



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, let us consider some thoughts regarding the confidence we can have in the Bible. Critics of the Bible have been around almost as long as the Bible itself. The fact that the Bible remains the Book of books today speaks

volumes. Let us examine though one of the charges leveled against the Bible by the critics.

The critics allege a contradiction exists between Acts 9:7 which states that the companions of Saul "stood speechless **hearing the voice**, but beholding no man" and Acts 22:9 which records Paul's account of the same event and says, "And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, but they **heard not the voice** of him that spoke to me."

Indeed this appears to present a problem as one compares these two passages as they are written in some of our standard English translations (KJV, NKJV, ASV). This apparent problem disappears though when we look at the passages in the original language in which they were written.

A study of Acts 9:7 in the original language will produce the conclusion that the companions of Saul heard a voice (a sound) of someone speaking. A study of Acts 22:9 however will produce the conclusion that the companions did not understand the voice they heard. When studied more closely, there is no contradiction.

Consider though as well, how it might be the case that the companions of Saul could hear a voice but not understand what was being said. In Acts 26:14 Paul (remember he is Saul before his conversion and Paul after) provides supplementary information about this occasion in his life. Here Paul says that he heard a voice speaking to him in the Hebrew language. Why is that significant? The companions who traveled with Saul more than likely would not have been trained in the Hebrew language. Most Jews did not even read their Scriptures in Hebrew—they relied upon a Greek translation. But Saul who had received the greatest instruction in the Jewish religion, would have understood the Hebrew language, because he was trained in it. Hence when the voice spoke to Saul, his companions heard the voice speaking, but since it was in a language they did not know, they did not understand what was being said.

Rather than contradict, the passages fit together in an amazing way. My recent time spent in airports made me keenly aware of how you could hear someone speaking yet not understand them because of a language barrier. The Bible once again stands against the charges of the infidel.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Tract of the Week

"Heaven is Just 4 Steps From Any Place on Earth - Step 1"

Over the next four weeks we will look at four tracts that will offer direction in getting to heaven from anywhere you may be on earth. Some may look at the title for the tract and immediately think of God's plan of salvation. While the tracts do not list those steps specifically they are included in principle. Tract one sends a message of admitting that we are sinners. Admitting that we have a problem is always the first step in correcting the problem.



Any of our young people, grades 6-12, who would like to attend Youth Focus at Glasgow on Saturday, April 26, needs to see Kay Pack or Peggy Hogan to facilitate transportation arrangements. The thought behind this day is helping young people develop a positive Christian identity.



This Sunday night, April 20, is the monthly devotional at the home of Rick & Kim Whobrey. The young people are asked to bring snacks or desserts. Make plans to attend and enjoy this period of devotion and fellowship.



**Vacation Bible School
Planning Session
April 20, 2008
4:30 PM
Room 10**

This meeting is for anyone who is willing to assist with Vacation Bible School this year, June 22-26. We are always in need of people to teach, assist with teaching and other areas. Let's make VBS 2008 the best we can.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *The Gospel in the Old Testament*
Hebrews 4:1-4

P.M. - *Sermon in Song - Songs by Tillit S. Teddlie*
1 Corinthians 14:15-16

A Good Question

There are many good works here at Elizabethtown that so many of you are involved in. I am very thankful for all your efforts. One such work is the Bible correspondence work. Many of the ladies are here at the building on Mondays and Thursdays grading and returning courses. This past week a question was asked by one of the students. Since it was a good question I thought we would include the answer in the bulletin. Is there a difference between God & Jesus? Are they the same person?

When you ask is there a difference between God and Jesus, we have to define what we mean by "is there a difference." In one sense there is no difference between God and Jesus in essence; they are both deity and as such possess the traits of deity. God and Christ as well as the Holy Spirit are eternal "beings." All three are omnipotent, omniscient, omni benevolent (all powerful, all knowing, and all loving). As well they are perfect in justice, etc.

Acts 5:3 & 4 shows that the Holy Spirit is God (has the same essence as Jesus and God the Father) When Ananias and Sapphira held back a portion of their money from the sale of their land, Peter asked them why had Satan filled their heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...You have not lied to man but to God. The Spirit is referred to as the eternal Spirit in Hebrews 9:14.

John 1:1 shows that Jesus is God. Some have suggested the passage could be translated "In the beginning (always) was the Word, and the Word (always) was with God, and the Word (always) was God. This passage teaches that "the Word" is God (Deity) and has always existed. Later in verse 14 it is said "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." We understand then "the Word" of John 1:1 and 1:14 is Jesus (the One who was made flesh and dwelt among us).

Those who are believers do not question that the Father is also God. In John 6:27 Jesus speaks of God as "the Father." Paul also refers to God as the Father (Galatians 1:1). Such will suffice as evidence although many other passages could be included.

Really in order to answer your question properly we must lay some groundwork regarding the "Godhead." Acts 14:15 notes "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, silver, or stone." In the KJV Romans 1:20 and Colossians 2:9 also use the term Godhead. The Godhead is the word used to describe Deity. It is called the Godhead because more than one being makes up the Godhead.

Not only have we examined above the fact that the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are all referred to as God, but other language in scripture teaches us that there is more than one being in the Godhead. In Genesis 1:26 God is speaking and He says "Let **us** make man in **our** own image and after **our** likeness." Notice the plural pronouns employed; this makes sense considering the other Bible teaching regarding the Godhead including the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Further, at the baptism of Jesus we see the "three" distinct beings of the Godhead (Matt 3:16-17); Jesus was on the earth and was immersed in water, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove, and the voice of the Father said, "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." In Matthew 28:1-20 we see all three mentioned in connection with great commission baptism; it is to be done in the name of **the** Father, **the** Son, and **the** Holy Spirit. The definite article (the) points out each one mentioned as set apart, distinct and important. Jesus understood the Father to be separate from Himself in John 8:18 when He argued that the Father was an additional witness to Jesus being the Son of God. If Jesus understood Himself and the Father to be one and the same being, He could not have made the argument that he did. John 14:26 Jesus mentions the Father will send the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Again all of this signifies that Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit are not the same "being."

In conclusion, the Bible teaches that there are three "beings" that make up the Godhead. They are all of equal natures and power. Each has assumed different roles in the plan of the Godhead for mankind. Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are not the same being who assumes different roles; they are separate eternal "beings" of like nature, possessing all the traits of Deity—they are all God.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

DIANE LEWIS underwent an ultrasound biopsy Tuesday at Hardin Memorial Hospital. **DYRENA WHITE** was admitted to Hardin Memorial Saturday and continues to undergo tests. She is currently in Room 404. **MACI PARKS** has been undergoing some thyroid tests and will see a specialist in Louisville in May. **GINNY STANLEY**, Holly Walker's mother, fell from a horse last week on a trail ride in Tennessee.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Neil Burden	J Martin
Larry Clack	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Herb Pence
W. C. Davis	Marie Rose
Dana Fox	Terry Showers
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan Blair, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Martha Brown, Sue Cantrell, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Berna Jean Goff, Betty Goheen, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Julie Murphy, Riley Nelson, Lynn Parsons, Joe Pawley, John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Ron Stanley, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White

Thank You

Words cannot describe what my church family means to me. I thank you for all your prayers when I need them the most. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel overseas to do my duty for my country. Thank you and God Bless!

Terry Turner, Jr.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/20/08 Canned Vegetables

Congratulations

Rick & Kim Whobrey are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Landon Jay Whobrey, born April 9! Landon weighed 8 lbs. 1/4 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Nicholas & Sara Whobrey of Hustonville.

Welcome

Oleta Stranahan has placed membership with our congregation. She is a former member here who has recently moved back to Elizabethtown from Versailles. Her address and phone number will be listed in next week's bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **5th GRADE & UNDER MEETING**, Sunday morning, **April 20**, in Room 10 after services.
- **VBS MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **April 20**, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **April 20**, at the Whobrey home. Young people are asked to bring desserts.
- **TRIP TO CREATION MUSEUM** in northern Kentucky, Monday, **April 21**. This will be an all day trip and is open to all members who would like to go. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. There will be a short meeting Sunday morning, April 20, in the South Wing to discuss the details of the trip such as cost, time of departure, etc. Please see Gene Stough for more information.
- **MEN'S RETREAT**, **April 25-26**, at White Mills Camp. John Board will be the speaker. Cost is \$25.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 27**, 3:00 p.m.
- **FAJITA COOKOUT** Saturday, **May 17**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Muncy home. A sign up sheet for food items is posted on the bulletin board.

OUR RECORD FOR

April 13, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	133
Sunday Morning Assembly	193
Sunday Evening Assembly	143
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	15
Wednesday Bible Study	120
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,260

Elder/Coordinator for April
Henry McAlister

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Jesus spoke of this type of word, ones that we must give account for in the judgment.

Last Week's Bible Question What miracle of Christ was completed in two steps? The correct answer is the healing of the blind man from Bethsaida, Mark 8:22-26. Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack and Kay Thomason correctly answered last week's Bible question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule
1. 2 Kings 10:25-14:10
2. 2 Kings 14:11-17:18
3. 2 Kings 17:19-19:24
4. 2 Kings 19:25-23:9
5. 1 Kings 23:10-25; 1 Chronicles 1:1-16
6. 1 Chronicles 1:17-3:9
7. 1 Chronicles 3:10-6:30

Apr. 20 — 5th Grade & Under Meeting
Apr. 20 — VBS Meeting
Apr. 20 — Youth Devo, Whobreys
Apr. 21 — Trip to Creation Museum
Apr. 25-26 — Men's Retreat
Apr. 27 — Singing at Atria
May 17 — Fajita Cookout, Muncys

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