites do not see 5000 hits in a single year.

One of the other really wonderful results of our web site is that we are able to reach into many other foreign countries, some of which, by law, do not allow the gospel to be preached. Last month we had visitors from forty-five (45) different countries in the world. Of these forty-five countries, we reached people in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, and Pakistan. We are taking the gospel to the whole world through the medium of the Internet! It is truly an exciting time to be alive in the service of the Lord.

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the web site is the direct questions that we receive from individuals who have been studying online. This past Wednesday, I received eight questions in one day. That's a record too. It is becoming a challenge to

keep up with these questions, but I will continue to do so, so long as there are souls asking! I want to thank you for your prayers and ask that you please continue to pray for this work every day as men and women from all over the world view our web site on a daily basis. Also, pray for me, that I will be able to continue to work in this regard in furthering the gospel of the kingdom.

### Elders:

Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan,  
Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn  
Quigley

### Deacons:

Ken Smith, Brent Stevens,  
Rusty Windle.

### Preacher:

Kevin Cauley... 870-423-6707

- We are truly thankful to God for the wonderful new Lord's day that he has given us today to worship him in Spirit and in Truth!
- Let us remain constant in prayer for the following individuals: Marie Adams, Gary Bragg, John Gass, Justina Goucher, Jim McVey, Helen Swink, Billie Wylie.
- Please remember our shut ins: Curtis Hull and Edith Mischler. They always appreciate a card or visit!
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting is tonight after evening services.
- Men's breakfast is scheduled for this coming Saturday. Please come!
- Our gospel meeting is practically here! We have placed ads in the newspaper. We have included the event in radio announcements for this week. There are flyers up all over town. We have mailed flyers to all of our "House to House and Heart to Heart" houses. Each of us have personally invited several. Yet, let's not slack up at the last minute. Let's redouble our efforts this week and see if we can't pack the building for the week!
- Next Sunday afternoon we will have our monthly potluck during the course of our gospel meeting. All are invited.
- Our speaker, Foy Forehand, and his wife Mary will be coming to town at the end of this week. As many of you know, the Forehands are Mary Lynn's parents, so they will be staying with us during the course of the meeting.
- If you would like to host our speaker for an evening meal, we still have some slots open. Please contact me for this opportunity.
- The pantry item for this week is Cake Frosting.



## Welcome!

To the Berryville church of Christ.

### Family Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:..... 9:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship: ..... 10:30 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship: ..... 6:00 PM  
 Ladies Bible Class: ..... 10:30 AM  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: ..... 7:00 PM

### Serving Each Other

	January 4th, 2004	January 11th, 2004
<b>Sunday Morning</b>		
Songs:	Ken Smith	Kevin Cauley
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Foy Forehand
Opening Prayer:	George Eddings	Bill Fort
Scripture Reading:	Rusty Windle	Perry Foster
Lord's Table	Clay Bozarth	Leon Duncan
	Glenn Quigley	Glenn Williams
(assist)	Brent Moore	Brandon Foster
	Dan Hand	Jerry Roller
Closing Prayer	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
<b>Sunday Evening</b>		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Foy Forehand
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Glenn Williams
Scripture Reading:	Dale Pinkley	Jack Gentry
Lord's Table	Brent Stevens	Dale Pinkley
	Larry Elliott	Perry Foster
Closing Prayer	Bob Moore	John Gass
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Ken Smith
Opening Prayer:	John Gass	Dale Pinkley
Invitation:	Bob Moore	Foy Forehand
Closing Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Brandon Foster

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