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Song Leader

Jack Calvert

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Daniel Allgor

Prayers

Jerry Schnelle Mark Davis

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

Via Zoom

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

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Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

- Hear** the word of truth Romans 10:13-17
- Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent** from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38
- Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10
- Be Baptized** in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12
- Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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Five Reasons to Use Your Bound Bible And NOT Your Smartphone in Church

David Smith

Now before you hastily write me off as a Luddite (someone who protests innovation) or a stick-in-the-mud, understand that I do probably 85+% of my Bible reading online on my notebook. That's right. However, when I'm in public, I deliberately do 99% of my reading from a bound Bible. (Yes, I'm aware there's a picture floating around somewhere of me baptizing my own daughter back in the day while reading Scripture from my PDA). So why go bound? Because I think you'll find the experience liberating! But if you need more reasons, here are five:

1. **You Will Eliminate a Temptation Factor:** Though you might be able to resist giving your e-mail a quick check or sending a text to a friend, the willpower of others around you might not be so strong. Why risk luring others into the land of distraction when you're both to be

about worshipping God together and building each other up?

2. **You Will Encourage the Teacher or Preacher:** You do deliberately try to encourage those who feed you the Word in the way you listen, right? Use a bound Bible and they won't have to wonder if you're playing Angry Birds or looking up those verses in 2 Corinthians 5. That's encouraging. Let them hear the light rustle of many pages turning whenever a Scripture is referenced and their pulse will quicken, their heart will be sparked, their mind will become more focused, and their passion will be stirred a bit more. That's encouraging. Deliberately encourage your teachers and preachers every week and you'll make them better teachers and preachers.

3. **You Will Maximize Your Ability to Understand Your Bible:** Sure, you can

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

We are saddened that our sister **Donna Mobley** passed away on Friday after a fall at home. Please remember Wendell, Mike and Tanya and all of the family in your prayers.

Cathy Monaghan is continuing her radiation treatments.

The doctors have changed **Joey Avance's** medicines. Please pray that he gets some relief,

The **Brittenham's** daughter-in-law, **Hannah Brittenham**, has returned home to finish her recuperation. Thanks to everyone for your prayers.

We are thankful that **Lyndee Brayley's** father received good results from his throat biopsy.

Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)

Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)

Kids Only: 5:00 PM (Zoom)

Monday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

Thursday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

look up multiple translations on a smartphone, but that doesn't hold a candle to being able to see a Scripture in its surrounding context at a glance.

Unless you're really working your mobile app hard, you're just not going to get the context in your head and even if you do, it will have been so time-consuming that the speaker will be way down the road from where you are by then. You don't look at the world through a paper-towel tube, so why look at your Bible through a three-verse window?

4. **You Will Usually Be Quicker On the Draw:** I've tried a number of electronic Bibles, PDAs, and smartphones. Only very rarely can I look up a passage faster on a mobile electronic device than I can in my paper Bible. By the time someone has just navigated through the menus I'm already just about there or have been there for a while. Especially if my paper Bible has index tabs. When I get beat is when it's a rather obscure reference (i.e. Nahum 2:13). Must I even mention that bound Bibles never lose their charge or need to be reset, either?

5. **You Will Give a Powerful Visual to All Who See It, Especially Children:** One of the most influential memories seared into my mind is that of an elderly brother in Christ who carried his extremely well-worn Bible with him everywhere he went. And I do mean everywhere except the shower. And it was obvious that it wasn't worn primarily from being carried. God only knows how many times that image has roused my hunger for God's Word. Somehow the image of a well-worn Otter box encased iPhone just doesn't evoke the same now, does it? And it never will, for it can't. Keep your influence as parents and grandparents in mind.

What to Do When Listening to Religious Teaching

Phillip Mullins

It is not just the teacher or preacher who has an important responsibility when God's word is taught, each listener does also. Whether you are listening to a religious teacher in person, on the television, or over the radio, you have some serious obligations.

Listen with a searching attitude. The Bereans in Acts 17:11 serve as a great model as to the kind of listeners we all should be. When they heard Paul preach, the Bible says, "they received the word with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." They were eager and open-minded. They believed the Scriptures to be from God and they examined them to see if Paul's message was in harmony with it. They were not lazy listeners, but active ones. It is possible their search took place even outside the time of the synagogue assembly. Like them, we should search the Bible carefully as we examine what we hear. The public message should even prompt us to continue to study the Scriptures on our own.

Test what you are hearing. The Bereans did not assume Paul's message was from God. They proved it with the Scriptures. Neither should we take the word of a religious teacher without first testing it. 1 John 4:1 teaches us to do this and why: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." False teachers

have always existed. The way to separate the false teachers from the true ones is to test their message with the Bible. Galatians 1:8 teaches, "But if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." Don't be deceived by external kindness (Matthew 7:15). Test the message always with God's word.

Listen with a willingness to do.

There are some who listen to God's word and appreciate hearing it. Yet, the word has no impact on their lives. To them, listening to the teaching of the Bible is like a sector sport in which they find some amusement. Yet, no change is made to align their lives with what is taught. James 1:22 teaches, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." The word of God is a living message (Hebrews 4:12). It is not merely a philosophy to intellectually embrace. It is a life-changing message that is to invade every facet of a person's life. Your marriage, family, and job are to be governed by it (Ephesians 5:22-6:9).

The next time you hear religious teaching, remember your responsibilities. Your response to Christ's word will determine your eternal destiny (John 12:47-48).

Matt. 5:4 Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Matt. 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Matt. 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Matt. 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.