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IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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Lawlessness

For years the town had been controlled by the criminal element. Cattle rustlers commonly preyed on unsuspecting cowboys as they worked hard to make a living. The local sheriff was in the back pocket of several known thieves and bandits. The town's unofficial boss was the saloon owner who relished the opportunity to get a stranger drunk or sell the wares of his female employees. The U.S. Marshall knew coming into this town that he had a job cut out for him with all of the lawlessness that seemingly oozed out of the cracks in the sidewalks.

The mystique of the Old West continues to linger in the consciousness of our society even though those ways are long past. Yet, when we think of the term "lawlessness" the above paragraph is exactly the way we picture the word. We may even conjure up memories of a Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey novel as we mull over the word. There wasn't quite anything as lawless in our recent memories as the Old West! Yet today, we are living in a time of lawless-

ness.

When we consider how this word is used in the scripture, we get a somewhat different picture than that of the Old West. In Matthew 7:23, Jesus says, "And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (ESV). Both the King James Version and the American Standard Version of 1901 translate this

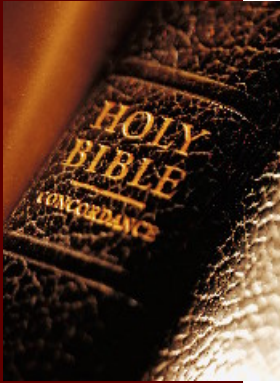


word "iniquity." But it is best translated "lawlessness" as the ESV so translates it. The word comes from the Greek word ANOMIA. It is the Greek word NOMOS meaning "law" and the negating prefix "A". (The word "atheist" is an English word with the same construction. The "theist" is a believer in God and the "atheist" is someone who doesn't believe in God.)

The meaning of the resulting word is one who disregards law or one who is lawless. That which one who is lawless practices is lawlessness. In 1 John 3:4, the ASV reads, "Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness." That one verse tells us why we live in a lawless world today, because we live in a sinful world today. The world doesn't have to have cattle rustlers, corrupt sheriffs, or saloon bosses in order to be lawless (though it often does). Sin, in and of itself, does the job. And, truth be told, we probably don't think of people's sins as being lawlessness, but they are. Sin is the rejecting of God's law in our life and the acceptance of some other standard of behavior other than God's standard. The reason sin is lawlessness is because no other standard of behavior other than God's can constitute THE LAW. Paul acknowledged this very fact in 1 Corinthians 9:21. In the midst of saying that he sought to become all things to all men, he said, "To them that are

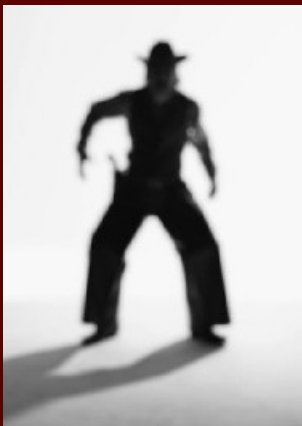
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Bible Studies for the Week of January 1st, 2006



AM Sermon..... “Thy Faith Has Made Thee Whole”
 Scripture Reading Matthew 9:20-22
 PM Sermon Studies in Genesis—The Creation
 Scripture Reading Genesis 2:1-3
 Sunday Class The Book of Matthew
 Wednesday Class Minor Prophets: Zechariah
 Ladies Bible Class The Book of 1 Timothy
 Nursing Home Bible Study The Book of Luke

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without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law." Paul acknowledged that some live without law in their life, but he also made clear that he was still under law to God and Christ even in his efforts to persuade those who didn't acknowledge any law. That's because God's law is THE LAW!

Today, we live in a society that would just as soon cast off all law. The ACLU is constantly pushing the envelope the reinterpret the laws in our society so that they become no law at all except license to live lawlessly. What does this world need? It needs law that is THE LAW. It needs God's law, the gospel.

Yet there are others who would just as soon tell us

that to have the gospel is to have no law at all.

They erroneously cite Galatians 5:1, 18, and 23 in an effort to "prove" that the Christian is under no law at all, but rather, is under grace. They would teach us that because we are under grace that we have no law to which we need be obedient to please God. They have forgotten Romans 6:1, "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" Grace doesn't cancel out law. Grace makes it possible for us to be lawful, not lawless!

The gospel provides salvation from a lawless world. How? First, by providing forgiveness of man's lawless deeds through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. And second, by providing a law of love (Romans 13:10, Galatians 5:14) by which we can live lawful lives in service to God.

The gospel is, therefore, God's perfect law of liberty (James 1:25), the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus that frees us from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). Praise be to God who has given us such a masterful plan for man's salvation! Let us lawfully live according to the gospel of Jesus, the Christ!

Kevin Cauley

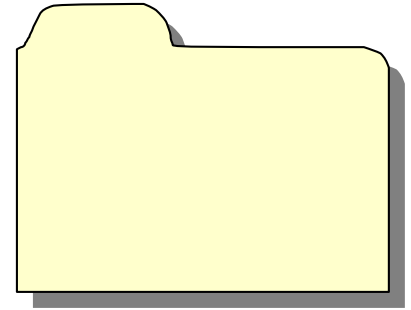


**“Bear ye one another's burdens,
 and so fulfil the
 law of Christ”
 (Galatians 6:2).**



For The Files: December 25th, 2006

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| Sunday Bible Class..... | 59 |
| Sunday AM Worship | 73 |
| Sunday PM Worship | 53 |
| Wednesday Night Study | 47 |
| Contribution..... | \$1630.86 |
| Budget..... | \$1668.00 |



Kevin's Korner

How was the first week of your New Year? I have to say that mine was quite memorable. I don't think I will ever forget it, well, at least, part of it. The part that occurred late Wednesday night and ended with the Texas Longhorns defeating the USC Trojans in the most anticipated Rose Bowl/College Championship game that I can ever remember in my lifetime. It was quite enjoyable after SO MANY YEARS (1970 was the last year in which Texas won the championship) to see that occur. But I'm not going to go *at* about it like others (that will go nameless), who after a game in recent memory stuck newspaper articles on my car and diploma in my office. I'll just say, "What was Arkansas' football record this year?" 'Nuf said!

I did finally get whatever it was that Mary Lynn had this past Sunday. It got me down enough Tuesday morning that I

didn't go to the community center or to the nursing home. So, I more or less worked out of the office this week.

Friday afternoon, I had an appointment to play racquetball with Ken and then after the kids got out of school we drove over to Fayetteville to visit Ervin Hand in the VA Hospital there. Ervin has a bone fragment that has come loose from his spine and has traveled up his spinal cord until it got lodged against a nerve. This is what has been causing his severe back pain. He is scheduled to have a non-invasive type surgery next week to have the fragment removed. They are hoping to send him down to Little Rock to have that surgery, but if a bed doesn't open up down there, then they will do the surgery in Fayetteville. Please continue to remember Ervin in your prayers at this time.

Finally, I got several comments on the new bulletin format. Several asked that the font sizes be larger. So I have tried to do that in this issue. Also some mentioned that the dark side borders on the front and back page weren't very legible, so I changed the background color in the hopes that it will work better. If it doesn't, then we'll keep experimenting and see what works best. Overall, though, I received some positive feedback and I appreciate the comments.

I just might mention in this last little space available to me here that this month does have five Sundays in it and that means a couple of things. First, we will be singing at the nursing home at 2:00 on the fifth Sunday as is our custom. Second, we will have our quarterly Sunday singing on that Sunday as well. I always enjoy both of those activities. Please join us.

Remember our special events on the fifth Sunday of this month.



Announcements

- We extend our sympathies to the Williams family at the passing of Glenn's great aunt, Georgie.
- Please remember in prayer: Wanda Bozarth, Bruce Foster, Ervin Hand, Opal Hull, Carolyn Roller, Glenn Quigley, John Stuckey.
- Our monthly men's breakfast will be Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. There will be plenty of food for all, so please come!
- Our monthly potluck will be next Sunday afternoon after our morning services. Please make your plans to attend.
- Next Sunday evening after services we will put together House to House and Heart to Heart.
- We will reconvene our weekly Bible study at the nursing home this Thursday at 2:00 PM.
- There is a ladies day in Hollister, MO. See the bulletin board for details.
- Please remember that the children's home truck will be here on the 30th!
- Our pantry item is: Laundry Detergent.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

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| Sunday Morning Bible Class: | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday Morning Worship:..... | 10:20 AM |
| Sunday Evening Worship: | 6:00 PM |
| Wed. Ladies Bible Class: | 10:30 AM |
| Wed. Evening Bible Class: | 7:00 PM |

Serving Each Other

January 8th, 2006

January 15th, 2006

Sunday Morning

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| Songs: | Barrett Brown | Ken Smith |
| Preaching: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Bill Fort | Bruce Foster |
| Scripture Reading: | Perry Foster | Leon Duncan |
| Lord's Table | Leon Duncan | Dan Hand |
| | Michael Morrell | Rusty Windle |
| (assist) | Brandon Foster | John Gass |
| | Ray Duncan | Irving Hand |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Roller | Dan Hand |

Sunday Evening

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| Songs: | Bruce Foster | Glenn Williams |
| Preaching: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Dan Hand | Barrett Brown |
| Scripture Reading: | Perry Foster | Matthew Morrell |
| Lord's Table | Dale Pinkley | Leon Duncan |
| | Jack Gentry | Ray Duncan |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Roller | John Gass |

Wednesday

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| Songs: | Glenn Quigley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Dale Pinkley | Brandon Foster |
| Invitation: | Rusty Windle | Leon Duncan |
| Closing Prayer: | Brandon Foster | Barrett Brown |

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